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Mission East
- values in action

Meeting new challenges

Mission East

- is a Danish international aid organisation
- exists to deliver relief and development assistance to vulnerable communities in Eastern Europe and Asia
- aims to assist the most vulnerable, making no political, racial, or religious distinction between those in need
- is based on Christian values
- in 2008 Mission East operated in Armenia, Afghanistan, Nepal and Tajikistan, and co-operated with local partners in Bulgaria and Romania

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Front page:

To date, Mission East has built 8 schools in Afghanistan and made sure that up to 2,000 girls now receive education.



In 2008 much attention in the Western World focussed on the financial crisis. While economic indicators look bleak in our donor countries, the situation is even worse in the countries where Mission East works. The need for us to help our several hundred thousand beneficiaries embrace a more worthy life is greater now than it was a year ago.

Tajikistan is one such country: With recurrent disasters – earthquakes and flooding – the country is desperately in need of the interventions Mission East offers in disaster preparedness.

In Nepal, Mission East has increased its efforts to bring development to one of the most remote mountainous parts of the country. Here, many men have been forced to find work far from home. Now, with Mission East's work to establish irrigation systems and provide trainings in more efficient agricultural methods, many families have hope of staying together, living from what their land can produce.

In Afghanistan, despite ongoing instability and high national poverty levels, Mission East has seen some encouraging progress in its project areas. Our approach of working alongside local structures such as community development committees, village councils and self-help groups, has enabled improvements in public health and greater livelihood opportunities.

Mission East's programme in Armenia is making new strides in inclusive education and improved healthcare for children with disabilities. Mission East's Managing Director has been on a two-year assignment as Country Director in Armenia.

Having returned to Denmark in 2008, I, Kim, find it a great privilege both personally and professionally to have worked closely with Mission East's country team to bring about real

change to the lives of thousands of children with disabilities and learning difficulties. This assignment has underlined the strong connection that exists between Mission East's headquarters and in-country programmes. Our country programme in Armenia has expanded with new donors and now includes more projects in health and education.

With 2009 looking to be a year of challenges, both at home and abroad, and with the Millennium Development Goals formulated by the UN at the turn of the millennium looking less likely to be fulfilled as planned by 2015, we realize that it is as important as ever that Mission East continues to work alongside an increasing number of marginalized people in the countries of the East.

All of this is only possible thanks to the unwavering commitment of our many supporters and donors, and of our 230-member staff, all of whom are dedicated to seeing concrete improvements in the lives of those we are called to help.

We therefore thank you for your continued support – making all of this possible!

On behalf of Mission East's board,



Peter Bernhard
Chairman of the Board



Kim Hartzner,
Managing Director

About us

Mission East was founded in 1991 as a Danish international aid organisation. We work in Eastern Europe and Asia, both in high profile crises – such as Afghanistan – and in other more forgotten places of need.

In 2008 we worked in Armenia, Afghanistan, Bulgaria, Romania, Nepal, and Tajikistan, either with direct interventions or in partnership with local organisations. Our work helped 350,000 people in vulnerable communities with projects delivering a range of assistance: clean drinking water, improved livelihood resources, better food security, inclusion opportunities for people with disabilities, latrines, access roads, natural disaster preparedness skills... and much more.

Mission East is an organisation with a Christian basis and aims to demonstrate 'values in action'. We are supported in our work by a range of institutional and governmental donors, as well as a private supporter base which is mostly Danish.

Our Mission Statement

Mission East is a Danish international relief and development organisation, which works to help the vulnerable through

- humanitarian relief aid
- development assistance
- the linking of relief, rehabilitation and development
- supporting communities' capacities to organise and assist themselves.

Our 'Values in Action' are: honesty, integrity, compassion, valuing the individual, respect for all people.

Mission East works in response to community needs, primarily in the areas of public health, livelihoods improvement, food security and disaster risk management.

As well as direct implementation, Mission East works with and through local and international partners in order to enhance the relevance, impact and sustainability of its programmes.

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Moving towards development



Achievements in 2008

- 60 water schemes completed, 46 underway
- 5,300 latrines constructed, 3,000 underway
- Approximately 35,000 men, women and children educated in good hygiene practices
- 16 km of rural road completed, benefiting approximately 18,500 people. Another 9 km underway, to benefit approximately 17,500 people
- Vegetable gardening and training in storage and processing provided to benefit 4,000 households
- Beehives and training in honey production provided to 100 households in particularly vulnerable situations
- 16 Self Help Groups established, each comprised of 15-20 female members

Afghanistan continues to struggle to provide even the most basic living conditions for its citizens. The country is among the lowest in the world on most poverty measures, including literacy, child mortality, life expectancy, income and food security. The capacity of Afghan authorities to improve conditions is still limited and will likely continue to be so for many years to come.

In 2008, Mission East continued its role in creating examples of constructive change in the north-eastern provinces of Takhar and Badakhshan. Recovery in these provinces has improved to the extent that the region is transitioning to more development-directed actions. In addition to its activities in improving public health through clean water provision, latrine construction and hygiene promotion, Mission East is increasingly engaged in activity to raise productivity and income in the agricultural sector. A more consistent involvement of village institutions is vital to the approach of building true local ownership of the programmes and strengthening the capacity of local partners.

New activities in the area of livelihood improvements have included developing alternative methods of agricultural production, diversifying crops, and creating food and income savings through storage, processing and selling in years of surplus. Honey production and vegetable gardening have proved to be very promising alternative income options.

Rural road construction is an ongoing area of focus enabling enhanced contact between remote villages and the outside world. This allows access for previously isolated areas to provincial-level benefits such as hospitals and schools and also creates opportunities for increased trade.

Assistance to women remains a high priority for Mission East, not only to promote equality and to reduce isolation, but also because their inclusion is crucial to ensuring long-term success in livelihood development. Women are central to household management and home health and hygiene, but their capacity to contribute to family income is largely unused. For this reason, 16 women's Self Help Groups were created in 2008, aiming to bring together women related by kin for weekly interaction and to release common resources and provide loans to individual members.

The near future will pose new challenges for Mission East as it strives to reach the districts remaining in extreme isolation, particularly in the easternmost parts of Badakhshan province. These high altitude areas where living conditions are very poor have until now been largely ignored by the government and other NGOs. Mission East, with interventions to provide water and sanitation will start the process of connecting these isolated outposts to the surrounding world and provide hope for the prospect of improved lives.

Taking development to the next level

After several years of economic growth, Armenia is witnessing a reversal of fortune as the socioeconomic situation continues to worsen due to the global financial crisis and its repercussions in this landlocked country of three million people. It is expected that 2009 will be one of the most difficult years in Armenia, with a forecasted 10% reduction of GDP.

