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UNDP Strengthens Emergency Preparedness and Response Capacities of the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defence

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On 15 May 2017, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Tajikistan handed over eleven vehicles to the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defence (CoES) under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan to strengthen their search and rescue capacity.

Technical assistance was provided within the framework of “Strengthening Preparedness and Response Capacities” project supported by *Russian Federation – UNDP Trust Fund for Development*. The project aims to build national capacities in preparedness and disaster response operations through (1) establishment of a “Unified System on Preparedness and Response” to ensure better coordination amongst government structures and (2) strengthening search and rescue capacities of Tsentrospas (specialized department of CoES responsible for SAR operations) to enable timely and qualified search and rescue services.



RF's Ambassador to Tajikistan, H.E. Igor Lyakin-Frolov (left), CoES Chairman, Rustom Nazarzoda (center) and an Assistant to Resident Representative of UNDP in Tajikistan, Mubin Rustamov (right) at the Handover Ceremony

Within the frame of the project, UNDP strives to enhance institutional capacities of the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defence in coordination with the Ministry of Emergency Situations of Russian Federation. It is expected that the government structures will be able to coordinate more effectively, develop response plan and lead the search and rescue interventions.

Mr. Rustom Nazarzoda, Chairman of the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, said: “Machinery received within the frame of the project will strengthen the capacities of search and rescue teams during response operations”.



All-terrain transportation trucks and a mobile crane handed over to the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defence

In his turn, Ambassador of Russian Federation to the Republic of Tajikistan, H.E. Igor Lyakin-Frolov said: “Russian Federation will continue its strategic cooperation with the Government of Tajikistan through technical assistance and staff development through engagement of the experts of EMERCOM and “All-Russian Civil Defense and Emergencies Research Institute”.

Mr. Mubin Rustamov, Assistant to Resident Representative of UNDP in Tajikistan stated: “This initiative is part of a bigger plan to support CoES and UNDP will continue its efforts to strengthen the technical and human capacities of the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense as well as disaster risk reduction activities in Tajikistan”.

The Agreement on establishment of the Russian Federation-UNDP Trust Fund for Development (TFD) was signed by UNDP Administrator Helen Clark and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on 11 June 2015, with initial funding of US\$25 million to support development cooperation activities in developing countries around the world in the following focus areas: sustainable development, poverty reduction, rural development, sustainable energy and management of water resources, HIV/AIDS, disaster risk reduction and emergency preparedness, disaster response and early recovery.

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