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Disaster Risk Management Support to Microloan Organizations

The Disaster Risk Management Programme, UNDP Tajikistan recently collaborated with the Association for Microfinance Organizations of Tajikistan (AMFOT) on a training to strengthening the capacity of microloan organizations to identify and address natural disaster related risk. The challenge faced by microloan organization is a need to manage the risks associated with their loan portfolios, while also managing the impact of disasters on their facilities, access to funds and post disaster demand for loans for reconstruction and recovery.



The one-day training, on **Disaster and Micro-Loans: Challenges and Options for Managers**, was held at the Dushanbe Plaza on 13 August 2013. The training was attended by eighteen representatives of national and regional microloan organizations. The training focused on enabling microloan organizations to identify and address disaster risks and covered theoretical presentations on disaster risk management and practical exercises on identifying and addressing risks. In the course of the training, participants completed a self-

assessment of their organizations' natural disaster risk management to identify areas needing further improvement.

The training materials, including a PowerPoint® presentation and **Trainer's Guide**, are available at <http://www.untj.org/coordination-mechanisms/disaster-management/news-and-reports> .

DRMP encourages organizations involved in microloans to use these materials to strengthen their own disaster risk management.

The training and training materials were funded by UNDP's Bureau of Crisis Prevention and Recovery. Since 2006, UNDP's Disaster Risk Management Programme has managed over \$ 12,000,000 to support disaster risk management in Tajikistan. Details on DRMP's work to reduce the risk of disaster in Tajikistan can be found at <http://www.undp.tj/site/index.php/en/our-programme/crisis-prevention-a-recovery/77-drmp>

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