The United Nations Development Programme and EMERCOM of Russia Held a Training
For the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense

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On 18 – 21 September 2017, training on Unified Emergency Preparedness and Response System for emergency situations was conducted within the framework of the project “Strengthening capacities in preparedness and response”, funded by the Russian Trust Fund for Development and implemented by UNDP in Tajikistan. The training was conducted by experts of the All-Russian Research Institute for Civil Defense and Emergencies under the Ministry of Emergencies of for the members of the newly formed Unified Emergency Preparedness and Response System for emergency situations.

The main purpose of the training was building capacities of officials of civil defense and the State Commission for prevention of emergencies of the Republic of Tajikistan. One of the invited experts, Michael E. Baryshev, chief of operations at the All-Russian Research Institute for Civil Defense and Emergencies said: ”objective of the training is comprised of two main components: the understanding of the correctness of the chosen path and weak points, so further work will be based on the achieved result.”

During the four-day training, the issues of planning of prevention action and methodology and technologies of emergency response, as well as ways of increase of state systems’ efficiency were addressed. Moreover, practical trainings on the assessment of readiness of municipal authorities to prevent and eliminate emergency situations and administration bodies’ algorithms to prepare proposals for decision-making in time of emergencies were conducted.

M. M. Salimzoda, Deputy Chairman of CoES noted the importance of the training for representatives of all ministries and agencies, as "the CoES not the only body that is responsible for emergency response, it should be based on the cooperation. According to the decree of the Republic of Tajikistan on the establishment of the Unified State Emergency Preparedness and Response System, CoES is the coordinator”.

The aim of the project "Strengthening capacities in preparedness and response" is the development of national capacities in the field of
prevention and liquidation of emergency situations by (1) creating a "Unified Emergency Preparedness and Response System for emergency situations" to ensure effective coordination between government agencies and (2) strengthening search and rescue capacity of Tsentrospas (a division of CoES responsible for conducting search and rescue operations) to ensure timely and qualified search-and-rescue operations.

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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