



CENTER

**FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS
AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION**

Permanent Interstate body – International Organization



2020



BACKGROUND OF THE CENTER'S ESTABLISHMENT:

2005: Kazakhstan first initiated a proposal to establish a Central Asian Center for emergency situations at the second World Conference for disaster risk reduction in Kobe (Japan).

17th May, 2013: In Almaty, the Heads of the Ministries for Emergency Situations of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Kyrgyz Republic signed the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic on establishment of the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction.

The Center has been opened and has been operating **since 14th September, 2016.**



The Center is open for joining the other countries.

The accession of other States is decided by mutual agreement of the Parties.



THE CENTER'S OBSERVER:

By the decision of the Center's Council of 14 September 2016, the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan was granted observer status at the Center

THE CENTER'S MISSION:

The Center aims to ensure an efficient mechanism for disaster risk mitigation and reduction of its consequences, mutual response by activities agreed by the Parties, stimulate the regional and international cooperation.



GUIDELINES:



- ◆ Observance of the generally recognized norms and principles of international law;
- ◆ Cooperation in accordance with a national legislation of the Parties;
- ◆ Interaction in a spirit of solidarity and equal partnership.

THE CENTER'S COUNCIL:

The Center's Council consist of the Head of the competent authority from each country.
The Center's Council defines strategical directions of the Center's activity and supervises It.

STATUS OF THE CENTER: (formal and delegated)

- ◆ Permanent Interstate body – International Organization;
- ◆ The Secretariat of the Regional Forum-Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian countries;
- ◆ Regional Resource Center on monitoring and implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 in Central Asia and South Caucasus region.



**Sendai Framework
for Disaster Risk Reduction
2015 - 2030**

MAIN GOALS OF THE CENTER:



- ◆ Strengthening the regional and international cooperation in the field of prevention and elimination of emergencies;
- ◆ Improvement of the level of public safety to natural and manmade disasters in the countries of the Parties;
- ◆ Engagement the grants of international and uncommercial organizations for disaster risk reduction, the development and implementation of joint international projects;
- ◆ Interaction with a competent authorities of the States-Parties;
- ◆ Foster development of national disaster prevention and elimination system in the States-Parties;
- ◆ Supporting the establishment of modern information systems for collection, processing and analysis of data of the Parties;
- ◆ Implementation of international and other programs in the field of prevention and elimination of emergencies;
- ◆ Foster strengthening the national capacity for disaster risk management of the Parties;
- ◆ Introduction of international monitoring systems and networks for natural and manmade disasters;
- ◆ Establishment of the United register of forces and means of the States-Parties in order to carry out rescue operations across their territories;
- ◆ Cooperation with Third parties in order to study best practices and exchange of experience in the field of prevention and elimination of emergencies;
- ◆ Enhancing the knowledge of experts and specialists of the States-Parties by conducting appropriate trainings and seminars and other relevant events;
- ◆ Development of typical methodologies on disaster response, conducting response operations, the use of mutual reserve capacities of the States-Parties;
- ◆ Development of methodological documents for harmonization of national legislation of the States-Parties, introduction the United terminology for appropriate use by competent authorities of the States-Parties;
- ◆ Supporting the scientific-technical programs of the States-Parties for prevention and research of causes and consequences;
- ◆ Foster the achievement of harmonization of national legislations of the States-Parties in the field of emergencies and civil defense.

THE CENTER'S STRUCTURE:



Officials of the Center are international officials

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS OF THE CESDRR'S ACTIVITIES:



1. Strengthening regional and international cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction, prevention, and elimination of emergency situations.
2. Raising public safety and territories of the countries in the region by improving the organizational and legal framework, institutional framework, mechanisms, strategies, policies, and risk management practices of disasters and emergencies.
3. Consolidation of efforts of all the interested parties and attraction of investments in the field of disaster risk reduction, prevention of emergency situations.
4. Strengthening preparedness for effective response to emergencies, carrying out rescue and humanitarian operations, reconstruction and rehabilitation.
5. Provision of phased institutional development and capacity building of the Center.



THE CENTER'S FUNDING:

Center is funded by the contributions of the Parties, donor funds, grants of international organizations, voluntary contributions of individuals and legal entities, as well as other sources that don't contradict the national legislation of the Parties.

STRENGTHENING REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION:

Since 2016, the Center has established and is currently engaged in interaction and cooperation at the regional and international level with:

- ◆ Emergency departments and other state structures of more than 25 states;
- ◆ About 60 donor agencies, international and non-governmental organizations, scientific and educational institutions;
- ◆ Memorandums (*Letters-Agreements*) of understanding and cooperation were signed with 24 international and non-governmental organizations, scientific and educational institutions on the basis of which Programs, Plans and Projects in the field of disaster and emergency risk reduction are developed and implemented.



PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED BY THE CENTER AS AN EXECUTIVE PARTNER:



From 2016 to 2019, the Center, together with the emergency departments of the countries of the region, international and non-governmental organizations, implemented more than 30 Programs and Projects in the field of DRR and ES.

