Making the world a better place
Mission East – in Tajikistan since 1997

Mission East has more than 20 years of experience in Tajikistan, especially in Rural Community Development and Disaster Response. We work in some of the remotest areas of the country, where we help the most vulnerable there to voice their rights.

THE BEGINNING
Mission East has been active in Tajikistan since 1997 following the ending of the civil war. In the early days our work consisted of providing food and shelter. Thousands of people received direct help. Our relief activities were soon followed by community based water, sanitation & hygiene (WASH) projects, rural agriculture development activities, and – due to the disaster prone context of the country – disaster risk reduction (DRR).

OUR GEOGRAPHICAL REACH
The scope of our operation now reaches into Sughd, Khatlon and the south-west side of Gorno-Badakshan. Our office in Dushanbe coordinates our programme, maintains donor contacts and ensures financial and operational oversight and administration.

“Following the project, I am now convinced that taking into account the needs and rights of people with disabilities will impact our response operations positively, and already has strengthened our community’s capacity to be more resilient to natural disasters.”

Imomberdi Berdov, father and elected head of the village development board in Shugnan district
Mission East Tajikistan: commitment and expertise

Mission East’s work in Tajikistan is characterised by expertise, commitment and experience. We focus on creating an inclusive society, building communities’ resilience and by being an accountable partner for development cooperation.

**OUR CURRENT WORK**
Mission East is among the lead agencies in the country for WASH and DRR programming. We mostly work in remote areas: in Zerafshan Valley in the north, and in the south-eastern part of Gorno-Badakhshan. Some of our projects are cross-border and reach into Afghanistan. Our organisation is also a major national actor for inclusion: together with Tajik civil society partners Mission East advocates for the rights of girls and women, and for the rights of persons with disabilities. Our programming has a special focus on children and their families.

**OUR APPROACH**
Project management and implementation by national organisations is Mission East’s preferred way of operating. Where national expertise is still weak or lacking, we do direct implementation. In Tajikistan we provide capacity building for Tajik civil society initiatives, enabling them with knowledge and skills to grow into professional service delivery organisations.

**OUR PARTNERSHIPS**
In Tajikistan we partner with UNICEF, UNDP, AKAH and with Handicap International, and also with various national NGOs and other civil society initiatives, among which are DPOs, regional and local associations of parents of Children with Disabilities, and public initiatives such as Nuri Umed, Markazi Nur and Zarshedabonu. We make specific efforts to raise the profile of our Tajik partner organisations, including via exchange and interaction with our programme offices in other countries. This exchange strengthens the relevance, impact and sustainability of our work.

**OUR STRENGTHS**
Our strengths lies in our long term engagement with the Tajik communities, our technical programmatic expertise and our organisational ethos of reaching out into remote areas. This, together with our track record in donor liaison and contract management, makes us a reliable and effective partner.

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**Core elements of our Tajikistan programmes**

* Effective rehabilitation centres for children with disabilities are running now in remote areas of the country. A strategy for further promotion of an inclusive society is the basis for follow-up activities, advocating and supporting the rights of persons with disabilities.

* Improved village level resilience against natural hazards, and the promotion of the ACAP framework for inclusion in the DRR sector on local and national levels.

* Realisation of water and sanitation infrastructure and better hygiene practices leading to significantly improved living conditions for many communities.
We are very grateful. Before we were drinking dirty water. There were remnants of faeces from humans and animals. And, even this dirty water we had to carry for an hour by donkey along a steep hillside. Now, the WASH project has solved many of our problems.”

Kobul, trained doctor, mother of eight and grandmother of four, in the village Sagirdasht, Darvoz, where the community with support from Mission East installed a village water system and provided each household with a ventilated pit latrine.

“He used to sit in the same position, and I didn’t know what he was thinking or feeling. But now with the rehabilitation and Gulchera’s visits, his movements have changed and he shows his feelings.”

Gulbarg, mother of Vosif who has cerebral palsy and is receiving rehabilitation training from Mission East’s mobile team for children with disabilities.
Mission East is an international relief and development organisation founded in Denmark. We work to help vulnerable populations, supporting communities’ capacities to organise and assist themselves within their own context.

We are active in South and Central Asia, the Middle East and Eastern Europe, with offices in Afghanistan, Armenia, Iraq, Nepal, and Tajikistan and partners in Myanmar, North Korea, and Syria.

Worldwide, our dedicated and committed teams work to meet community needs in both emergency situations and long-term poverty contexts.

Together we aim to make this world a better place to live. To achieve this, we need all the support we can get.

Mission East’s values in action are honesty, integrity, compassion, respect for all people and valuing the individual.
### Mission East’s operational approach

#### What we do

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#### Our main sectors

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#### Our key approaches

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Aiming to assist the most vulnerable, we strive to ensure that no one is left behind on the basis of gender, disability or other discriminatory factors.

In our development programming we use a rights-based approach and seek attitude change to enable women’s empowerment.

Working to support durable improvement in lives and livelihoods, we aim to link relief, recovery and development. Taking a context-specific approach to analysing and preparing for natural hazards, we work towards Disaster Risk Reduction. In climate-vulnerable locations we will aim to integrate Climate Change Adaptation approaches into local development where possible.

Responding to community needs, we strive to be accountable to those we help and those who fund our work.

We collaborate with other local and international partners and take a planned approach to capacity building of civil society.
Mission East finances

Globally Mission East has a broad donor base and manages a diverse funding portfolio. Key institutional funding relationships include support from the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the European Commission (ECHO and EuropeAid), and the German government (AA and BMZ).

Mission East also receives funds from numerous other foundations, the UN, and is NGO Principal Recipient for the Global Fund’s grant for HIV/AIDS programming in Armenia. Mission East has held an ECHO FPA since 1993 and has PVO status with USAID.

In addition, Mission East has a strong private donor support. With a supporter base of around 13,000 individuals, over the last two years Mission East has also received support from over 250 businesses, churches and charitable groups, of which the majority are Danish.

INCOME BY SOURCE 2012-2016

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BREAKDOWN OF SPENDING IN 2016

- Emergency aid: 62.1%
- Development aid: 30%
- Administration: 7.9%

SPENDING PER COUNTRY IN 2016

- Afghanistan: 22.2%
- Armenia: 12%
- Iraq: 36.8%
- Myanmar: 0.5%
- Nepal: 13.3%
- North Korea: 1.5%
- Tajikistan: 13.5%
- Other: 0.2%
These donors have supported our work in Tajikistan

Mission East’s quality standards

Mission East has been Certified as Compliant with the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) and is a member of the CHS Alliance. Mission East is a signatory to the Code of Conduct for Red Cross and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in Disaster Relief. In our work we apply Sphere Project standards.

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