2008 marked the successful closing of the first phase of “A Healthy Start” project in Armavir region. The goal of the project is to change social attitudes and healthcare practices in order to ensure greater integration of disabled children. Through advocacy efforts, a National Disability Council has been established with regional representation in all 11 regions of Armenia. The second phase of “A Healthy Start” was begun in the regions of Tavush and Gegharkunik. A key component of the project is the establishing of a disability surveillance system to facilitate the ongoing identification of children with disabilities.

The second phase of the “Towards Education for All” project entered its second year of implementation. The programme aims to support the provision of appropriate education of children with disabilities and the promotion of their inclusion in society. The total number of inclusive schools in Armenia has now reached 31. The National Institute of Education has integrated a component of inclusive education in its mandatory teacher

training program and will train all 7,000 teachers in the country in inclusive education

“Living Together, Learning Together”, a new three-year initiative funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway started at the end of 2008. The purpose of the project is to test a model of inclusive education in Tavush region of Armenia. The project envisions a series of trainings for teachers, local authorities and staff of the National Institute of Education, as well as improving the systems identification, registration and referral of children with special educational needs to regional schools.

Aiming to provide livelihood support to young adults with disabilities, Mission East embarked on a groundbreaking project, developing two curricula on gardening and carpet weaving designed to enable young adults with special needs to get vocational education. These curricula have now been officially approved by the Ministry of Education and Science and will be tested in two project schools.

In 2009, Mission East will seek to expand our work to also include a project focussing on establishing a comprehensive approach to the system of identification and care for children with educational, health and social needs. Mission East is also planning to undertake a major project in the field of HIV/AIDS, supervising and monitoring the work of relevant civil society organizations working in this field.



Achievements in 2008

- 392 children with disabilities identified and screened in Gegharkunik region
- A manual on the “Basics of Developmental Paediatrics” presented in Yerevan at the National Paediatric Conference
- Disability Advocacy Coalition (DAC) consisting of 16 NGOs established
- 7 programmes on “A Healthy Start” project were broadcast by TV
- The National Institute of Education (NIE) integrated inclusive education component in its teacher training program. 50 trainers were trained in inclusive education to further provide trainings to teachers of all schools in Armenia
- 34 teachers from 17 schools completed a training course and are currently providing the same training to their colleagues (a total of 420 teachers)
- The Ministry of Education and Science (MOES) officially recognized 17 beneficiary schools as inclusive, thus raising the total number of inclusive schools in Armenia to 31
- 14 professors of the State Pedagogical University were trained and six courses there were revised to include inclusive education methodologies
- 17 new parents’ groups were created in projects schools
- Curricula for 2 vocations (gardening and carpet weaving) developed and approved by MOES





Reaching out to more people



Achievements in 2008

- Completion of community-managed clean water systems for 1,200 people
- Irrigation system rehabilitation and farmer training underway to benefit 5,000 people
- Construction and rehabilitation of safe drinking water schemes underway for 4,200 people
- Individual and school sanitation facilities for 6,000 people
- Hygiene promotion provided for 9,000 people
- 38 children in the Eternity Orphan Home continue to grow in a safe and caring environment, with the first child graduating from high school with accolades
- Aluminium roofs provided for families with flood-damaged homes
- 95 livestock provided to low-caste families to promote income generation, 80 latrines constructed to promote good hygiene and support for education for 9 girls

2008 was a crucial year for peace in Nepal. After several postponements, elections for a Constituent Assembly were finally held in April. The Maoist party won the elections and took the lead in the formation of a new Government.

In 2008 Mission East significantly expanded its presence in Nepal and opened a representation in the capital Kathmandu, as well as a field support office in the remote mountainous District of Humla, Karnali Zone, in the Mid-West Region. The Karnali zone is among the areas most severely affected by a protracted food crisis stemming from three years of drought, limited cultivable and irrigated land, pest attacks to crops and a fast growing population. Widespread poverty has been compounded by increasing food prices which most severely affect the remote areas.

Mission East is working in the Humla and Mugu Districts in partnership with the local NGO KIRDARC (Karnali Integrated Rural Development and Research Centre). The projects aim to improve the food security and health of the local population. These aims are achieved through activities such as rehabilitation of irrigation schemes, training in improved farming techniques, construction and rehabilitation of drinking water schemes, partial provision of construction materials for individual and school latrines, and promotion of safe hygiene and sanitation behaviours. All projects are implemented with the participation

and contribution of the local population, to ensure the sustainability of the newly constructed or rehabilitated structures.

In 2008, in partnership with KIRDARC and through the active participation of communities in the Karnali Zone, Mission East assisted approximately 10,000 individuals. In 2009 Mission East and KIRDARC will further expand their working area with new water, hygiene and health promotion projects to reach a total target population of at least 20,000 people.

In south-western Nepal, Mission East continued to work together with its local partner, the Nepali Avinash Social Service Organization (NASSO) to care for orphans and support livelihood improvements for vulnerable low-caste families in remote areas of Rupandehi District. The first child to graduate since the inception of the orphanage completed high school this year and received a scholarship to continue his studies in the field of science. Community support activities in 2008 included provision of roofs for homes rebuilt due to flooding in 2007, construction of latrines, and provision of livestock for impoverished families. The livestock have proved to greatly increase household income through meat, milk and offspring as well as providing biogas for fuel use and compost for agricultural activities. NASSO hopes to expand its income generation and latrine construction activities into new areas in 2009.

Encouraging independence among the poor

Romania continues to face great social and economic challenges as it struggles to stabilize its political situation and gain strength as a member of the European Union. Estimates show that 25 percent of the population lives below the poverty line, and rates are likely three times as high for individuals in the Roma community. Rural poverty rates are twice those of urban rates. Following a change in leadership after the November 2008 elections, it is hoped that the new coalition government will bring positive changes to the country.

Mission East's local partner, Solia Speranței receives continual requests for support from impoverished members of the communities in Cluj, Bistrita and Suceava Counties where it seeks to assist the most vulnerable, including single-parent families, the elderly, people with disabilities, widows, and members of the Roma community. In 2008, with ongoing support from Mission East, as well as their partners Blysthwood Care and Christian Aid Ministries, Solia Speranței has continued to assist vulnerable populations in Romania, fulfilling its name as a "Messenger of Hope" to individuals facing great poverty.

Through its medical program, services have been provided for those without health insurance and to ill-equipped health-facilities; including provision of medicines, medical supplies and equipment, medical consultations and referral, and support to those in hospitals. Healthcare costs are often prohibitively high and are poorly compensated by the state health insurance. Medical costs can easily consume a significant portion of an elderly person's pension.

