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## Special Issue on activities related to Disaster Risk Reduction Week on the occasion of International Day for Disaster Reduction

Disaster Risk Reduction is a key factor that should be considered for sustainable development of a modern community. It is true that natural disasters cannot be prevented, however, their impacts can be minimised, if preventive measures are taken beforehand in terms of raising community preparedness for possible disaster risks.

The International Day of Disaster Reduction (IDDR), observed throughout the globe on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October, has been established in order to raise awareness of the importance of disaster risk reduction. IDDR's main objective is to create a global culture of disaster risk reduction, incorporating disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness principles. On this day the importance of disaster risk reduction is highlighted around the globe through various activities and initiatives, including conferences, debates, children's drawing contests, slogan competitions, and many similar events. All these activities have been designed to increase the disaster preparedness of communities.

This year's IDDR in Uzbekistan was observed by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in close cooperation with the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Uzbekistan as well as all UN Agencies in Uzbekistan, the Academy of Science, and other relevant stakeholders involved into DRR process in Uzbekistan.

**These activities included were:** *Learning hour for UNDP CO and project personnel working for different UNDP Projects; UN Friday with university students in collaboration with UNIC on a theme of DRR; Essay competition awarding ceremony; Exhibition on DRR theme; Roundtable discussion on earthquake safe construction practices of private houses; Simulation exercise on earthquake response preparedness among UN agencies in collaboration with UNOCHA Regional Office in Almaty, and the Ministry of Emergency Situations; Media Briefing for journalists at the Ministry of Emergency Situations.*

"Vulnerability to disaster is growing faster than resilience.[...] Disaster risk reduction should be an everyday concern for everybody. Let us all invest today for a safer tomorrow."

-- Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon



13 October  
**INTERNATIONAL DAY  
FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION**

Tashkent, Uzbekistan – 2012

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## Train, train, train my brain ..... LH for UNDP and Projects' staff—October 4

Staff of UNDP CO and projects participated in a Learning Hour devoted to Disaster Risk Reduction. A presentation on 'Earthquake Risk Mitigation' was made for clarifying definitions and basic concepts related to earthquake risk mitigation. The presentation was followed by an exercise on 'your action in case of an earthquake' during which participants took shelter under hard objects like tables and doors to protect themselves against an imaginary earthquake.

On this occasion, first issue of the Project Newsletter, special posters on "Earthquake Preparedness Plan" and other handouts were disseminated. Most of participants recognized that in daily routine they never think about what may happen in a disaster situation especially after an earthquake.

This Learning Hour was a starting point of the observation of the "International Day for Disaster Reduction" (IDDR).



**Drilling is the key for protection against earthquake...keep doing regular drills for your safety....**

**Wishing won't keep you safe...., actions taken for your safety will!**





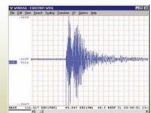

**LEARNING HOUR**  
ON  
**Earthquake Risk Reduction**  
4th Oct. 2012, 3 p.m.  
at UNDP CO  
Conference Room

**Know disaster, no disaster...**

Do you ever think about earthquake in your routine day?

Are you prepared for the next Big One?

Let's talk about Earthquake Risk Management and develop Your Earthquake Preparedness Plan together!



**Disaster management is a preparation of mind!**



## UN FRIDAY MARKS THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER REDUCTION— October 5



IDDR was observed together with students of institutes and universities of Tashkent in the frame of UN Friday in collaboration with UNIC. Main idea of IDDR was to highlight the importance of the day.

The panel of experts, comprised of Dr. Amir Ali Khan, NDRA, Ms. Shakhnoza Ikramova, Training and Outreach Specialist and Ms. Galina Khan, professor associate of the Uzbek State University of World Languages, noted that nobody is safe from natural disasters and catastrophes such as earthquakes and floods as well as there is a need to prepare communities to face such hazards/disasters. The event also highlighted the importance of involvement of youngsters in preparedness activities to meet such emergencies.

