

UZBEKISTAN

Disaster Prevention (Drought)

Disaster Context

The north-western region of Uzbekistan has been the scene of major drought during last three years. The region is already under ecological stress due to the shrinkage of the Aral Sea and is facing massive water shortages.

UNDP accepted a request to provide assistance to government efforts to mobilize relief assistance. In recent months, UNDP's emergency focus has shifted towards providing assistance in formulating national and regional disaster prevention policies, as it is considered to be of highest importance in light of imminent water shortages in the region.

Project Titles

- Emergency Actions to Mitigate the Consequences of Drought in Uzbekistan (UZB/00/007)
- Development Support Services to the Government of Uzbekistan Programme: Drought Mitigation (UZB/01/Q04)
- Development Support Services to the Government of Uzbekistan Programme (UZB/01/004 – Contains drought as a separate component)
- Advisory Services to the Government of Uzbekistan for the Drought Prevention (UZB/02/001)
- UNDP also implemented a World Bank-funded project, Water Supply, Sanitation and Health (UZB/99/010).

Sectors

- Emergency relief – humanitarian assistance and management
- Policy development
- Disaster preparedness and mitigation of consequences
- Institutional strengthening

Funding

- UZB/00/007: TRAC \$150,000
- UZB/01/Q04: Trust Funds \$109,491
- UZB/01/004: \$280,870 (\$111,550 from Switzerland and \$169,320 TRAC)
- UZB/02/001: TRAC \$114,000

Partners

- Ministry of Microeconomics and Statistics of the Republic of Uzbekistan
- Council of Ministers of the Republic of Karakalpakstan
- Local government of Khorezm province
- Other concerned ministries, such as the Ministry of Agricultural and Water Management, etc.

Programme Activities

- Facilitate the mobilization and rapid disbursement of funds for relief and recovery actions, as well as preventive development interventions.
- Design and test practical preventive and mitigation tools as pilot activities that could be replicated to cover larger areas and target groups.
- Assist the Government in developing an immediate, medium-term and long-term drought recovery and mitigation framework, and provide practical advice to the central and regional authorities in planning and implementing the preventive measures.
- Support the coordination functions of the Government in the implementation of the drought relief activities.
- Meet the urgent need for additional drinking water supply at the community level in the three most affected districts of Karakalpastan through installation of hand-operated water pumps.