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CENTER FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

GENERAL ACTIVITY OUTCOMES

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GENERAL ACTIVITY OUTCOMES OF THE CENTER FOR EMERGENCY SITUATION AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION *(THE CENTER)*

- **1.** The process of establishment and institutionalization of the Center as a permanent intergovernmental body is completed to provide an effective mechanism for reduction emergency risks and mitigating their consequences and to deliver joint response through coordinated interstate measures stimulating regional and international cooperation.
- **2.** The Center has developed and implementing followings:
 - Strategic directions of the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction until 2030, approved by the Decision of the Center's Council in 2017;
 - Strategy for developing the capacity of the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction for 2019-2021, approved by the decision of the Council of the Center in 2019.
- **3.** The Center has established and currently implementing regional and international cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction, prevention and elimination of emergencies:
 - With Emergency Authorities, Diplomatic Missions and other relevant bodies of more than 20 countries;
 - With more than 50 donor and financial institutions, UN Agencies, international and non-governmental organizations, scientific and educational institutions.
- **4.** The Center jointly with MIA of Kazakhstan and MES of the Kyrgyz Republic has completed several organizational and practical activities that has resulted in receiving an official request from authorized bodies of **Islamic Republic of Afghanistan** for inclusion as an Observer to the Center. Following to the decision made by the council of the Center on 14.09.2016 **the requested status was granted** accordingly.
- **5.** The Center have signed 24 Memorandums (Letter-Agreements) of understanding and cooperation with international and non-governmental organizations, scientific and educational institutions, within the frame of which the joint programs, projects and plans in the field of disaster risk reduction, prevention and elimination of emergencies are being initiated and implemented.
- **6.** In addition to official status of permanent interstate body, the Center was delegated to implement the following roles:
 - The Secretariat of the Regional Forum Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian countries;
 - Regional Resource Center of the Regional DRR Platform on monitoring of "Action plan on Sendai Framework for DRR 2015-2030 implementation in Central Asian and Caucasus region".
- **7.** Following to the Center's initiative and with technical and financial support of the UNDP Regional Office in Istanbul and UNDP in Kyrgyz Republic, three high-level international events have been conducted:
 - In March 2017, Dushanbe, TJK the Regional meeting of the Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian countries on disaster risk reduction within the framework of "Central Asia plus Japan" Dialogue, under the chairmanship of Tajik party;
 - In April 2018, Almaty **Regional Forum–Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian Countries**, under the chairmanship of Kazakh party;

- In July 2019, Bishkek Regional Forum-Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian Countries, under the chairmanship of Kyrgyz party.
- **8.** Following to the Center's initiative and with technical and financial support of international organizations, the following 4 meetings of Working Group of the Regional Forum Meeting of the Heads of Emergency Authorities of Central Asian countries have been conducted:
 - In August 2017 in Almaty, under the chairmanship of Kazakh Party;
 - In April 2018 in Almaty, under chairmanship of Kazakh Party;
 - In November 2018 in Almaty, under the chairmanship of Kazakh Party;
 - In July 2019 in Bishkek, under the chairmanship of Kyrgyz Party.
- **9.** At the initiative of the Center followed by the Decision of the Council of the Center in 2018, a **Unified Register of means and capacities** of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Kyrgyz Republic was established to carry out emergency rescue operations on their territories in the event of emergencies.
- **10.** At the initiative of the Center and by the Decisions of the Regional Forum the Meeting of the heads of emergency departments of the Central Asian countries:
 - **Regional Register of means and capacities of the countries of Central Asia** has been established to carry out emergency rescue operations on their territories in case of emergencies;
 - **Regional Scientific and Technical Council for Emergency Situations** was created with organizational and technical support of the Center;
 - **Regional Register of Experts** in the field of Civil Protection / Defense, Disaster Risk Reduction, Prevention and Response of Emergencies was established;
 - **Regulation on the Regional Forum** Meeting of the heads of emergency institutions of the Central Asian countries has been approved;
 - The **Framework for Strengthening Regional Cooperation of the Central Asian Countries** in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction, Prevention and Elimination of Emergencies was approved
- **11.** Following to the Center's initiative and with technical & financial support of the World Bank, the first organizational meeting of the Regional Scientific and Technical Council for emergency situations within the frame of the Program on "Strengthening financial resilience and acceleration of disaster risk reduction in Central Asian" has been conducted in December 2019.
- **12.** The Center has mobilized funds in the form of grants from donor agencies and international organizations to implement **16 ongoing/completed** projects aiming at of strengthening of the regional cooperation, disaster risk reduction, prevention and elimination of emergencies (with a total budget more than 1 060 thousands US Dollars):
 - 1) UNDRR Project "Strengthening Regional Cooperation and Facilitating the Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in Central Asia" Project budget 149 834 US dollars, Duration 2019-2022;
 - 2) **Regional Offices of UNDP and UNICEF Project** "The Center's capacity review". Project budget 15 000 US dollars. Duration: 2019;
 - 3) UNDP project in Kyrgyz Republic "Strengthening Integrated Risk Governance Capacities of the Kyrgyz Republic and Regional Cooperation in Central Asia". Duration: 2016-2020. Budget of the component on strengthening the regional cooperation in CA approximately 300 000 US dollars, including direct contribution to the Center's budget 185 000 US dollars (2016 33 500 US dollars, 2017 39 600 US dollars, 2018 39 600 US dollars, 2019 48 400 US dollars, 2020 24 300 US dollars).
 - 4) UNDP Regional Office Project, Istanbul, Turkey "Airports are prepared for disasters". Project budget 44 500 US dollars; duration 2018-2019