Additionally, material support has been provided to families and individuals in need,

ranging from school supplies and toys for children; to toiletries and seeds for single-parent families; to furniture and diapers for the sick, elderly or people with disabilities.

Furthermore, regular visits to individuals and families identified as in-need provide important psychological support, whether to a Roma family to distribute clothing or to a child admitted to the oncology hospital. Group events also provide social support, such as a new tradition of an annual trip to the mountains. In 2008, 13 families, totaling 57 people enjoyed a day's retreat in the mountains to meet one another and share their burdens. Solia Speranței seeks to empower the individuals they support with the tools they need to access benefits and decrease their sense of dependency.

In 2009 Mission East will continue to support Solia Speranței as it stands alongside the poor in Romania, working to keep them from being left behind in a country that may seem to be moving forward without them.



Achievements in 2008

- Monthly distribution of medicines, clothing, toiletries, school supplies, furniture, carpets, diapers, toys and seeds to 13 single parent families and approximately 1,360 poor, elderly, widowed or chronically ill individuals in Cluj, Bistrita, Salaj, and Gherla
- Distribution of material support, together with advice on accessing benefits to approximately 980 families through Orthodox, Catholic, Baptist and Pentecostal churches in Cluj and surrounding areas and in Bistrita County
- Free donated medicines distributed to vulnerable populations (equivalent to the value of US\$180,000) in six areas of Romania through eight hospitals, ten churches, six schools, one orphanage, one homeless shelter and one nursing home.
- Medical and material assistance provided several times per year to approximately 189 people in the Roma community in Floresti as well as implementation of a programme for the prevention of infectious diseases
- Medical equipment, including general hospital and surgical equipment, as well as medicines, diapers and Christmas boxes supplied to Tuberculosis, Pediatric, Oncologic, Gynecologic, Surgical and various specialized disease hospitals to better support patients and their families
- Free consultation and medicine, and assistance with numerous referrals to specialized hospitalization for 609 vulnerable families with no medical insurance and visits and support provided for children in oncology and TB hospitals
- 800 people provided with crutches, dental supplies, wheelchairs, glasses, diapers, and other healthcare supplies
- 13 families, totaling to 57 people provided with a restful social support outing to the mountains around Cluj
- 700 Christmas boxes delivered to families in need in the Cluj area



Addressing the needs of the most vulnerable

Tajikistan began 2008 in a state of “Compound Crisis”; an unusually cold winter, with temperatures as low as -25 C, crippled heating, electricity and water systems across the country. Record losses of livestock and crops were registered and household expenditures rose to cover higher food and heating costs. Schools were suspended, health clinics closed or cut back, and hospitals discharged patients, due to lack of heating and electricity to maintain basic services.

Mission East Tajikistan played an active role in various task groups organized to respond to the crises. With support from donors, Mission East managed a large-scale distribution of water purification tablets, carried out a hygiene alert campaign and repaired 11 small water systems damaged by the winter freeze.

Reducing the risk of disasters and increasing high-risk communities’ ability to respond to and prepare for disasters continued to be a major focus of Mission East’s work in Tajikistan in 2008.

In the area of livelihoods development, Mission East worked together with 28 communities in the Kulob district to establish farmers’ cooperatives, to develop a disabilities programme centred around a Day Care Center, and to provide grants to women entrepreneurs, the latter which has provided 148 additional employment opportunities in their villages, and contributing returns to a Social Compensation

Fund to provide children with disabilities with assistive technology. Children with disabilities and their carers receive support through the Day Care Centre, a mobile outreach services unit and advocacy activities.

Looking to the future, Mission East will significantly expand its presence in the northern province in 2009 through a sustainable water supply, sanitation and alternative energy project. Facing new topographical and climactic challenges in this region, Mission East plans to introduce simple, low-cost interventions to improve the quality of household stored water and enhance hygiene practices, thereby reducing the incidence of water and hygiene-related illnesses.

Additionally, current activities in income generation and social inclusion for people with disabilities may be extended in 2009 to ensure the ability of community-based organizations to carry programmes forward without further assistance from Mission East and also to attend to new geographic areas. Mission East will also explore a new area of acute need and consider developing programming for youth reproductive health. Mission East’s Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) portfolio continues to gain favorable attention from donors and international agencies, and our DRR staff will participate in a number of DRR trainings and conferences in 2009, as well continuing their work in disaster risk management.



Achievements in 2008

- Establishment of two community-based farm supply and service cooperatives providing seeds, fertilizer, agricultural implements, rental machinery and services to farmers.
- Construction completed of the first privately owned Day Care Center in Tajikistan for children with disabilities, providing a programme of social services, parental support, and a mobile outreach unit to villages.
- Over 40 women entrepreneurs began start-up business activities with business grants averaging 155 USD.
- 257 villages were evaluated for their risk rating for natural disasters such as flood, mud and landslides and earthquake.
- The first ever public-private partnership established with a commercial mobile phone company begins to deliver messages on disaster risk prevention and preparation.
- 12 villages received emergency water system repairs following the collapse of public infrastructure during the Winter Freeze of 2008

Increasing linkages

Working where the needs are greatest is what Mission East does. Whether in remote parts of Afghanistan and Nepal, forgotten places like Tajikistan, or forgotten or marginalised groups like those with physical or learning disabilities, we work with people to help them expand their possibilities – to help them help themselves.

We've therefore been excited to see the growth and consolidation of our programmes in Nepal, and are grateful to our generous donors who have allowed us to support people in remote regions of the mountainous northwest as well as orphans and smaller scale projects in the southeast. We've also been increasing linkages between our programmes in different countries. Work with people with disabilities has started in Tajikistan, building on our experience in Armenia.

We've had exchanges between Tajikistan, where we've built up significant experience in Disaster Risk Reduction, and Nepal and Afghanistan. We've taken steps to adapt our programmes for climate change – helping communities prepare for its effects through disaster preparedness and mitigation programming, and made some early moves in introducing innovative small scale alternative energy programming, like biogas in Afghanistan, to improve people's daily lives while reducing deforestation due to firewood collection.

At the same time, 2008 has been a challenging year for us as we have had to adapt to changes in the funding environment. We have and continue to put much energy into seeking additional sources of funding to support our programmes. We are very grateful to far-sighted private and business foundations who have come alongside us to support our work, as well as to the many private supporters on whom our work relies.

Networks and alliances have continued to play an important role for Mission East, cooperating with like-minded organisations in sharing information, skills and resources within the EU-CORD network and Integral Alliance and seeking to contribute to the humanitarian community on questions of international humanitarian policy through VOICE.

