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STRENGTHENING THE PREVENTION AND PREPAREDNESS SYSTEMS IN GEORGIA

BACKGROUND

Disasters of different nature and intensity, occurring in Georgia, are recurrent and hinder the country's sustainable development and poverty reduction efforts.



Summer Mountain Rescue Training. ©FDFA

Georgia joined the countries in signing up the Hyogo Framework for Action, demonstrating that DRR is one of the countries priorities. However, DRR related legislation is more response and recovery rather than prevention and mitigation oriented. Improvements for long-term preventive planning and prioritization at national, regional and local levels are also endeavored. Government of Georgia is showing increasing interest and more commitment to DRR. Therefore, systemic approaches and methodologies for planning and prioritization of preventive measures using various weighting factors (based on risk but including political decisions) resulting in more efficient use of state budget resources are sought out. In addition, capacity building for existing response units at municipal level countrywide is needed.

FACTS

Country: Georgia

Duration: 1 Aug '13-30 Sep '16

Total Budget: CHF 650'000

PROJECT OBJECTIVE

The project's overall goal is to improve disaster management capacities at all governmental levels in Georgia.

Objective 1 (prevention/risk management): A systemic approach for risk management methodology is applied at all governmental levels for an optimal prioritization of preventive measures to be financed from national and local budgets.

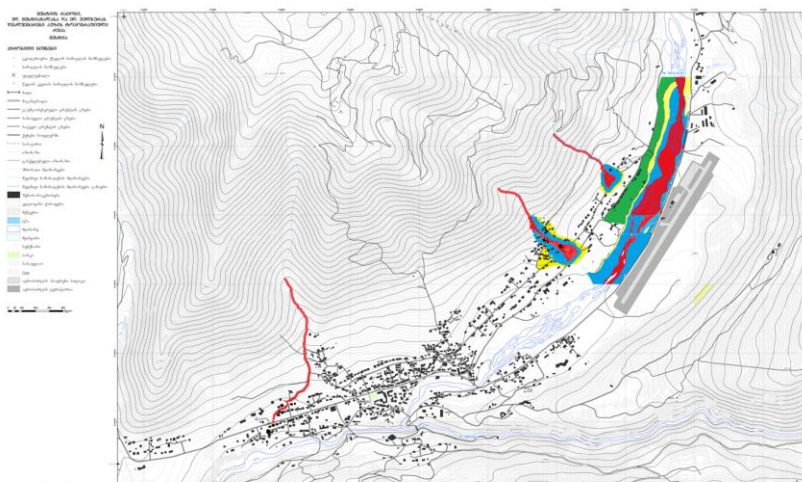
Objective 2 (preparedness): A functioning vocational training for fire fighters and rescuers is in place increasing the capacities of the first responders and assuring an operative and sustainable response system countrywide.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

With the current project, disaster management efforts of GoG are supported through the introduction of methodologies of risk mapping and cost benefit analysis (prevention) and rolling out of the certified vocational training for municipal fire fighter and rescuer (preparedness).

PROJECT RESULTS

- High level officials are aware of the importance of unified guidelines and systemic approaches for DRR;
- Risk maps and cost benefit analysis for the project region are developed including the definition and implementation of concrete preventive measures;
- Local authorities and communities of the project region are informed about and use the developed methodologies for site prioritization;
- Firefighting/rescue units from Samegrelo Upper Svaneti and Shida Kartli regions are equipped for basic rescue operations and have competent staff able to respond appropriately during the rescue missions.



Hazard Map of Mestia, Svaneti. ©FDFA

PROJECT PARTNER

Implementing partners:

Ministry of Environment Protection (MEP) and Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA) on central level, as well as municipalities on local level

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