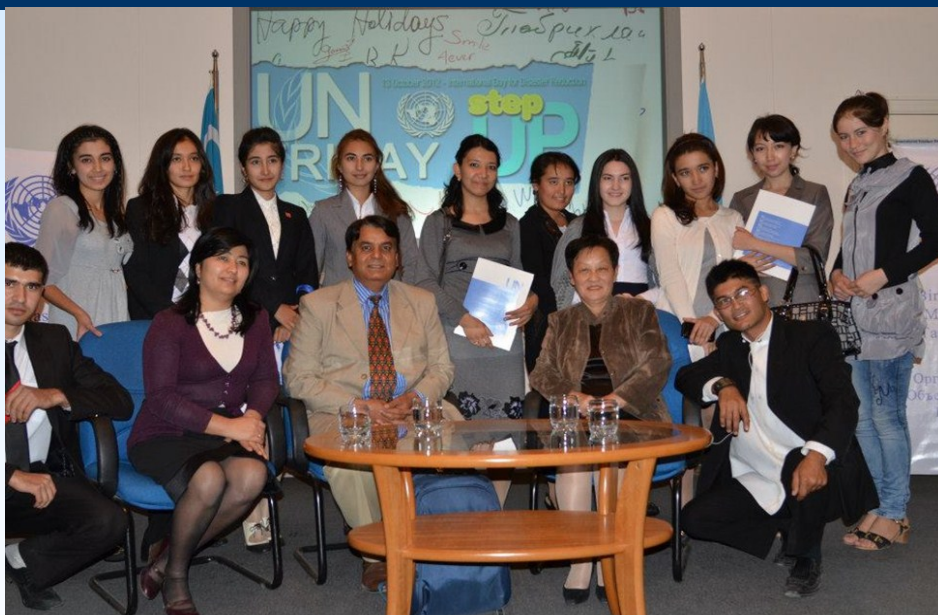
The International Day for Disaster Reduction is a day to focus on how people and communities are reducing their risk to disasters and raising awareness about the importance of activities related to DRR.

UN Fridays started with a presentation of Dr. Amir Ali Khan, National Disaster Reduction Advisor of the project “Strengthening Disaster Risk Management Capacities in Uzbekistan”. He noted that preparedness and prevention is the key to decrease risk of disasters.

After the presentation, the participants, including students of the International Journalism Faculty of the Uzbek State World Languages University, discussed issues related to the role of mass media in informing the community on disaster risks and ways to prepare for their early reductions. The event was relayed live through different social media tools like face book and twitter. A keen interest was observed among the users of these tools on this topic. The event was organized with active support of UNIC.

<http://un.uz/en/news/144-un-friday-marks-the-international-day-for-disaster-reduction.html>

## Role of Media DRR—October 5



### Little bit of history:

The project team organized training on “Role of Media in DRR” for the students of International Journalism Faculty of the Uzbek State University of World Languages. Upon completion of the training the Essay Competition on the topic “DRR: Prevention Pays” was announced. Top 3 winners of the essay competition were enrolled to the on-line training on ‘Basic Course on Comprehensive Disaster Risk Management Framework’ organized by the World Bank Institute (WBI), Washington, and National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) of India.



During the UN Friday these winners were awarded with certificates and presents.



## Exhibition—achievements in DRR field—October 10, 2012

A centerpiece of the IDDR related activities/events was the exhibition on the theme of ‘Disaster Risk Reduction’ on October 10 at the Business Center “Poytakht”.

The exhibition was aimed to provide an opportunity to showcase development and demonstration of materials as well as publications on themes related to disaster risk reduction.

*This exhibition was important, because the attending participants recognised the importance of mainstreaming DRR into all aspects of their lives.*

The exhibition served as an opportunity to the participating organisations to present their results in the area of DRR. The exhibition was able to provide a platform to demonstrate innovative approaches adopted by different organisations to reduce the impact of disasters which they are utilising in this field.

It was a great opportunity to exchange knowledge and experience and partnership building





## Safe house leads to community safety—October 10, 2012

One essential component of disaster risk reduction is the promotion and use of seismic safe construction practices.

On October 10, 2011 a round table discussion on ‘Capacity Enhancement for Earthquake Safe Construction of Private Buildings/Houses’ brought together practitioners involved in the construction industry, including engineers, architects, urban planners, contractors and builders. These professionals discussed the common construction practices utilised in Tashkent, in addition to those used at national level.

Two practical guidelines developed in the framework of Disaster Risk Management Project for individual house builders were presented for the attention of participating professionals. During the presentation importance of these publications was highlighted, which would be very useful for population. Besides, it was recommended to launch training courses for masons and individual builders living in high risk zones.

Moreover, attending professionals analysed the seismic safety of the construction techniques used in Tashkent, and developed recommendations in regards to improving the seismic resistance of unsafe buildings. Few of the important recommendations are as:

- *Establishing certified courses on seismic safe construction practice for local masons;*
- *Introduction of the seismic safety construction module for the architecture and engineering courses at the Universities;*
- *Increasing public awareness about earthquake safety and preparedness measures among population.*



## How UN can support Uzbekistan in case of disaster—October 11

### Simulation Exercise on Earthquake Response Preparedness

A simulation exercise on earthquake response preparedness was organised on October 11, 2012 in collaboration with UN OCHA Regional Office, Almaty. The participants of the simulation exercise were the Disaster Preparedness and Response Group members from all UN Agencies working in Uzbekistan and Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan.

The objective of the exercise was to enhance the activities and measures undertaken to support government of Uzbekistan in case of a humanitarian crisis during catastrophic event. The exercise also provided an opportunity to check the preparedness of all stakeholders to respond to a big disaster like a big earthquake strike the country.

