

## 3. Collection and Distribution of Disaster Information

The ADRC has been disseminating many different types of information related to disaster risk reduction on its website (<http://www.adrc.asia>) aiming at ensuring appropriate disaster response, mitigation, and preparedness activities

### 3-1. Disaster Risk Reduction Activities of Member Countries

In fiscal year 2011, the ADRC continued gathering information on the disaster risk reduction systems of member countries.

Basic information on the ADRC member countries is available on the website. The country information of Azerbaijan was newly registered while the information on Nepal was updated this year.

**Information on Disaster Risk Reduction of the Member Countries**



Azerbaijan



**General Information**

Formal name: The Republic of Azerbaijan  
Population: 9 million (January 15, 2010)  
Location: Azerbaijan is located between the continents of Europe and Asia, in the southeast of the Caucasus region and the western shores of the Caspian Sea.  
Bordering with: Russia, Georgia, Armenia, Turkey and Iran  
Total area: 86,6 thousand square km  
Capital city: Baku - situated on the shore of the Caspian Sea, in the south of the Absheron peninsula. It covers an area of 2,200 square km and has a population of 2 million.  
Official language: Azerbaijani.  
Religion: Islam (93%), other religious minorities: Judaism, Christianity, Albanian-Udi Church

**Overview of Disasters**

Azerbaijan is prone to flood, landslide, earthquake, drought.

**Recent Major Disasters**

**Landslide (March 2000)**  
On 7 March 2000, a major landslide involving an area of 15 ha occurred in the Bayil zone of the Sabayil district, south of Baku city center. The landslide in the Bayil slope destroyed dozens of shops, apartments and gas stations. After the incident, it was decided to move roughly 300 families from this territory.

**Earthquake (November 2000)**  
On November 25, 2000 two consecutive quakes with the magnitudes 6,5 and 5,8 stroke the capital of Azerbaijan – Baku city. Intensity of the quakes in coastal regions of Apsheron peninsula was about 6-7. Some minor damages were incurred to buildings. No human loss was registered as the result of the earthquake.

**Flood (May 2010)**  
In May 2010 unusually large amounts of rain in the south of Azerbaijan caused the Kura River to rise to its highest level in over 100 years, bursting dams and overflowing onto nearby villages. This unprecedented level of flooding hit hardest in the Sabirabad, Imishli, Saatli districts, which is near the confluence of the Kura and Araz rivers. More than 24,000 people were affected with tens of thousands of homes flooded or destroyed and 50,000 hectares of farmland inundated.

Fig.3-1-1 Basic Information of Azerbaijan