Our private constituency has yet again proved that they are up to the challenge of reaching out further to the needy in the East. And we take pride in being recipients of their trust and support.

As we look to the year ahead with its turbulent financial and economic situation we continue to recognize the great importance of our responsibility to be good stewards of the money entrusted to us by our supporters as we stand alongside those who will be most affected by the crisis: the poor and marginalised.

A boy from the remote mountainous region of Humla in Nepal



Finances 2008

Mission East's revenues and costs both dropped slightly compared to last year. Despite these decreases Mission East made a very small positive net income, and reserves have increased slightly as a consequence.

Income from private donations and foundations continued to show growth in 2008 despite the difficult fundraising environment, while public grant income was lower than forecast. The outlook for 2009 is positive, with growth expected in both private and public income.

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2008

The information presented here is a summary

of the information contained in the accounts of Mission East. This summary may not contain sufficient information to allow a full understanding of the financial affairs of Mission East. For further information the full accounts should be consulted. Copies can be obtained from Mission East's registered head office.

The annual accounts were approved by the auditor, PJ Revision ApS without reservation on May 3rd 2009. The accounts were presented to the annual general assembly of Mission East and were approved unanimously by the Board of Mission East. The accounts will be delivered to the Danish tax authorities.

Statement of financial activity

	2008	2007
	DKK	DKK 000
Income		
Private donations	7,607,011	6,496
Public grant payments	38,297,028	23,749
Public grant accruals	-5,677,259	14,780
Total income	40,226,780	45,025
Expenditure		
Privately financed projects	1,600,471	1,308
Public grants expenditure	30,773,616	24,737
Public grants accruals	331,351	12,485
Head office staff	4,423,909	4,001
Public relations	1,249,352	1,236
Administration, travel, premises	1,231,738	1,303
Total Expenditure	39,610,437	45,070
Operating contribution	616,343	-45
Depreciation and financing costs	-604,901	23
Retained income	11,441	-23
Funds at 1 January	865,950	889
Funds at 31 December	877,391	866

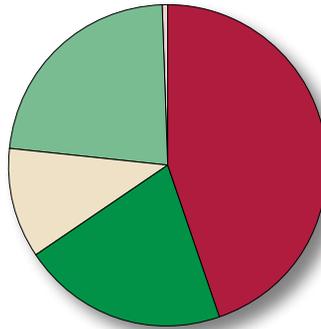
Balance sheet at 31 December

	2,008	2,007
	DKK	DKK 000
Assets		
Fixed assets	302,259	87
Liquid funds	6,608,629	1,052
Debtors	40,621,179	45,253
Total assets	47,532,068	46,391
Liabilities		
Project commitments	45,408,803	44,668
Other payables	1,245,873	857
Mission East equity	877,391	866
Total liabilities	47,532,068	46,391

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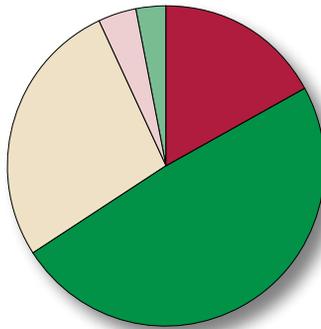
Where did the money go?

■ Afghanistan	44.7%
■ Armenia	20.8%
■ Nepal	11.0%
■ Tajikistan	23.2%
■ Other	0.3%
Total	100%



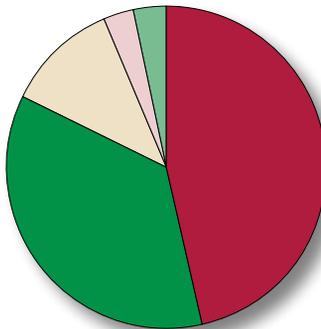
Where did the money come from?

■ Private Donors	16.6%
■ Danish State	48.8%
■ ECHO / EU	27.3%
■ Norwegian State	4.4%
■ UN / IOM / GTZ / Other	2.9%
Total	100%

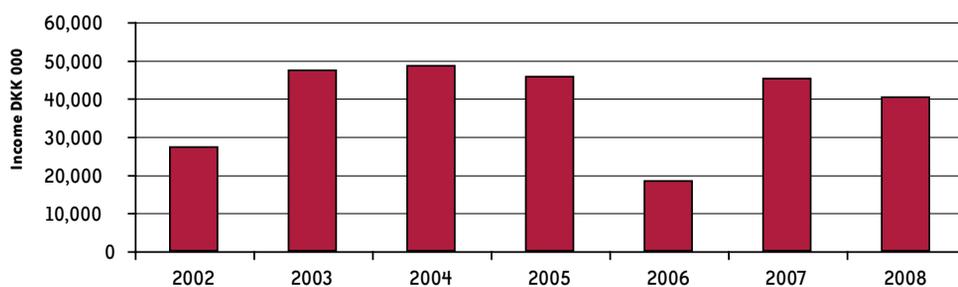


What was the money spent on?

■ Emergency aid	46.5%
■ Development aid	35.8%
■ Head Office staff	11.3%
■ Communications	3.2%
■ Administration	3.2%
Total	100%



Income trends



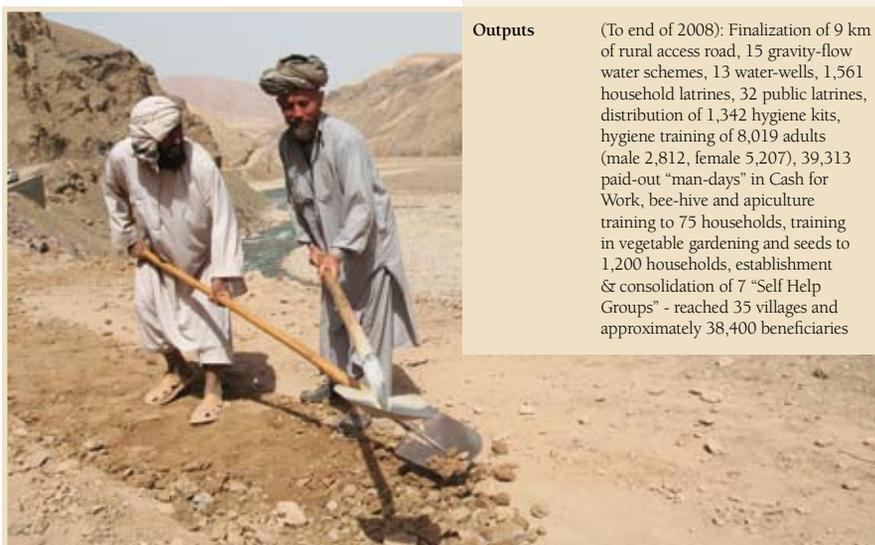
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Afghanistan

