

## Report on National Mine Risk Education Program, July 2007

In July 2007, National Program on Mine Risk Education conducted four round tables for the heads of local authorities of seven mine affected areas and mine risk education volunteers. The round tables were attended by 25 participants from districts community authorities, Community Support Centers, shepherds and communities volunteers. Mine risk operations plan for 2007 foresees to conduct various education methods on mine risk education among 19 local authorities and provide refreshed trainings for 40 MRE volunteers in their areas.



Dissemination of Informational Educational Source of MRE which is important to change behavior by communities located in mine affected areas are using by schoolchildren, MRE trainers and volunteers, community leaders. Thirty T-shirts have disseminated among MRE Volunteers in project districts. MRE volunteers use T-shirts as uniform in their MRE activities and accept as a disseminator of messages on mine risk education in community and district level. **3 500** Brochures on **“Mine Risk Education”** in Tajik language. MRE brochure conveys messages to promote behavioural change among affected populations and reflect national mine action policy.



This woman lives with her 5 children in one of the borders area of Tajikistan with Uzbekistan and works in her plot of land as other inhabitants of her native villages. Some of her neighbors faced with mine accidents and became mine victims. But her husband died when he went to collect wood and grass to the mountain area close to their village. The mountain which divides border area between two Central Asian republics has been mined by Uzbekistan Republic. Range of villages is located historically in this north-west part of Zarafshon valley of Tajikistan Republic. Village people live on the amount of farming activities along the corridor of the mountain. In July, 2007 National Program on Mine Risk Education provided

seventeen mine victims and their families with pair of goats. Most of them in poverty conditions and always busy with hard farming work in their plot of land. All mine victims dream to have rehabilitation period in the health resorts close to their areas but they have not financial support. It is difficult for them to have long trip to the capital of the country and passed e.g. summer camp. Most of families of mine victims ask to help their schoolchildren with warm clothes, school belongings.

Focus group discussions conducted with Mine Victims in their villages from 7 districts of Sughd Oblast) about their social needs, education, disability category and monthly compensation. TMAC/NMRE takes action to linkage level of information as an important strategy in the field of social provision in community and district level.