

# PROJECT INFO

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## CHALLENGE

The country's population, environment and economy are highly exposed to natural disasters, such as earthquakes, floods and wildfires. The effects of climate change will have a negative impact on the citizens and the country's overall development objectives.

Throughout the past years, UNDP supported the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning to prepare the First and Second National Communication to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The findings show that the most vulnerable sectors, likely to be hit by climate change effects in the future, are agriculture, water resources, biodiversity, forestry and human health. It is therefore very important to strengthen the capacities of national and local institutions to better deal with disaster and climate risk reduction.

## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of this project is to reduce disaster and climate risks in the country.

This will be achieved by assessing the national and local institutions capacities to deal with disaster and climate risks capacities, identifying gaps, establishing priorities and recommendations to be included into the national climate risk management strategies and programmes.

The project will also work on raising public awareness on disaster and climate risks, with a particular focus on the most vulnerable groups.

## EXPECTED RESULTS

It is expected that thanks to this project, the national and local institutions' capacities to deal with disaster and climate risks will be strengthened.

A comprehensive Disaster Risk Assessment will be undertaken to identify all existing gaps. Based on that priorities and recommendations will be included into the national climate risk management strategies and programmes.

Also, a web-based software application and disaster risk maps will be developed. In parallel, a series of actions will be taken at local level to reduce vulnerabilities and strengthen the capacities of municipalities in the country to better manage disaster and climate risks.

Disaster and climate risk management plans will be developed for a set of selected high risk municipalities.

Small scale demonstration projects and pilot measures will be carried out to show the advantages of having better prepared municipalities.

Also, a series of public awareness, advocacy and educational campaigns will be carried out country-wide.

## GOVERNMENT COUNTERPARTS:

National Crisis Management Centre, municipalities, research and academic institutions, and civil society

## FINANCED BY:

National Crisis Management Centre, municipalities and UNDP

## BUDGET:

\$ 230,000

## PROJECT DURATION / IMPLEMENTING PERIOD:

The project will be implemented in period 2011 – 2013

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