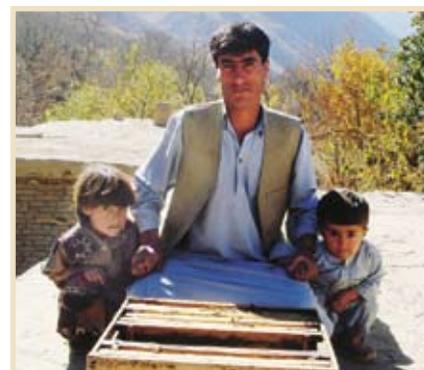


ME project	AFG-FAO-002
Title	Proposal for Nutrition, Food Security, and Livelihood Support
Aim	Improve food availability and diversity for households in Jurm, Khash and Yomgan districts in Badakhshan Province
Donor	Food and Agriculture Organisation
Donor code	GCP/AFG/050/GER
Duration	May 08 - January 09
Location	Jurm, Khash and Yomgan districts, northeast Afghanistan
Outputs	(To end of 2008): 500 rural women trained in nutrition, food processing and basic marketing, 10 women trained as trainers, and 9 women's "Self Help Groups" established

ME project	AFG-SHUM-009
Title	Multi-sectoral assistance to remote rural communities in north-eastern Afghanistan
Aim	1) Reduction in reported incidence of waterborne and excreta-related diseases in the project areas through improved access to more and safer water sources, sanitation systems and hygiene promotion, and 2) Improved wellbeing of rural population through increased access to health, education and market resources, increased food production and income opportunities.
Donor	Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Donor code	46.H.7.11.114
Duration	March 08 - June 09
Location	Baharak, Khash, Jurm and Yomgan (Badakhshan Province) and Bangi and Chaal (Takhar Province), northeast Afghanistan
Outputs	(To end of 2008): Finalization of 9 km of rural access road, 15 gravity-flow water schemes, 13 water-wells, 1,561 household latrines, 32 public latrines, distribution of 1,342 hygiene kits, hygiene training of 8,019 adults (male 2,812, female 5,207), 39,313 paid-out "man-days" in Cash for Work, bee-hive and apiculture training to 75 households, training in vegetable gardening and seeds to 1,200 households, establishment & consolidation of 7 "Self Help Groups" - reached 35 villages and approximately 38,400 beneficiaries



ME project	AFG-ECHO-006
Title	Improving the living conditions of vulnerable communities in Badakhshan province, northeast Afghanistan
Aim	Improve living condition of underserved rural areas of northeast Afghanistan through access to clean drinking water and appropriate sanitation
Donor	European Commission Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid (ECHO)
Donor code	ECHO/-AS/BUD/2008/01008
Duration	May 08 - July 09
Location	Yomgan and Kash districts, Badakhshan, northeast Afghanistan
Outputs	(To end of 2008): 11 gravity-flow water schemes, 2 school water reservoirs, 620 household latrines, 15 public latrines, distribution of 20 hygiene kits, hygiene training of 4,413 adults (male 1,373, female 3,040) - reached 12 villages and approximately 14,400 beneficiaries



ME project	AFG-SHUM-007
Title	Community Health and Infrastructure Interventions in North-East Afghanistan
Aim	Contribute to sustainable improvement in the health and wellbeing of the target regions
Donor	Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Donor code	Journal no 46.H.7-11-112
Duration	November 05 - February 08
Location	Badakhshan and Takhar Provinces, northeast Afghanistan
Outputs	(Project complete) Finalization of 16 km of rural access road, 38 gravity-flow water schemes constructed, 7 schemes rehabilitated, 3,364 household latrines and 68 public latrines provided, distribution of 3,410 hygiene kits, hygiene training of 16,265 adults (male 2,812, female 5,207), 95,364 paid-out "man-days" in Cash for Work, beehive and apiculture training to 24 households, training in vegetable gardening and seeds to 2,851 households, wheat seed to 300 households - reached 39 villages and approximately 40,000 beneficiaries

Armenia

ME project	AFG-ECHO-005
Title	Clean water, latrines, and hygiene education for vulnerable communities in Shohada District, northeast Afghanistan
Aim	Provision of clean water, basic sanitation facilities, and hygiene education for vulnerable communities in Shohada District, northeast Afghanistan
Donor	European Commission Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid (ECHO)
Donor code	ECHO-/AS/BUD/2007/01008
Duration	April 07 - June 08
Location	Shohada District, Badakhshan Province, northeast Afghanistan
Outputs	(Project complete) 1,817 latrines constructed, 15 water systems built and 1,762 households provided with hygiene kits, hygiene training of 6,297 adults (male 2,879, female 3,418) - reached 15 villages and approximately 23,562 beneficiaries

ME project	AFG-GTZ-012
Title	Apiculture Cooperation Formation
Aim	Alleviation of poverty in rural areas of Takhar and the provision through apiculture of an ongoing source of local income in Farkhar
Donor	GTZ
Donor code	EON-ME-Apiculture-2008-01
Duration	October 08 - November 09
Location	Farkhar, Northeast Afghanistan
Outputs	Project activities not yet initiated in 2008 – will start spring 2009

ME project	AFG-GTZ-013
Title	Dug Well Project
Aim	Improve water supply in six remote localities of Eshkameesh by drilling 15 new and rehabilitating 20 old water wells
Donor	GTZ
Donor code	B-1-SP012-TAK-01
Duration	December 08 - November 09
Location	Eshkameesh District, Takhar, Northeast Afghanistan
Outputs	Project activities not yet initiated in 2008 - will start spring 2009



ME project	ARM-SNP-009
Title	A Healthy Start: – Phase 1 – Promoting the Rights of Disabled Children in Armenia
Aim	Changing social attitudes and healthcare practices towards greater inclusiveness for disabled children and giving voice to those affected by the marginalisation of the disabled in Armenian society
Donor	Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Donor code	UMF No. 500.8568.02 104.N.376.b.5
Duration	December 05 - April 09
Location	Armavir
Status	Two project partners have successfully completed project activities; a 5 month non-cost extension will allow the third project partner to complete community activities (small grants processes and reconstruction works)
Outputs	Training and systems for improved identification and treatment of disability; community clubs for integration of disabled children; training of community based support groups to provide support networks and advocate for disability rights; support to parents of disabled children to know and access rights and benefits; Establishment of Disability Advocacy Group and Coordination Council
Partners	Arabkir Medical Center, Bridge of Hope and NUR

