Tukastan, Earthquake

****Global ETC Teleconference****

****Date: 18/10/18 Time: 14.00 UTC****

# Attendance

Chair: Caroline Teyssier (Dubai, UAE)

WFP: Salma Farouque (Talbad, Tukastan)

Oscar Caleman (Akbad, Tukastan)  
Ozdzan Hadziemin (Dubai, UAE)  
Gabriela Alvarado (Tukastan)

Ericsson: Daniel Schott (Talbad, Tukastan)  
 Lars Rudiger (Germany)

World Vision: Fidele Omondi (Qazurum, Tukastan)

UNHCR: Alexander Thomas (Copenhagen, Switzerland)  
 Nizar (Geneva, Switzerland)

ACF: Fernando Fernandez (Sidharta, Tukastan)

Teleconference / Meeting started at 14:05 UTC

# Agenda

1. Situation update
2. ETC services provided
3. Q&A

# Minutes

1. **Situation update**

* The emergency coordinator started the call giving an overview of the situation in Tukastan after the earthquake and the quick response the ETC has been requested to provide.

1. **ETC Services provided**

* Services have been provided so far in 4 sites: Taldad, Akbad, Qazurum and Sidharta. There has been good progress on the provision of services on the sites (satellite antennas are up, radio rooms, service for communities including free internet for local populations and charging stations, drone mapping).

1. **Q&A**

* Fernando from Sidharta confirmed successful implementation of S4C in his site.
* The emergency coordinator stated that the ETC is looking at continuing the provision of our services at least for the next six months as the number of people affected is increasingly growing. Over a million people were impacted and there’s a need to support partner working in hard to reach areas.
* Funding requested 750K for service provision of security comms, drone operator support, and ETC staff. The CERF appeal is going out today, the estimated budget should cover staff and IT equipment.
* We are aware there have been security issues since we entered the country, but we are collaborating with local authorities to avoid any issue. News are not putting the UN community in a good light, but the today’s interview with BBC and a potential press release may help smooth out misunderstandings.
* There are large opportunities for services for communities and depending on how we expand, there may be a need for more WIDER antennas. HQ is ready to ship the equipment but depends on the capability to get it in to the country. Logs will have a one stop shop in Claustan airport for humanitarian cargo and customs.
* We are also collaborating with the local service providers Tuknet and Tukcell to restore their services hopefully by the 6th month of the response. Border crossing was challenging, security situation volatile but we are in contact with UNDSS should we need to bring more staff in.

1. **Updates**

The emergency coordinator is very grateful to the team who has been doing a great job under very difficult conditions.

Teleconference ended at 14:50 UTC

**Next Teleconference Tuesday 23, 2018 at:**

10:00 UTC

11:00 Rome

13:00 Dubai

# Acronyms

ETC Emergency Telecommunications Cluster

ICT Information and Communications Technology

IT Information Technology

All information related to ETC operations can be found on the website: [www.ETCluster.org](http://www.ETCluster.org)

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