

## ***Implementations of Sendai Framework in Azerbaijan***

The Government of Azerbaijan has been actively engaged in strengthening national capacities for disaster preparedness and risk reduction. Efforts are underway to ensure a systematic approach in identifying and assessing the risks and minimizing the socio-economic impacts of disasters.

Legal and policy framework for disaster risk reduction in our country has been reflected in the laws and regulation of the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The Ministry covers the main fields with regard to the prevention of disasters and reduction of such risks, namely crisis management, fire control and protection, civil defense, state material reserves, water resources, search and rescue teams, safety control in construction, industrial safety, medical services, aviation teams, and control over nuclear and radiological activity. The regional centers have been set up recently in order to ensure the implementation of the activity of the Ministry all over the country.

The main objectives of the successful activity in the field of disaster risk reduction are - the integration of risk reduction in national reconstruction efforts, policy development and capacity development to improve preventive measures, risk awareness and assessment including hazard analysis and vulnerability, knowledge development, including education, training and research, integration of disaster risk reduction in emergency response management, development of early warning systems including forecasting, preparedness measures and response capacities, improvement of communications.

The official institutionalization of activities and the introduction of informal settings in the field of Disaster Risk Reduction among the relevant national stakeholders have been necessary already from the early national attempts to act in line with the strategic approach and the goals set by the **Hyogo Framework of Action 2005-2015 and Sendai Framework 2015-2030**.

Today, our authorities are actively working on a draft **Law of the Azerbaijan Republic on population and territories protection in emergency situations** which will take on an official level for creating the National Platform.

The objective of the Law mentioned above will work for the all stakeholders and by extension it target groups at the central, regional and local levels, to gain:

- an increased awareness of other actors' activities in this area
- better coordination for the development and dissemination of knowledge, methods and data in this area
- a more efficient use of resources in this area
- greater opportunities for national and international collaboration
- tangible benefits of a strong national network

Now according to the principal national legislation for civil protection the basic goals of the civil protection system (protection of life, health and property of citizens from natural and manmade disasters) are met through working out prevention plans and programmes for all kinds of risks (natural and manmade), taking appropriate measures of preparedness and undertaking prevention, preparedness, response and recovery actions.

These plans and programmes are elaborated with all the component authorities in national, regional and local level. In a wider perspective, Azerbaijan, takes actively part on a wider policy and strategy planning for disaster risk reduction. In the past years, the idea of a coherent policy for Disaster Risk Reduction, as determined by its UN definition, has been diffused to a number of governmental policies and sectoral plans, under the responsibility of the relevant Ministries. The multi-sectoral co-ordination of public authorities in disaster prevention and mitigation measures, as part of the wider DDR management, has been one of the main responsibilities of the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Azerbaijan from the beginning. Coordination activities engage a number of actors included in the forces and means of civil protection, such as: a) Specialized executives for civil protection at national, regional and local level who are assigned with the supervision of development and application of plans, programs and measures of civil protection and co-ordination of all necessary actions, b) all governmental, regional and local agencies and public companies that are in charge at operational level for concrete actions of preparedness and response to disasters, c) Volunteer Organizations as well as specialized volunteers at national, regional or local level included in the planning made by the Ministry of Emergency Situations of Azerbaijan and assigned with the support of plans and actions of prevention, preparedness and response.

It is very important for Azerbaijan to understand the National capacity of the disaster management system strengthened to reduce unacceptable risks and improve response and recovery activities by adopting a comprehensive risk management CULTURE for governmental agencies and communities

The main activities of the Government are in compliance with the Sendai Framework strategic goals and priorities for action and include the following:

1. To propose and to coordinate the national policy and the applying of good practices in the field of disaster protection;
2. To develop an Annual Working Program for its activities, priorities and tasks in compliance with the strategic goals in the field of disaster protection and disaster risk reduction;
3. To organize the development of a Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy;
4. To organize the preparation of the Sendai Progress reports and to send them to the UNISDR Secretariat; Finnish national platform is aiming at improving the preparedness of the society and reduce the damage caused by possible natural disasters
6. To support the stakeholders in developing and integrating monitoring systems;
8. To support the development of methodologies for disaster risk analysis, assessment and mapping.
9. To support the Cabinet of Ministers in planning of financial resources for disaster protection and disaster risk reduction;
10. To analyze and give opinion to international documents in the field of disaster risk reduction and disaster protection;
11. To organize the development of guidelines for education and training in the field of disaster protection;
12. To organize and support information campaigns for different types of risks and how to react in case of disasters.

Another IMPORTANT goal of Azerbaijan national platform is also to pull together different actors and utilize the work that already has been done and coordinate better the work that is going to be done as far as natural disasters are concerned

Management in emergency situations - the theory and practice

- Science in reducing disaster risk - the theoretical foundations and developments in practice
- Climate change, extreme weather conditions and the necessary adjustments
- Raising awareness on the hazards and safety culture development (education, role of media, promotional activities)
- Early warning and capacity development for response to emergency situations and disasters
- International cooperation in disaster risk reduction

For the purposes of incorporating disaster risk reduction in educational policy and educational system “integrating education and DRR” project has been

carried out. Four main cities and two regions along the Kur and Araz rivers have been identified due to the likelihood of earthquake, floods and landslides. During the project the government officials addressed the needs and concerns of children and the ways of incorporating aspects of disaster preparedness and risk reduction in the

national educational curriculum and policies have been explored, specific guides have been elaborated and distributed to schools, sector managers and teachers in target communities have been trained, 8.100 children obtained the required knowledge and skills in disaster preparedness and risk reduction, Emergency School Committee and Sub-Committees were created with the direct participation of schoolchildren, special exercises on disaster simulations have been held.

Today we can officially talk about the benefits of all this story for Azerbaijan. Regarding the revised point of view from various experts we can emphasize the three main points:

. Established a better common understanding of the Hyogo and Sendai Frameworks and NDRR on which lie the foundations of preparedness, response and recovery as integral to disaster risk reduction

Illustrated the role of different stakeholders in DRR, the integrated nature between the sectors in DRR and the importance of coordination between stakeholders.

Presented and discussed the concepts and guidances of Hyogo Framework and Sendai Frameworks for Action as well as the implementation and follow-up to the strategic goals and priorities for upcoming HFA 2

Also we should mark the points we need to update.

To propose the roadmaps for adapting the national legislations in the field of disaster protection;

Describe a pragmatic view on the mechanisms and objectives of the common border states during rescue operations

To support the stakeholders in forming the policy for further development of the National System for Early Warning and Notification of the Executive Bodies and the Population in case of Disasters and its integration with other systems;

We are looking forward to the interactive dialogue and fruitful discussions today.

