3P CONSORTIUM

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Main achievements

ACTED

With the objective to reduce vulnerability to disaster risk in eastern Ukraine, a group of international and national organizations have been implementing a range of activities within the ACTED-led 3P Consortium since May 2019. As the project ends in February 2021, the time has come to review some of the progress made by the 3P partners.

The first large-scale event of the program was the “Mind the Gap” Conference on October 23, 2019, aimed at raising awareness and discussing the current situation as it pertains to conflict and industrial risks in Eastern Ukraine. The second conference, "Bridge the Gap,” is planned for February 2021 to discuss program achievements and present recommendations to further reduce industrial and environmental risks in Eastern Ukraine.

Working closely alongside local authorities, ACTED has developed 9 mitigation, response and/or evacuation plans for 5 districts. These plans are addressing either natural or anthropogenic hazards, and support impact risk reduction to assets and populations.

To complement this, ACTED has provided technical support to local authorities in preparation of a live simulation in Popasna on November 7, 2019 aiming at facilitating cooperation between different departments to respond efficiently in case of any emergency situation.

In addition, ACTED provided local authorities and first responders with material support in the amount of approx. UAH 400,000 and improved the timely notification of the population and civil protection authorities about emergencies through installation of a Mass Public Awareness and Information System (MPAIS) in Toretsk municipality.

UKRAINIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

Under the 3P Consortium, and with support from the Danish Red Cross and Austrian Red Cross, volunteers and staff of the Ukrainian Red Cross Society (URCS) have completed a full cycle of trainings: 21 First Aid and 28 Psychological First Aid trainings; 19 Community Emergency Planning sessions and Family Emergency Planning sessions for 936 children.

As a result, 797 people along the contact line have become more prepared against industrial and environmental risks as well as are capable to mitigate the impact of different emergency situations on their communities. This is especially relevant in the context of the ongoing conflict in Eastern Ukraine.
IMPACT INITIATIVES

IMPACT developed the methodology for Multi-Hazard Area-Based Risk Assessments (ABRAs), which analyze geospatial data on hazard exposure and societal assessment data on community vulnerability to investigate risk at the settlement level. Covering both natural and anthropogenic hazards, the ABRAs investigated exposure and vulnerability to disaster risk in the area, based on more than 40 global and local sources.

Five Multi-Hazard Area-Based Risk Assessments were conducted for five raions located along the contact line. This helped to increase risk understanding in the region with a specific focus on natural and anthropogenic risk amplified by conflict presence in the region.

Technical support on using GIS tools and mapping to partners and local authorities. IMPACT developed more than 30 maps covering Donetsk and Luhansk oblast and printed around 100 maps including maps of shelters in Popasna raion, evacuation routes and Toretsk alert system localization.

Ad hoc mapping. Using satellite remote sensing data, IMPACT provided the flood risk mapping and flooded areas detection during flood events at the end of June 2020 in western Ukraine, as well as for wildfires in Luhansk oblast in September 2020.

RIGHT TO PROTECTION

Better understanding

During the project implementation it was discovered that only a few public servants are aware of the Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR). As a result of Right to Protection’s activities, at least 148 people involved in DRR activities have become better aware of SFDRR and its priorities. This outcome improved understanding of risks at all levels and provided Ukrainian DRR practitioners with a broader vision with regards to international DRR strategies.

Better regulation

As an outcome of legal analysis, R2P created several legal solutions. More specifically, a draft concept for creation of a nationwide system for environmental/industrial risks monitoring, 2 reports as well as a White Book on DRR and Civil Protection issues were produced as a result of desk and field research on risks.

Better communication

Right to Protection’s legal analyst has presented and discussed Disaster Risk Reduction in Eastern Ukraine at 9 public events at all levels, including Parliamentary Committee Hearings and 3 radio shows. As a result, key challenges faced by local authorities in the field of environmental and industrial risks have been voiced at national level. Thus, inter-level and inter-sectoral communication on DRR issues has improved significantly. This will feed into better implementation of existing legal regulations, as well as turn law-making initiatives into a more efficient and better coordinated process.