

Humanitarian Aid, Disaster Risk Reduction

Flood Prevention by the Local Authorities in Tsageri, Georgia



Background

Since the collapse of the Soviet system almost no measures have been taken to prevent or decrease the risk of natural disasters in Georgia.

This lack of preventive measures cause the seasonal rains to turn into floods, like was the case in April 2005, in western and later also in some parts of eastern Georgia. A number of houses, roads and bridges were then destroyed.

The reconstruction of damaged or destroyed objects is extremely expensive for economically poorly developed countries like Georgia, whereas, implementation of preventive measures would be much more affordable.

General Information

Project region:
Georgia

Project duration:
2005-2006

Total budget:
CHF 200'000

Project partner:
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Objectives

The overall goal of the project is to save lives and to reduce economic losses due to natural disasters in the area, by helping to create a model of disaster management at the local level. This is done through supporting the efforts of the government of Georgia in improving its decentralised response capacity in managing natural disasters, best done by guiding the prevention and preparedness efforts of the local government bodies.

Community-based voluntary approaches are encouraged as a complementary element in a coordinated but decentralised rescue structure.

Expected results and activities

The project aims to foster a culture of prevention and preparedness at the Tsageri municipality, and, to document this experience in order to serve as a model for other municipalities. It consists of the following components:

1. Improve the disaster preparedness of the local authorities
2. The supply of equipment
3. Coaching and planning of regular maintenance works
4. Rehabilitation of the water supply system
5. Construction of flood preventives structures].
6. Model development.

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