



# INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

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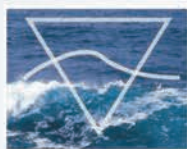
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Uzbekistan

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# INTERNATIONAL DAY

# FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Tashkent, Uzbekistan – 2013

The International Day for Disaster Reduction is a day to promote a global culture of disaster reduction and raising awareness about the importance of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR). It's also a day to encourage every citizen and government to take part in building more disaster resilient communities and nations.

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, the Academy of Science and other relevant stakeholders involved into DRR process in Uzbekistan as well as all UN Agencies working in Uzbekistan

For the last three years UNDP "Strengthening Disaster Risk Management Capacities in Uzbekistan" project is providing full support to Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Uzbekistan and other DRR stakeholders in the field of disaster risk reduction, in particular for earthquake risk mitigation.

We campaign to create global awareness of disaster risk reduction benefits and empower people to reduce their vulnerability to hazards. Our current campaigns focus on safer schools and hospitals as well as resilient cities.  
([www.unisdr.org](http://www.unisdr.org))

International Day for DRR—2013



# REDUCING THE RISK OF DAMAGES AND INJURIES CAUSED BY EARTHQUAKE

Tashkent school N 64 and Research Institute of Traumatology and Orthopedics

The greatest number of injuries during an earthquake are caused by falling objects

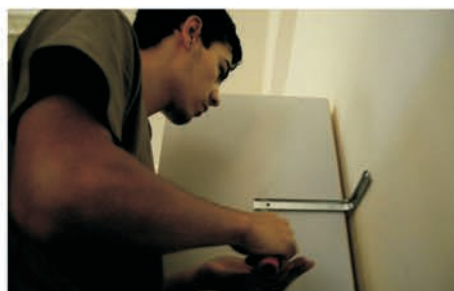
Earthquake preparedness is one of the important national objectives. Along with earthquake-safe construction, we need to attach great importance to the maintenance of work on earthquake preparedness inside of the buildings to reduce the damage to the lives of people from falling objects during an earthquake.

In fact, children are considered to be more vulnerable during the earthquakes. In case of a severe earthquake, school headmasters and community leaders are primary responsible taking care of children and people. Also, in case of an earthquake hospital patients may not run away due to different trauma and may get injured from falling items which may be noxious and toxic chemicals, surgery and other equipment.

To avoid such damages and life loss from an earthquake project conducted practical demonstrations – maintenance of bookshelves on the walls, lamination of window glasses, installation of stops to mobile equipment in surgery rooms at school N 64 of Tashkent city and Research Institute of Traumatology and Orthopaedics.

The seminar organized on October 8, 2013 at School N64 and the Research Institute of Traumatology and Orthopaedics brought together over 60 directors and heads of healthcare clinics and district health departments of the Ministry of Health of Uzbekistan and over 150 community leaders, school directors.

**“I am a person who experienced the Tashkent earthquake in 1966. I clearly understand what may happen in case if an earthquake. I was pleasantly surprised to this mall initiative done by the project at our Institute, and realize that we can get injured not only from damaging of buildings but from falling items also. We, doctors are responsible for not only treating our patients but for proving healthy environment and safe their life during emergencies. I believe this initiative will further protect the community and create a greater level of survivability in the event of future earthquakes.” – said Professor Azizov Mirkhakim, Director of the Republican Research Institute of Traumatology and Orthopaedics.**





# SEISMIC SAFETY OF INDIVIDUAL HOUSES

Business center "Poytakht"



Round Table on Monitoring of Implementation of Construction Code on Seismic Safety of Individual Houses



The Round table was organized to sensitize the stakeholders involved in construction, management and monitoring of implementation of building codes on seismic safety of individual houses especially in rural areas .

The event brought together practitioners involved in the architecture and construction, regional architects, State architecture and construction control department, State architecture and construction committee, engineers, urban planners and builders, professionals from the Academy of Sciences.

Presentations made by the participants once more highlighted the importance of ensuring monitoring of seismic safety in individual house construction. Experts discussed the principles of local construction practice in Uzbekistan especially in rural regions and tried to find the way of ensuring monitoring of implementation of Construction Codes accepted in Uzbekistan.

Another important factor to be followed during the construction is 'Seismic micro zonation map' carried out by the Institute of Seismology of the Academy of Science. The seismic zoning map will serve as a basis for determining the respective preventive measures to reduce seismic vulnerability of structures and buildings by architects and local constructors in the planning stage.

The event rounded-up with the development of the following recommendations to improve the seismic safety: a) dissemination of practical guidelines on seismic safety among local masons; b) State Architecture and Construction Committee to improve the monitoring of building codes on seismic safety while approval and construction of individual houses; c) increasing public awareness of community about the importance of seismic safety of houses.



# STUDENTS' DEBATES - "DISASTER RISK REDUCTION - KEY TO BUILD DISASTER RESILIENT NATIONS"

National library A. Navoi

Involvement of youth into DRR is investment to the resilient future



Eight debate players discussed "What is cost effective, preparedness to an earthquake or post disaster response?"

Set against this background, the discussion revolved around the following topics: the main disaster risks faced in relation to natural hazards, in this case 'Earthquakes' in cities and communities; the prevention and risk reduction measures taken by the government and community to mitigate the impact of earthquake; and the main challenges in managing disaster risks.

