



URUGUAY

Prevention and Mitigation of Emergencies Caused by Climate

Disaster Context

Floods and droughts are the most frequent disasters occurring in Uruguay. Most are derived from the effects of the El Niño South Oscillation, which is also affecting parts of Brazil and Argentina.

The institutional capacities to handle disasters as development issues are quite limited. There is a lack of understanding of the information process, data gathering, and climate forecasting by the productive sector, as well as inadequate channels of communication between public and private stakeholders in order to establish risk-management policies.

Project Title

Prevention and Mitigation of Environmental Emergencies of Climate Origin

Sectors

- Institutional strengthening
- Disaster preparedness and mitigation
- Public awareness, training and sensitisation
- Policy development

Funding

The Government of Uruguay contributed \$74,778.

Partners

- Ministry of Housing, Land Planning and Environment
- National Emergency System
- Ministries of Agriculture and Livestock, Transport and Communications, Defence and Domestic Affairs
- National Meteorological Directorate
- National Hydrological Directorate

- Armed Forces
- Municipalities
- Others

Programme Activities

- Preparation of reports on climatic threats and data needed for the reduction of climate-related disasters
- Preparation of proposals for a national plan for the reduction of climate-related disasters, including recommendations on policies, measures, and strategies
- Preparation of a draft project document on institutional strengthening for the integrated management of risks and disasters originated by climate