

INFORMATION REPORT ON DISASTER REDUCTION BY THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

Component 1: Political Commitment and Institutional Aspects

Political commitment, strong institutions, and good governance are expected to elevate disaster risk reduction as a policy priority, allocate the necessary resources for it, enforce its implementation and assign accountability for failures, as well as facilitate participation from civil society to private sector. Due to its multi-disciplinary and multi-sectoral nature, disaster reduction falls into the agenda of many diverse institutions which, for effective implementation, requires clear assignment of roles and assumption of responsibilities as well as coordination of activities.

1. **Are there national policy, strategy and legislation addressing disaster risk reduction?** If yes, please describe to what extent current national efforts and main priority areas of the policy, and mechanisms to enforce the implementation of the policy and legislation are applied (and/or attach any relevant documentation).

Legal Framework for disaster management on national and local levels:

- Law No. 4373 dated 14 January 1943 concerning Protection Against Flash Floods
- Law No. 7126 dated 09 June 1958 concerning Civil Defense
- Law No. 7269 dated 25 May 1959 concerning Measures and Assistance to Be Put Into Effects Regarding Natural Disasters Affecting the Life of the General Public
- Directions No. 18851 dated 23 August 1985 concerning Principles of the Functioning, Tasks, Training and Controlling of the Fire Brigades Organizations
- Regulations No. 83/9727 dated 07 September 1985 concerning Radiation Safety
- Directions No. 88/12777 dated 08 May 1988 concerning Organization and Planning Principles of Emergency Assistance related Disaster
- Directions No. 88/12777 dated 08.05.1988 concerning Prime Ministry Emergency Management Center
- Instructions No. 02243 dated 05.10.1998 concerning Prime Ministry Emergency Management Center
- Emergency Management Agency of Turkey has been established, within the body of Prime Ministry, with a “Decree Amending the Decree on the Organizational Structure of the Prime Ministry No: 583”, issued in the Official Gazette No: 23884, dated November 22, 1999.
- Directions of National Implementation relating Nuclear and Radiological hazards dated 15 January 2000
- Emergency Management Agency of Turkey was transformed to Turkey Emergency Management General Directorate (TEMAD) with a decree no: 600 and issued in the official Gazette No: 24079, dated June 14, 2000.