Specialists from Tashkent State Institute of Architecture and Construction and the Institute of Civil Protection of MES outlined that it was a fresh brainstorming, accessible and engaging format for debating DRR issues.

The debate led by the debate-team leader Farrukh Normuradov, the student of Westminster International University in Tashkent has successfully pioneered a format for debate that takes ideas, argument and young people seriously to DRR issues and encouraging young people sharing the ideas to involve community to mitigation of disasters and preparedness.

The debates served to raise awareness of the young people of Uzbekistan, and to focus the attention of professional universities, on issues regarding disaster risk reduction.

At the end of the event all eight debate participants received their deserved presents from UNDP DRM Project.



# EXHIBITION ON *OF DISASTER R*



An exhibition for increasing awareness of people about government efforts on Disaster Risk Reduction and showcasing the capacity of Uzbekistan in Disaster Risk Management was organized in close cooperation of MES and UNDP.



BRASS BAND OF THE MINISTRY  
OF DEFENSE OF UZBEKISTAN  
PROVIDED FESTIVE SPIRIT





# ACHIEVEMENTS

## ISK REDUCTION

'Turkiston' concert hall



THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED : TASHKENT CITY DEPARTMENT OF MES, FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, INSTITUTE OF CIVIL DEFENCE OF MES, MINISTRY OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETY TO PRESENT THEIR RESULTS IN THE AREA OF DRR.



More than thousand mahalla leaders and directors of schools, colleges and universities visited the exhibition. Over 2000 brochures, leaflets and CDs with media materials of DRMP on DRR were disseminated.





# INAUGURATION DEDICATED TO INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER REDUCTION

'Turkiston' Concert Hall

A centerpiece of the IDDR was held in one of the Grand Concert Hall of Uzbekistan "Turkiston". Inauguration ceremony started with speeches of the First Deputy Minister of Emergency Situations and UN Resident Representative in Uzbekistan.

It is remarkable to outline that the fruitful cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction and significant results in the formation of culture and community preparedness for emergencies were highlighted in their speeches.

During the event the presentations of involved ministries and organizations about activities in the field of DRR in Uzbekistan were demonstrated.

leading experts on DRR from different ministries and agencies were awarded with certificates and presents for "Active participation in the field of DRR".

The event ended with a concert of the ensemble of the Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Emergency Situations and the Ministry of the Interior.





*"We cannot eliminate disasters,  
but we can mitigate risk.  
We can reduce and we can save more lives"*

*(Ban Ki-moon, United Nations Secretary-General)*





# UN AGENCIES DISCUSSED INTER-AGENCY CONTINGENCY PLAN

'Poytakht' Business Center



## OCHA

United Nations Office  
for the Coordination of  
Humanitarian Affairs

This year the 4th session of Global Platform in Geneva highlighted once again need for involving local communities into disaster risk reduction activities.

It becomes more important toward HFA2, to create awareness among all stakeholders for disaster risk reduction.

Representatives of UN agencies and international humanitarian organisations discussed the UN Inter-agency plan for responding to emergencies in the event of a humanitarian crisis, as the result of natural or human disasters.

The outcome of this activity was development of recommendations to further review the Inter-Agency Contingency Plan (IACP) of the humanitarian community, thereby enhancing overall disaster preparedness of UN-led humanitarian response system.

## UN NEWS WEEKLY DEVOTED TO THE IDDR

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SdQyEU0KHRQ>



25-Й ЭПИЗОД «UNews WEEKLY»: ПОДГОТОВКА К СТИХИЙНЫМ БЕДСТВИЯМ

25 ОКТЯБРЯ 2013



Стихийные бедствия всегда наступают людей врасплох, поэтому необходимо заранее предпринять меры для того, чтобы защитить себя в подобных ситуациях. 25-ый эпизод аудио-видео подкаста Информационного офиса ООН «UNews Weekly» посвящен именно этой теме. В нем рассказывается о работе проекта ПРООН «Укрепление потенциала Республики Узбекистан по управлению рисками стихийных бедствий», который подготовил документальные фильмы, мультфильмы, брошюры и мобильные приложения информирующие о том, что делать в случае землетрясения.

В этом эпизоде вы также узнаете о практических руководствах по строительству сейсмостойких домов, разработанных экспертами, о тактическом упражнении по реагированию на гуманитарный кризис вследствие землетрясения, проведенном в рамках Международного дня по уменьшению опасности стихийных бедствий.



During the week of International Day for Disaster Reduction the project launched the audio and video news in the frame of UN News weekly Episode-25 created with great help of UNIC and National Partners about Community Based DRR activities carried out by the project.

“Strengthening Disaster Risk Management Capacities in Uzbekistan”



# MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

## THE EVENT WAS BROADCASTED ON MAIN TV CHANNELS OF UZBEKISTAN:

- “O‘zbekiston” TV channel
- “Davr” youth TV channel
- “Toshkent” TV channel

## ARTICLES ON NEWSPAPERS:

- “Halq so‘zi” State newspaper
- “Narodnoye Slovo” State newspaper
- “Ma‘rifat” newspaper
- “Mahalla” newspaper
- “O‘zbekiston Ovozi” newspaper
- “Vaziyat” newspaper
- “Muhofaza+” newspaper
- “Vatanparvar” newspaper

## RADIO REPORTS:

- Radio Mashal
- Akhborot ‘O‘zbekiston’
- Radio Terra





## **“Strengthening Disaster Risk Management Capacities in Uzbekistan”**

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