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Floods sweep away 100 Badakhshan homes

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Flash floods destroyed more than 100 homes and farm fields measuring hundreds of acres near the Tajikistan border in disasters-prone northeastern Badakhshan province.

The floods occurred two days ago in the Sheghnan district's Roshan area due to snow-melting on mountains, causing financial losses to local residents.

Farhinaz Pamiri, a member of the provincial council and resident of the Sheghnan district, said the floods had rendered a large number of people homeless and they currently lived in the open amid numerous problems.

He said the main thing the affected families needed was shelter and the government should assist them in this regard.

Natural Disasters Management Authority director Syed Abdullah Humayun Dehqan said 82 homes had been completely destroyed and another 39 partially damaged.

He said more than 300 animals including cows, sheep and goats, had perished in the disaster that damaged 350 acres of agriculture land and half a kilometre of a road.

The affected families were distributed one tent and five blankets each from a government's warehouse in the district.

Dehqan said officials from the Agha Khan Office had left for the affected area with sufficient amount of medicine and Save the Children organisation had provided food stuff to the families to be enough for three months. The edibles included flour, pulses and salt.

The floods caused no casualties. But last week's flooding that emerged in the Shuhada district had killed seven people and destroyed more than 100 homes. Later the affected families were assisted by the provincial administration.