ME project	ARM-NOR-001
Title	Living Together, Learning Together
Aim	Promote the rights of children with disabilities and Special Educational Needs to equal educational opportunity via the development and testing of a replicable inclusive education model in Tavush region of Armenia
Donor	Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Donor code	ARM-08/023
Duration	December 08 - December 11
Location	Tavush Region, Republic of Armenia
Status	Ongoing
Outputs	MoU signed between four partners
Partner	Bridge of Hope NGO



ME project	ARM-SNP-011
Title	A Healthy Start: – PHASE II – Promoting the Rights of Disabled Children in Armenia
Aim	Changing social attitudes and healthcare practices towards greater inclusiveness for disabled children and giving voice to those affected by the marginalisation of the disabled in Armenian society
Donor	Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Donor code	UMF No. 500.8568.02 J.no. 104.N.376.b.5
Duration	February 08 - February 11
Location	Tavush and Gegharkunik
Status	Project ongoing
Outputs	Mainstream Family and Child Centers for integration of disabled children; a survey of households for the identification of children with disabilities; basic medical screening and team assessment of identified children; training of community based support groups for mobilizing community efforts and resources to advocate for disability rights; training of staff of Child Development and Rehabilitation Centers; public awareness raising on disability; Strong Civil Society organizations advocating for the rights of persons with disabilities at a regional level
Partners	Arabkir Medical Center; Bridge of Hope NGO, Local NGOs in Gegharkunik region

ME project	ARM-PR-001
Title	Vocational Education for Children with Mild and Moderate Learning Difficulties
Aim	Secure equal access to vocational education for young people with mild and moderate learning difficulties
Donor	Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (through the Project Counselling Service)
Donor code	Reg. nr. 07-454-mp-jul
Duration	February 08 - February 11
Location	Yerevan, Republic of Armenia
Status	Ongoing
Outputs	Two newly-developed and officially approved curricula translated into English for the international expert(s); 30 potential students registered; comparative analysis of legislation; support groups formed in two project schools; information campaign implemented
Partner	Bridge of Hope NGO

ME project	ARM-SHUMD-010
Title	Towards Education for All – Phase 2
Aim	Secure free access to quality education for children with disabilities and special educational needs through the promotion of inclusive education in Armenia
Donor	Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Donor code	104.N.376.b.4
Duration	September 07 - September 09
Location	Republic of Armenia
Status	Ongoing
Outputs	Teacher training packages on inclusive education; qualified trainers on inclusive education that will be able to train teachers of inclusive schools; 17 newly-recognized inclusive schools; 6 SPU courses revised; Disability Coalition functioning and implementing grant projects; Parents' Network functioning; public awareness raising campaign; increased media coverage of disability issues; fruitful cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Science and National Institute of Education
Partner	Bridge of Hope NGO

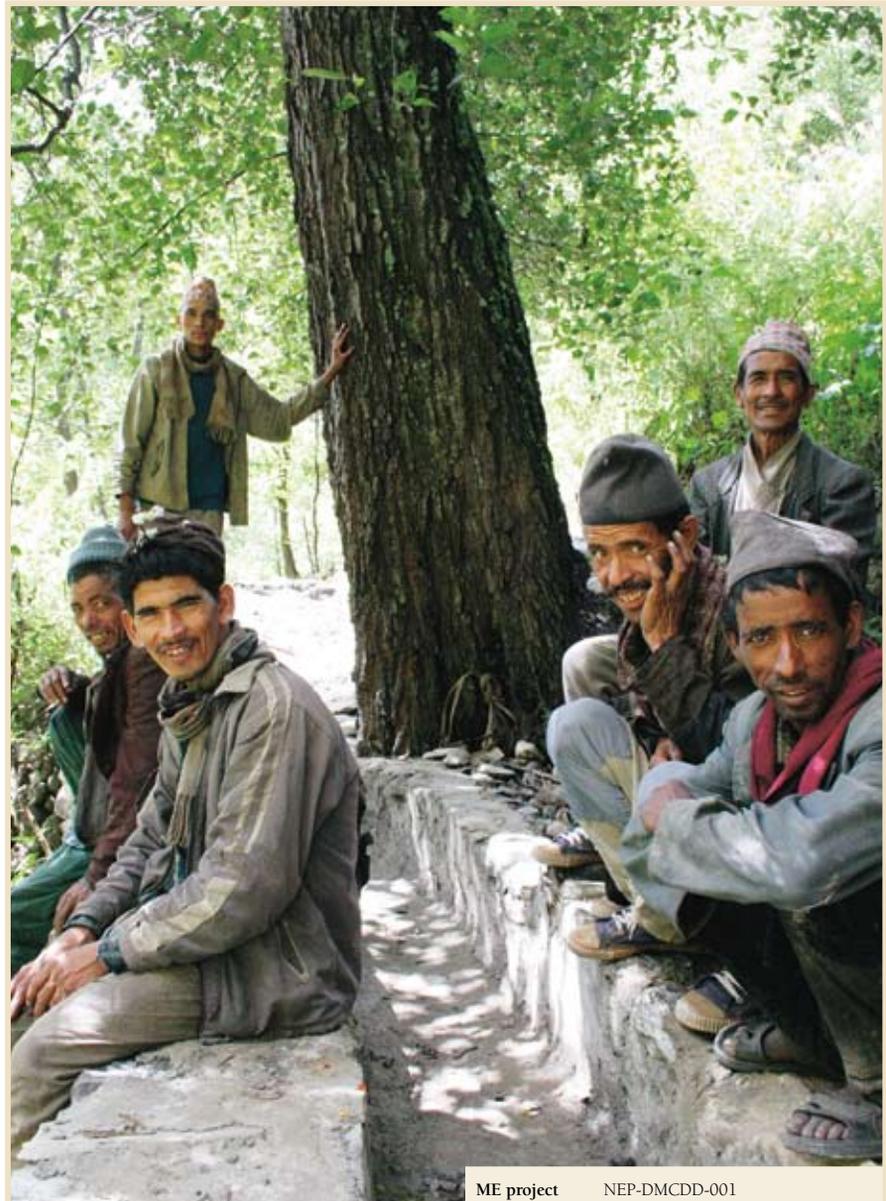
Nepal



ME project	NEP-YSMEN-007/008
Title	Improvement of livelihoods and education for girls
Aim	Assist impoverished families in Rupandehi district to improve their quality of life through enabling girl children to go to school, supporting sustainable livelihoods through provision of livestock and buffalo, and construction of household latrines.
Donor	Aalborghus YsMen Club
Location	Rupandehi District, Nepal
Outputs	(2008 only) Low-caste families provided with 13 goats, 68 pigs, 6 ploughing bulls and 8 buffalos. 5 latrines constructed with project funds, spurring on community to construct 75 more latrines. 9 girls supported to go to school (provided with school fees, books, school dresses, shoes and stationary)
Partner	NASSO

