



TAJIKISTAN

Disaster Risk Reduction Programme

Disaster Context

Tajikistan is at high risk to a range of natural and technological disasters and, more specifically, to three potentially major disasters: a breaching of Lake Sarez, a landslide below the Baipaza hydroelectric power station and a major earthquake in Dushanbe. Following independence and five years of civil war, the accumulation of both man-made crises and natural disasters has increased vulnerability in all parts of the country. The total number of disasters in 1999 increased by 33.5 percent over the previous year. In 1999 alone, natural disasters inflicted damage representing some 95 percent of the nation's gross domestic product. A total of 22,257 people were affected, including 630 people killed, 1,774 injured and 4,708 temporarily resettled.

Project Title

Preparatory Assistance to Develop a Disaster Risk Reduction Programme in Tajikistan

Sectors

- Public awareness, training, and sensitisation
- Policy development
- Institutional strengthening

Funding

UNDP contributed \$155,000 from TRAC 1.1.3 funds.

Partners

- Ministry of Emergency Situations and Civil Defence (MOES)
- Local authorities
- Local NGOs
- Institute of Seismology
- UNDP Tajikistan Rehabilitation, Reconstruction and Development Programme (RRDP)

Project Activities

- Strategic review of disasters and disaster risk management; project-launching workshop and establishment of a UNDP/MOES Task Force.
- Assess capabilities; requirements; and gaps in risk management; reduction policy; and programme frameworks, including training
- Define partners, comparative advantages and areas of focus of UNDP and other partners' participation
- Draft strategy and discussion project outline
- Define a resource mobilization strategy
- Identifying appropriate rural rayon with UNDP and RRDP staff
- Define training components and organise training workshops
- Develop guidelines with RRDP staff on community disaster reduction activities
- Assist RRDP staff in designing appropriate local-level interventions addressing disaster risk management
- Develop initiative profile(s) for resource mobilization purposes