- 5) **UNICEF Project** "Unmanned aviation development in order to prevent and eliminate disaster consequences focusing on vulnerable groups". Project budget 69 376 US dollars. Duration: 2018-2019;
- 6) UNICEF Project "Analysis of existing humanitarian reserves in the event of emergencies and capacity assessment for timely response of Governments and other partners in Central Asian countries (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan) and South Caucasus (Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia)". Project budget – 2 450 US dollars. Duration: 2018;
- 7) **UNDP project in Kazakhstan** "Strengthening of community resilience to negative external impacts and enhancing the effectiveness of flood risk management in Almaty region". Project budget 91 800 US dollars. Duration: 2017;
- 8) UNDP and OCHA Project "Humanitarian implementation plan 2017". Project budget 45 000 US dollars. Duration: 2017;
- 9) **MapAction Project** "GIS systems, mapping and data processing". Project budget 77 525 US dollars. Duration: 2018-2019;
- 10) **FAO project in Kyrgyz Republic** "Capacity building in the field of disaster risk reduction and ensuring preparedness in agriculture sector". Project budget 50 000 US dollars. Duration: 2019-2020;
- 11) **SCAP Project** "Research on assessment of drought challenges and drought monitoring models in Central Asian region". Project budget 20 000 US dollars. Duration: 2019-2020;
- 12) Focus Humanitarian Assistance project component on improvement of loss assessment methodology, damages and demands from emergencies in the Republic of Tajikistan based on global methodology PDNA. Project' component budget 4 500 US dollars. Duration 2017;;
- 13) UN OCHA Regional Office Project the component on data collection, aggregation and analysis of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, associated with air contamination, climate change, water resource usage, radioactive contamination of territories, wastes, industrial and radioactive wastes. Project's component budget – 7 800 US dollars. Duration: 2016;
- 14) World Bank Project component 1.3. "Strengthening of local capacity of emergency response" of the project "Strengthening of disaster risk management in Kyrgyz Republic". Project's component budget 25 800 US dollars. Duration: 2017-2019;
- 15) **UNDRR Project** the component on improvement of expert's capacity of the Center to strengthen the regional cooperation (by providing to the Center of three DRR experts to strengthen regional coordination with Emergency Authorities of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan). Project's component budget approximately 75 000 US dollars. Duration: 2020-2022.
- 16) **UNICEF project** "Development of unmanned aerial vehicles to ensure the safety of territories and population, including vulnerable groups from emergencies and disasters." The project budget is US \$ 60,000. Implementation period: 2020.
- **13.** At the Center's initiative, the Working Group of experts of CES MIA RK and MES KR has been created and organizational is being supported on implementation of joint coordinated measures **to integrate early warning system for earthquakes in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyz Republic**.

On May 21, 2020, the first online video-conference meeting of the Joint working group of the Committee for emergency situations of MIA of Kazakhstan, Ministry for emergency situations of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction has been conducted.

14. At the Center's initiative and ICDO support since 2018, an organizational support is provided to establish cooperation and interaction between diving services of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.

In 2021, with direct support of the Center and ICDO, the trainings on skill development from 3 to 2 class for specialists of **diving services of the Committee for emergency situations of MIA of Kazakhstan, Ministry for emergency situations of the Kyrgyz Republic** is planned on the base of water rescue station in Priozersk, Kazakhstan.

- **15.** During May-June 2020, the Center has coordinated the Committee for emergency situations of MIA of Kazakhstan and supported Red Crescent of Kazakhstan with provision of humanitarian aid to the residents of Turkestan region that were affected by floods caused after destruction of Sardoba water reservoir's dam in Uzbekistan.
- **16.** The center on a regular basis collects, aggregates, analysis and shares an emergency information in the field of disasters by preparing and sharing with stakeholders the daily **"Emergency operations briefings on disasters occurred in the Republic of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyz Republic"**.
- **17.** Starting from March 2020, the Center collects, summarizes and share analysis on the general situation, gaps and needs of the Central Asian countries to respond and eliminate the consequences of the COVID-19 coronavirus at the national and regional levels, including through:
 - Development and dissemination of the "Update information on the spread of Covid-19 pandemic in Central Asian Countries" on a daily basis;
 - Regular (monthly basis) **regional consultative meetings** with representatives of the regional and sub-regional offices of the international and non-governmental organizations to discuss the issues related to disaster risk reduction, emergency situations and pandemic Covid-19 in Central Asian countries.
- **18.** During the period from 2016 to 2019 (4 years), the Center jointly with international and nongovernmental organizations, scientific institutions and their technical and financial support has organized and held **87 international events** (conferences, forums, seminars, trainings, meetings, meetings...) in the field of disaster risk reduction and emergency situations.

(The estimated amount of funds allocated by donor agencies, international and non-governmental organizations for preparation and conduction of the above international events equaled to about **850** *thousand US dollars*).

2,744 people took part in these events to exchange experiences, gain new knowledge, improve their qualifications in the field of disaster risk reduction and emergency situations that includes:

- 1,150 representatives of government institutions of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- 299 representatives of government institutions of the Kyrgyz Republic;
- 344 representatives of state bodies of CA countries and other states;
- 151 representatives of scientific institutions and independent experts;
- 800 representatives of international and non-governmental organizations.
- **19.** The Center has developed and uploaded on its website **more than 60 various materials (research, analytical papers, methodological, educational, information materials and reports) in the field of DRR and Emergency**. All these materials are also shared with emergency institutions of CA countries, international, non-governmental and academic institutions of the region for their application.