On October 12, 2012 lessons learnt from the exercise were discussed in detail in the presence of the Heads of Agencies. The simulation exercise resulted in identifying gaps in the Inter Agency Contingency Plan (IACP) of the Humanitarian Country Team. Based on the recommendations from the simulation exercise IACP will be updated/modified.





## The Ministry of Emergency Situation and UNDP marked IDDR—October 13

### Special event at the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Uzbekistan

To mark the International Day for Disaster Reduction a special event was organized at the Ministry of Emergency Situations (MES) of the Republic of Uzbekistan on October 13, 2012. The project team with UN/UNDP colleagues participated in the event. The UN/UNDP Team was led by Mr. Karl Klusera (UNFPA), UN Resident Coordinator, a.i.

MES and UNDP in Uzbekistan are actively cooperating in strengthening disaster risk management including community based DRR activities in the framework of implementing State Programme on improving earthquake risk mitigation.

It was remarkable to note that in his welcome speech the Deputy Minister Mr. Abdulazizov outlined great support of UNDP in making the community resilient to face the consequences of disasters like earthquake.

One of the achievements of joint cooperation is capacity enhancement and technical assistance to the mobile rescue group. Through such groups, it is aimed to reach population in rural regions and low-mobile groups for improving awareness on preventive measures from possible disasters.





## Government reported to community on DRR activities— October 13

A briefing for Mass Media was organised at the Ministry of Emergency Situations on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October, as part of the International Day for Disaster Reduction. This media briefing provided a summary of achievements made and activities undertaken in regards to promoting DRR on a national level.

Over 30 mass media representatives participated in the event. The representatives from MES and UN/UNDP were interviewed by the media representatives about the collaborative activities and results achieved so far.

The Ministry of Emergency Situations provided the detailed report on disaster risk management activities in Uzbekistan. The report included the implementation of State Programme “Improving preparedness of the community for earthquakes”. In addition role and support of media in community based DRR activities were highlighted by the Deputy Minister Mr. Abdulazizov.





## Media monitoring

### ***The event was broadcasted on main TV Channels of Uzbekistan:***

- “O‘zbekiston” TV channel
- “Davr” youth TV channel
- “Toshkent” TV channel
- “NTT” Non-governmental TV channel

### ***Articles on Newspapers:***

- “Turkiston-press” nongovernmental news agency;
- “Halq so‘zi” State newspaper;
- “Narodnoye Slovo” State newspaper;
- “Pravda Vostoka”;
- “Ma‘rifat” newspaper;
- “Mahalla” newspaper;
- “O‘zbekiston Ovozi” newspaper.



### ***Other new agencies participated:***

- Uzbek National News Agency;
- Uzbekistan Press and News Agency.



## Media monitoring

<http://www.12.uz/ru/news/show/>

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## В ТАШКЕНТЕ ПРОВЕДУТ МЕРОПРИЯТИЕ, ПОСВЯЩЕННОЕ МЕЖДУНАРОДНОМУ ДНЮ ПО СНИЖЕНИЮ РИСКОВ БЕДСТВИЙ



12.uz - 5 октября Информационный офис ООН совместно с проектом ПРООН «Укрепление потенциала Республики Узбекистан по управлению рисками стихийных бедствий» (Г с ООН), посвященный Международному дню по снижению рисков бедствий. Как сообщает новостное агентство 12news.uz, целью мероприятия является повышение осведомленности о рисках стихийных бедствий и мерах по готовности к ним.

Стихийные бедствия приходят внезапно и влекут за собой материальные, экономические и экологические потери. Поэтому в таких ситуациях, как землетрясение, засуха и т.д., необходимо подготовиться к минимальным последствиям. Приоритетом Международного дня по снижению рисков бедствий 13 октября по всему миру в целях повышения осведомленности о рисках стихийных бедствий и мерах по готовности к ним. Правительство Республики Узбекистан придает огромное значение деятельности, связанной с чрезвычайными ситуациями и стихийными бедствиями по снижению их рисков. Программа развития Организации Объединенных Наций (ПРООН) оказывает Узбекистану в развитии системы раннего предупреждения стихийных бедствий в стране. Проект ПРООН «Укрепление потенциала управления рисками стихийных бедствий» и выполняется совместно с Министерством Республики Узбекистан.

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<http://www.uzdaily.uz/articles-id-12867.htm>



## UN Friday об уменьшении опасности бедствий

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«UN Friday», посвященный этой дате, начался с презентации национального советника проекта ПРООН «Укрепление потенциала Республики Узбекистан по управлению рисками стихийных бедствий» доктора Амира Али Хана. Презентация вкратце ознакомила с основами такого понятия как управление

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with what you have,  
where you are.**

*Theodore Roosevelt*

*Those who work the  
Disaster Management way,  
live to work another day.*

