

## Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery Disaster Reduction Unit (DRU)



### Project title:

Sub-regional initiative for Disaster Risk Management

### Project number:

00033412

**Programme components:** Knowledge networking, awareness raising

**Estimated Start Date:** 1/10/2001  
**Estimated End Date:** End 2004  
**Implementing Agency:** UNDP, Iran/CO  
**Partners:** None  
**Total Budget:** US\$205,668  
**Project Site:** Teheran, Iran  
**Beneficiary countries:** Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, I.R. Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan

### General Background:

The countries of Southwest and Central Asia including are increasingly prone to natural disasters, which erode and in some cases outweigh development gains. The majority of the disasters risk scenarios do not respect national boundaries and effect many parts of the sub-region. However, despite the commonality of risks, there are no adequate intra-regional mechanisms for coordination, research, training, and information sharing. Following discussions during UNDP's Resident Representatives Cluster Meeting in Beijing in 2001 and the recommendations from the Drought Mitigation Seminar held in I.R. Iran in the same year, UNDP Iran in collaboration with the UNDP's Bureau of Crisis Prevention and Recovery (BCPR) in Geneva is supporting a preparatory assistance (PA) project for the establishment of a sub-regional initiative for disaster risk management.

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### Project Summary:

The difficult political atmosphere of the region has led many countries to adopt a very cautious approach regarding regional cooperation. This initiative intends to facilitate the ground for increased intra-regional cooperation and exchange in the field of disaster management and reduction.

### Overall and Specific Objectives:

The overall objective is to generate and share baseline knowledge on contemporary disaster risk and risk management issues in the participating countries, in order to define the thematic focus of the initiative.

### Expected Results:

- Conception of regional disaster mitigation programmes.
- Inception of a Knowledge Network.
- Launch of a website
- Production of a Blue Print

### Activities:

- Preparing programme briefs
- Identifying possible sources of funding for the programmes, and participating countries
- Compiling a list of disaster management organizations and experts in the region
- Preparing promotional material for the activities of the network
- Preparing the content of the website
- Application of practices in selected pilot projects
- Preparing a three year proposal for each programme, defining geographical and thematic focus, relationship with national governments and resource requirements