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Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters

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Summary of progress made in Tajikistan
towards Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015:

Hyogo Framework for Action Priority Areas #2 and #3

Enhancing Disaster Risk Information, Early Warning System, Effective Risk Communication, and Public Education for Disaster Risk Reduction"

Few Words about Tajikistan



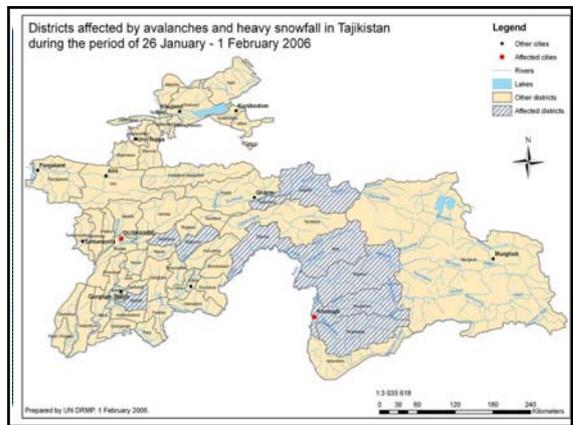
- Location: Central Asia
- Territory: 143,100 sq. km
 - 93% Mountains
- Population: 6,870,000
- Main and potentially dangerous natural and Technogenic disasters:
 - Constant disasters: earthquakes, mudflows, landslides (mudslides), floods, avalanches, droughts, etc.)
 - Radioactive wastes

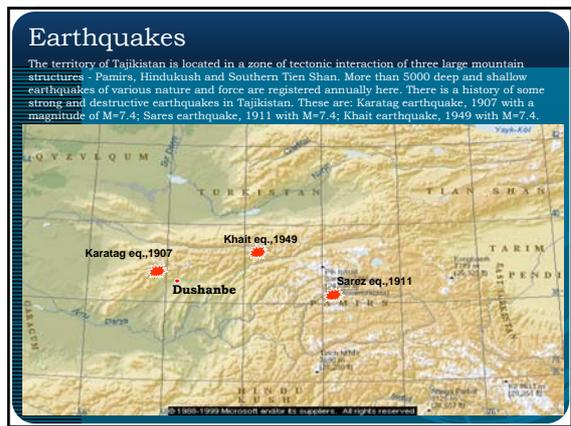
Where Tajikistan is on the World Map

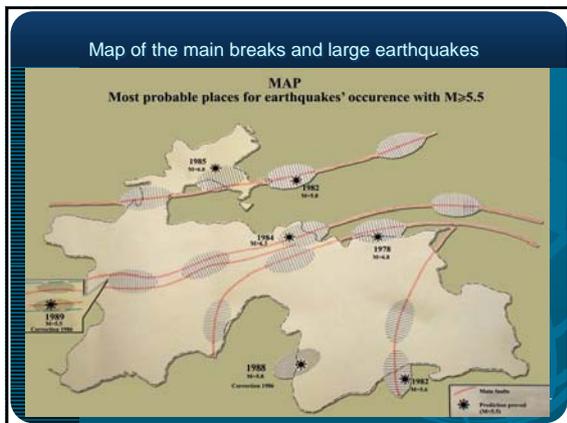


Floods









Radioactive waste

- Uranium dumps in Northern Tajikistan, close to residential areas
- Danger of heavy rains or landslides exposing/spreading the contaminated soil and water
- Contamination of large numbers of people

Who is prepared to respond or reduce the risk of disasters in Tajikistan?

The Ministry of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense (MoES)

Main Functions and Activities

- Identification of areas at risk, forecasting and warning
- Prevention and reduction of consequences of disasters, including expert opinion in design of engineering and constructions codes and standards
- Implementation of civil defense training to officials and population
- Organization and training of rescue teams, ensuring their communication and transportation
- Needs assessment in emergencies and distribution of aid
- Rescue of victims and expert recommendations

REACT

Rapid Emergency Assessment and Coordination Team

REACT is a strong and effective partnership and coordination mechanism between the government and the international community dealing with disaster management in Tajikistan

Membership: Government, specialized state agencies and ministries, donors, international organizations, local NGOs, UN agencies, Red Cross/Red Crescent,

Hyogo Framework for Action Priority Area #3

Use knowledge, innovation and education to build a culture of safety and resilience at all levels

Public awareness

- Establishment of Six Working Groups, called Post Kobe WG;
- DIPECHO Programs – “Preparedness to ES”, European Commission Humanitarian Aid Office in Central Asia
- Qualitative materials for training communities, prepared by international organizations;
- SDC Strategy on decreasing the disaster risk in Central Asia;
- Consultative meetings in Central Asia – ISDR;
- Organizing high donors level round tables in Tajikistan - ISDR

Public Awareness –contd.

Established after WCDR under REACT as a part of the follow ups and support of the implementation of HFA in Tajikistan:

1. **Children and disasters**- coordinate and standardize production of new material on disasters and children;
2. **Best practices**- collect best practices from Central Asia to be used as public awareness and training material;
3. **Exhibition kit/ public events**- create standardized public awareness material to be used for exhibitions
4. **Library function**- collect, systematize and disseminate information material on disaster risk reduction;
5. **Web update**- put forward work done by the working groups available for the public.
6. **Coordination of implementation of HFA**- support the other working groups and HFA at a policy level

Public Awareness – Contd.

- Preparing, Publishing, and Disseminating Information Materials:
 - Children and Disaster Booklet;
 - Good Practices Booklet;
 - Sustainable Development and Disaster Management Booklet;
 - Safe Building Codes (Revision of obsolete material for promoting safe building strategy).

Proposals on organizing trans-border cooperation

- Holding joint trainings on preparedness to ES
- Organizing fruitful work on sharing information related to ES
- Improving legislative basis on organizing the activities on joint response to ES
- Conducting joint research in the most vulnerable trans-border zones
- Developing and clarifying various risk maps and maps of vulnerability due to trans-border disasters.

Thank you for your attention!

