



# SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF PROJECT ACTIVITIES FOR 2014



*Dear colleagues and friend,  
we are honored to share with you  
the semi-annual report of project activities for 2014.*

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# A SERIES OF TRAININGS FOR ARCHITECTS ON EARTHQUAKE SAFE CONSTRUCTION PRACTICES

*During three years the project focused its activities on earthquake risk reduction, so that the project developed a series of educational materials such as brochures and a documentary about the seismic safe construction.*



With the aim of improving awareness and knowledge of architecture and construction professionals, as well as for introducing educational materials the project organized series of seminars on 25 – 28 February for the representatives of “Specialized training center for training and re-training of qualified teachers in the field of construction under Tashkent State Architecture and Construction Institute”, “Training center for training and re-training qualified managers in the field of architecture and construction” and students of Tashkent State Architecture and Construction

Institute. Seminars were organized with assistance of the Ministry of Emergency situation and Tashkent Tashkent State Architecture and Construction Institute.

Upon completion of the seminar the management of the “Specialized training center for training and re-training of qualified teachers in the field of construction under Tashkent State Architecture and Construction Institute” wished to incorporate the topic of Seismic Safe Construction of Individual Houses into the course curriculum of this Training Center.

*The National Workshop on Disaster Risk Assessment (DRA) and Information Management in Uzbekistan was conducted on 14-18 April 2014 at “Poytakht” Business Center.*

# RISK ASSESSMENT – A KEY STEP IN REDUCING THE RISK OF NATURAL DISASTERS

The main goal of the event was to support the Ministry of Emergency Situations (MES) in conceptualizing the national plans and priorities in the area of Disaster Risk Assessment and Information Management and elaboration of further internal and external capacity building interventions so to bring the development efforts, capacities and knowledge into a more

coherent manner and place DRA/IM at the center of development practices.

The workshop was conducted by Mr. Jianping Yan, programme specialist on Risk Assessment of Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (BCPR). Mr. Jianping Yan has extensive experience in implementing such initiatives in other countries prone to natural disasters.





The representatives of MES, Institutes of Academy of Science of Uzbekistan, Tashkent State Institute of Architecture and Construction, Center of Hydro Meteorological service under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan and other agencies involved into DRR in Uzbekistan actively participated at the workshop.



Disaster Risk Assessment is a process of understanding the disaster and risk issues, but it is also a comprehensive, data-intensive, multi-disciplinary process that needs to engage all stakeholders from different sectors.



Participants noted that the workshop was relevant, since Uzbekistan plans to introduce internationally accepted risk assessment system.

*During five days of the workshop the participants had an opportunity to discuss the following five integral components:*

- *National Stocktaking of Risk Information (NSRI);*
- *National Disaster Observatory (NDO);*
- *National Risk Assessment (NRA);*
- *Local Risk Assessment (LRA);*
- *Country Capacity Development for Risk Assessment (CCD).*



# SEISMIC SAFETY ASSESSMENT

## CONDUCTED IN MAKHALLA OF TASHKENT



With the aim of improving the skills and knowledge of the local masons and individual house owners about seismic safety construction practice, on 27 June 2014, UNDP “Strengthening disaster risk management capacities in Uzbekistan” Project conducted the seminar “Can your house withstand the earthquake?” for citizens and individual house owners of “Otchopar-1” makhalla of Yunusabad district of Tashkent city. The seminar was organized with support of Tashkent City Branch of MES, Institute of Civil Protection of MES and Tashkent Institute of Architecture and Construction.



More than 60 people, most of whom were elderly residents of the mahalla, participated in the seminar, which was held in the training hall of the Mahalla administration.

Besides that, during 24-25 May of one of the individual house was practically evaluated on its seismic secure. The results of the evaluation and recommendations for its further strengthening were presented for seminar participants.

As a practical showcase the documentary films “Rules of behavior before, during and after an earthquake” and “How to construct the seismic safe house” were demonstrated during the seminar. Also, all participants of the seminar received practical guidelines “Can your house withstand the earthquake?” and CDs with media materials of project.





*On June 1, 2014, Tashkent hosted the first final Republican competition among “Young Rescuers” teams established on the basis of the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers N208 “On full-scale preparedness activities of the population for emergency situations (natural or man-made disasters) caused by earthquake” dated 19 July 2011.*

## REPUBLICAN COMPETITION AMONG TEAMS OF «YOUNG RESCUERS»



The competition was held in the stadium of the Fire technical school of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. Sixteen teams of “Young Rescuers” of 128 school children from different regions of our country competed for the title of the best team of “Young Rescuers”. The Competition was organized by the Ministry of Emergency Situations the Republic of Uzbekistan with the support of the Ministry of Public Education and Youth Movement “Kamolot” and the UNDP “Strengthening disaster risk management capacities in Uzbekistan” Project.

**The competition was conducted in five stages where teams showed their skills and knowledge in rescue works and theoretical knowledge on how to behave during emergency situations.**





The Organizing Committee announced three prizes and following nominations: “The best rescuer among girls”, “The best rescuer among boys”, “For the will to win” and “For active participation”.

As a result of the competition, the following three teams were the best:

**1st place – the team of School 172 of Tashkent city;**

**2nd place – the team of school 13 of Chirchik, Tashkent region**

**3rd place – the team of Orphan-house 21 of Tashkent city.**

**The diploma “For the will to win” was awarded to the team of School 158 of Tashkent City. The nomination “The best rescuer” among girls went to Kanaldinova**

***Gavhar from Andijan and Genzhebaev Azizbeyov from Karakalpakstan was found as a “The best rescuer” among boys. All other team members also received diplomas “For active participation” and their deserved prizes.***

Each participant took with him not only the prizes and diplomas, but the fire of joy, friendship, love, creativity and the positive spirit, which dominated during the competition among teams.

At the end, all participants of Republican competition enjoyed the concert of children talent groups and professional groups as “Surkhon”, singer Shahnoz and other professional artists of Uzbek pop.



# ACTIVE WORK ON ESTABLISHMENT OF «EARTHQUAKE SIMULATION COMPLEX»



*Very soon in Tashkent the unique complex will open its door where people can learn about the earthquake, explore earthquakes history happened in the world and feel the power of this natural phenomenon.*



with the Ministry of Emergency Situations working on preparation and construction of the Earthquake Simulation Complex.

Special simulation equipment will be installed on a centerpiece of the Complex, which can set the strength of the earthquake magnitudes. This equipment has been delivered to Tashkent and will be installed in August this year.

This Complex will be developed jointly with European Commission's Humanitarian aid and Civil Protection Directorate General (DIPECHO VII), UNDP in Uzbekistan and the Ministry of Emergency Situations with the aim of increasing awareness of community and better preparedness for possible sudden earthquakes.

The Complex will have several sections: earthquake simulation room, museum of earthquake history, a movie hall and a training room.

To achieve the above results, these days the project in close cooperation

Earthquake Museum will provide comprehensive information on this natural disaster, as well as museum visitors will receive information about how to prepare and how to behave during an earthquake.







# PROTOTYPE ALL-TERRAIN RESCUE CAR ESTABLISHED ON THE BASIS

*The project supported the initiative of MES in establishing all-terrain rescue car on the basis MAN.*

# MAN



Taking into account that “Uzavtoprom” previously didn't produce such rescue cars, UNDP supported this pilot initiative of MES by procuring of special modern rescue equipment, including an advanced rescue equipment, as well as means of protection against chemical contamination, diving equipment, devices for first emergency medical care, life-rescue jackets, etc.





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