ME project	NEP-AEC-001
Title	Improved food security and reduced disease in the Karnali zone, Mid West Nepal
Aim	Construction of water systems to provide safe drinking water; and strengthened capacity of local communities and authorities to develop water and sanitation facilities, replicate the project elsewhere and advocate on behalf of local communities
Donor	AEC Fonden
Duration	October 07 - July 08
Location	Jaira and Shreenagar VDCs, Humla district, Mid West Nepal
Outputs	(Project complete) Construction of one drinking water scheme and rehabilitation/extension of three drinking water schemes, reaching 1,222 beneficiaries (including 200 are pupils at a secondary school). Water User Groups established and trained for each water scheme. Hygiene promotion sessions conducted together with all projects
Partner	Kirdarc

ME project	NEP-ECHO-002
Title	Clean water and improved sanitation and hygiene knowledge in rural villages of Humla and Mugu, Mid West Nepal
Aim	Improve the immediate living conditions of conflict-affected rural population in Mid West Nepal by reducing vulnerability to waterborne/excreta-related disease
Donor	ECHO
Donor code	ECHO/NPL/BUD/2008/01005
Duration	June 08 - May 09
Location	Jaira, Kalika and Saya VDCs (Humla), Dhainakot VDC (Mugu), Mid West Nepal
Outputs	(To end of 2008): Construction of 11 drinking water schemes and rehabilitation of 3 water schemes underway for a total of 4122 beneficiaries. 14 Water User's Groups created and trained in each of the water schemes for management of construction works, operation and maintenance of the scheme. 757 households selected for individual latrine construction in 17 villages – construction started. 12 schools selected for school latrine construction (34 units) – construction started. HSV (Hygiene and Sanitation Volunteers) selected and trained to conduct hygiene promotion activities at 14 drinking water schemes and an additional 12 villages (total 9199 beneficiaries)
Partner	Kirdarc



ME project	NEP-DLF-004
Title	Material Support to Eternity Orphan Home, Nepal
Aim	Provide school uniforms, books, food, medicine, clothing and beds for Eternity Orphan Home
Donor	Tips and Lotto
Duration	June 08 - December 08
Location	Rupandehi District, Nepal
Outputs	Material support provided for upbringing of 38 orphan children
Partner	NASSO

ME project	NEP-DMCDD-001
Title	Development of sustainable livelihoods in conflict-affected remote Nepal
Aim	Develop the capacity of communities, civil society organisations, and local authorities to improve livelihoods for up to 5,000 people (including women and other marginalized groups) suffering from chronic poverty in the "Soru Belt," Mid West Nepal
Donor	Danish Missionary Council Development Organisation
Donor code	MP-08-A-01
Duration	February 08 - December 10
Location	Jaira and Kalika VDCs, Humla District, Mid West Nepal
Outputs	(To end of 2008): Rehabilitation of irrigation schemes and creation of Water User's Groups ongoing at 3 locations. Additionally, in conjunction with PR-001 above: 20 Community Farmers' groups created, trained and supplied with advocacy support materials; and 3 trainings for farmers delivered
Partner	Kirdarc



ME project	NEP-YsMENS3-007
Title	Support to Eternity Orphan Home
Aim	Support care and education of children in the orphanage.
Donor	Ysmen Aalborg 3
Duration	February 08 - December 08
Location	Rupandehi District, Nepal
Outputs	38 orphaned children, 14 girls and 24 boys, 5-17 years provided with education and a safe and positive living environment. All children attending school, 80% performing above average and 4 children performing at the top of their class. Healthy food, medical care and social activities provided. 4 paid workers and 2 voluntary staff employed at the orphanage, and management staff trained in accounting
Partner	NASSO

ME project	NEP-FLD-001
Title	Roofs for Flood Victims
Aim	Assist in reconstruction of houses for Nepalis whose homes were destroyed during floods in August-September 2007
Donor	Private Donations
Duration	December 07 - April 08
Location	Rupandehi District, Nepal
Outputs	(Project complete) Roofs supplied to 5 families using local resources to rebuild their fallen homes in the remote flood-affected areas together with provision of awareness sessions on flood preparedness
Partner	NASSO

ME project	NEP-PR-001
Title	Community Development leading to Sustainable Food Security in Humla District, Mid West Nepal
Aim	Improve long-term food security through community groups, irrigation systems and improved farming knowledge for 5,020 beneficiaries in Jaira and Kalika VDCs and increase the capacity of local NGO to replicate the project
Donor	Projektrådgivningen
Donor code	Reg.nr.: 07-410-MP-APR
Duration	August 07 - June 09
Location	Jaira and Kalika VDCs, Humla district, Karnali zone, Mid West Nepal
Outputs	(To end of 2008): Rehabilitation ongoing on 3 irrigation schemes. 3 Water User's Groups created and trained in each of the water schemes for management of construction works, operation and maintenance of the scheme. 50 Leader Farmers' Trainers trained in permaculture techniques (15 topics, ranging from Home gardening to Stock management and Land design). 20 Community Farmers' groups created and trained in each of the target villages. 3 sets of trainings delivered to interested farmers on different topics. Distribution of advocacy support materials (flipcharts, posters and leaflets) based on the Farmer's Handbook to members of the Community Farmers' groups
Partner	Kirdarc

Romania

Title	Ongoing programmes with partner organization Solia Speranței
Aim	Material, psychological and social support to vulnerable families
Donor	Private donations, Blythswood Care, Christian Aid Ministries
Duration	2008
Location	Cluj, Bistrita and Suceava Counties, Romania
Outputs	Over 2,000 people provided with psychological, social and material support (including distribution of clothing, blankets, toiletries, school supplies, toys, diapers and seeds). Beneficiaries include 13 single-parent families, 1,360 poor, elderly, widowed or chronically ill individuals, 189 individuals from the Roma community and 980 vulnerable families accessing services through churches in the region. 609 families provided with medical consultations, medicines and referrals and support during specialized hospitalizations. Over 3,000 individuals and numerous hospitals provided with free medicine (equivalent to US \$180,000). Numerous hospitals supplied with medical equipment and patient care supplies, and 800 individuals provided with crutches, dental supplies, wheelchairs, glasses, diapers, and other healthcare supplies. 700 Christmas boxes distributed. 13 vulnerable families provided with a one-day rest outing
Partner	Solia Speranței