Currently (2020) the Center, as an executive partner, implements the following Programs and Projects in the field of DRR and ES:



UNDRR "Strengthening Regional Cooperation and Facilitating the Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in Central Asia".



World Bank "Strengthening Financial Resilience and Accelerating Risk Reduction in Central Asia".



UNDP in the Kyrgyz Republic "Strengthening Integrated Risk Governance Capacities of the Kyrgyz Republic and Regional Cooperation in Central Asia".



FAO in the Kyrgyz Republic "Strengthening capacities for disaster risk reduction and preparedness for disasters in the agricultural sector".



UNICEF "Development of unmanned aerial vehicles in prevention and elimination of the emergency consequences with the focus on the vulnerable population".



ESCAP "Assessment of drought challenges and drought monitoring models in Central Asian region".



MapAction "Geoinformation systems, mapping and data processing".

REGIONAL FORUM – MEETING OF THE HEADS OF EMERGENCY AUTHORITIES OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES:

During a series of Regional Ministerial Conferences held in Central Asian countries in 2013-2015, mainly with the technical and financial support of the Government of Japan and UNDP, an ongoing high-level consultative platform in the format of the **Regional Forum - Meetings of Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian Countries** was created. (*hereinafter referred to as the Regional Forum*).

The Regional Forum carries out the following main functions:

- ♦ Assisting in capacity building for disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention and response at regional and national levels;
- ♦ Assistance in strengthening cooperation with international and non-governmental organizations in the field of DRR and emergency situations.

Meetings of the Regional Forum are held at least once every 2 years.

The regional forum is authorized to make decisions within its competence.

The functions of the secretariat of the Regional Forum are assigned to the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction in Almaty.

The working body of the Regional Forum is the Working Group of the Regional Forum.

The Regional Forum organizes its activities on the basis of the approved Action Plans (Roadmap).



SESSION OF THE REGIONAL FORUM – MEETING OF THE HEADS OF EMERGENCY AUTHORITIES OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES

Almaty city, chaired by the Kazakhstan Party

APRIL 2018



**SESSION OF THE REGIONAL FORUM – MEETING OF THE HEADS OF EMERGENCY AUTHORITIES
OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES**
Bishkek city, chaired by the Kyrgyzstan Party
JULY 2019

Based on the protocol decisions of the Regional Forums – Meetings of the Heads of Emergency Authorities of the Central Asian countries held in 2018 and 2019:

- ◆ The Regional Scientific and Technical Council for Emergencies was formed, which began to carry out its activities in 2020;
- ◆ A Regional Register of forces and assets of the Central Asian countries was formed for emergency rescue operations on their territory in case of emergency;
- ◆ A Regional Register of experts in the field of Civil Protection / Defense, Disaster Risk Reduction, Emergency Prevention and Response has been compiled;
- ◆ In accordance with the approved Action Plan - Road Map, activities are planned and carried out aimed at strengthening the potential of Central Asian countries in the field of DRR and emergency situations;
- ◆ Emergency departments of Central Asian countries provide support and assistance in the implementation of Regional programs and projects in the field of DRR and emergency;
- ◆ The issues of creating the Regional Coordination Mechanism for Emergency Response and the Development of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) in order to prevent and eliminate the consequences of emergencies are being elaborated;
- ◆ A draft of Regional Strategy for DRR is being developed.



STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES IN THE FIELD OF DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT:



CENTER, TOGETHER WITH INTERNATIONAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, WITH TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT, WITHIN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS, FOR THE PURPOSES OF:

- ◆ capacity building for disaster risk management at the regional and national levels;
- ◆ increase the level of security of the population and territories of the states of the region;
- ◆ strengthening preparedness for an effective emergency response, rescue and humanitarian operations;
- ◆ promoting the development of national emergency response and response systems;
- ◆ assistance in creating modern information and communication systems for the collection, processing and analysis of information;
- ◆ advanced training of experts and specialists in the field of disaster risk management.

HAS PREPARED AND HELD MORE THAN 80 INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

(FORUMS, CONFERENCES, MEETINGS, SEMINARS, TRAININGS, TRAINING COURSES, STAFF TRAININGS AND EXERCISES)

IN WHICH MORE THAN 2,500 THOUSAND EXPERTS AND SPECIALISTS TOOK PART, OVER 20 COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL ASIA AND OTHER STATES, AND ALSO INTERNATIONAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.



THE CENTER'S CAPACITY:



Currently, the Center has the appropriate institutional, technical and expert potential to carry out activities in accordance with the goals and objectives assigned to it, including the possibility of implementing Programs and Projects in the field of DRR and emergency situations, conducting international events with the participation of up to 100 people.



THE CENTER CALLS FOR

ALL STAKEHOLDERS TO SUPPORT CENTER'S EFFORTS ON STRENGTHENING THE REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION BY IMPLEMENTING JOINT ACTIVITIES IN REDUCING DISASTER RISKS AND EMERGENCY SITUATIONS



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