Tajikistan



ME project	TAJ-DIPECHO-004
Title	To improve disaster preparedness in Tajikistan by reducing the impact of earthquakes on vulnerable rural populations
Aim	To improve earthquake disaster preparedness in 5 districts and 2 urban areas of Tajikistan through local capacity building, preparedness training, and small-scale mitigation
Donor	European Commission Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid (ECHO)
Donor code	ECHO/DIP/BUD/2006/03005
Duration	February 07 - June 08
Location	Hissor, Khujand, Panjikent, Aini districts and Kurgan Tube, Dushanbe, Khujand City, Tajikistan
Outputs	(Project complete) Training of established and new Community Mitigation and Preparedness Teams. Community Teams equipped with rescue materials. Masons trained in safer building practice

ME project	TAJ-DIPECHO-003
Title	Reduction of Flood impact on Vulnerable Groups in the Yokhsu River Valley, Eastern Khatlon – Second Phase
Aim	Reduce the impact of disaster in Tajikistan by better preparing the vulnerable population in the Yokhsu valley to the recurrent floods
Donor	European Commission Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid (ECHO)
Donor code	code ECHO/DIP/BUD/2006/03006/
Duration	February 07- June 08
Location	Eastern Khatlon Province, Tajikistan
Outputs	(Project complete) 5 new Village Rescue Groups established. Communities trained in disaster preparedness. Development of risk assessment tools. Training of Committee for Emergency Situations

ME project	TAJ-DIPECHO-05
Title	Improved Disaster Risk Management for high-risk communities in Khatlon and Sughd, Tajikistan
Aim	Support strategies that enable local communities and institutions to better prepare for, mitigate and respond adequately to natural disasters, thereby increasing their resilience and reducing their vulnerability
Donor	European Commission Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid (ECHO)
Donor code	ECHO/DIP/BUD/2008/01007
Duration	July 08 - September 09
Location	Khatlon and Sughd, Tajikistan
Outputs	(To end of 2008): Committee for Emergency Situations and Civil Defense(CoES) emergency rescue and relief capacity enhanced through training, mentoring and equipping. Multi-hazard risk management and response capacity enhanced by establishment of a network of 10-plus mountainous communities cooperating to maintain a state of readiness. Establishment of a Public/Private Partnership with a commercial enterprise. Small and medium construction firms and associated enterprises of Khatlon Oblast initiate the use of proven DRM technologies / practices in their business

ME project	TAJ-SHUM-009
Title	Risk reduction for communities in areas prone to natural disasters in Tajikistan
Aim	Improve overall living conditions by improved disaster preparedness, reducing the impact of natural disasters in Tajikistan.
Donor	Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Donor code	j.nr. 46.H.7-11-113 / UMF NR. 605.1954.01
Duration	October 07 - March 09
Location	Khujand; Panjikent; Aini; Hissor; Kurgan Tube; Dushanbe; Khujand City & Yokhsu River Valley, Tajikistan
Outputs	(To end of 2008): In conjunction with DIPECHO 003, 004 and 005 above: 5 new Village Rescue Groups established; risk assessment tools developed, Community Teams equipped with rescue materials; and trainings provided for Community Mitigation and Preparedness Teams, Committee for Emergency Situations, masons and communities in general. Additional support also provided to developing community disaster risk management capacity in project area

ME project	TAJ-EUA-09
Title	Stimulating Sustainable Change for Alleviating Poverty: Alternative Approaches to Water Supply, Sanitation
Aim	1) Reduce incidence of water and hygiene-related illnesses that inhibit productivity through improved low-cost, appropriate and sustainable watsan services and practices in selected communities and, 2) Reduce the adverse effects of power outages on vulnerable populations through the installation of alternative energy technologies
Donor	EuropeAid
Donor code	EuropeAid 160-761
Duration	December 08 - December 10
Location	Aini and Penjikent- Zerafshan Valley, Tajikistan
Outputs	Project activities to start in 2009, core team in place by end of 2008



ME project	TAJ-DMCDD-003
Title	Assistance to victims of severe winter for access to clean water and hygiene awareness education
Aim	1) Provide chlorine tablets and hygiene education materials to 12,554 households after severe winter conditions froze pipes and prevented water systems from functioning, increasing risks of disease outbreaks, and 2) Repair pipes and water systems damaged by freezing
Donor	Danish Missionary Council Development Organisation
Donor code	N-III-08-03
Duration	February – July 08
Location	Khatlon Province: Kulob, Ziraki, and Dahana Districts; and Sughd Province: Aini and Penjaket Districts, Tajikistan
Outputs	(Project complete) 38,500 people benefited from the water tablet distribution and hygiene campaign. A total of 1,697 households, composed of 12,049 individuals, benefited from the newly restored water systems

ME project	TAJ-SDC-01
Title	Strengthening Community-based disaster management capacity for Yori and Ziddi villages, Penjikent
Aim	Assist the communities of Yori Jamoat to stabilize their household physical infrastructure, and orient them to integrate Disaster Risk Management into their medium and long-term livelihood plans
Donor	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
Donor code	7f-03406.03
Duration	July 07 - April 08
Location	Yori and Ziddi villages, Penjikent District, Sughd Oblast, Tajikistan
Outputs	(Project complete) Reconstruction of houses destroyed by mudflow in 2 villages. Support to 256 families. Mason training and training of Community Disaster Committee

ME project	TAJ-EUA-08
Title	Income, Independence, Inclusion – Supporting economic development and welfare in Kulob district,
Aim	Achieve statistically significant higher income and documented structural independence of rural livelihoods as well as observable better social services for people with disabilities
Donor	EuropeAid
Donor code	EuropeAid 144-919
Duration	February 08 - December 09
Location	Tajikistan, Kulob district, Jamoats: Dahana, Ziraki and Kulob city, Tajikistan
Outputs	(To end of 2008): Two Community Organisation Units, the Joint Sourcing Networks, were established and now serve 28 farming communities with agro-inputs. Forty-two women entrepreneurs have received grants and many are now contributing to the Disability Support Fund, which will provide disabled children with assistive technologies. Works and resourcing of Disability Support Centre well underway
Partner	Zarshedabonu

ME project	TAJ-GTZ-001
Title	Rapid Risk assessment in Zeravshan Valley
Aim	Use the prototype Community Risk Assessment Tool (CRAT) and carry out assessments in 257 villages of Zeravshan Valley in coordination with CoES and German Red Cross/Red Crescent
Contractor	GTZ
Contractor code	83025700
Duration	September 08 - November 08
Location	Zeravshan Valley, Tajikistan
Outputs	(Project complete) Comparative Risk Assessment Study as the initial prerequisite to a larger project on Disaster Risk Reduction financed by the German Government in the Zeravshan Valley



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