GOAL

To contribute to reducing vulnerability to disasters and to increase the country’s resilience to climate change.

CONTEXT

Disasters can pose threat to human lives and affect Serbia’s economic and environmental standing, diminish the country’s development potential and constitute a risk to economic and social stability. INFORM Global Crisis Severity Index with an average score of 3.5 places Serbia in the group of medium-risk and rather stable countries. Although the applied INFORM methodology assesses Serbian vulnerability as moderately low, it still recognizes institutional and governance shortcomings (scored with 5.2) and DRR (5.7) as having undermining impact on the overall coping capacity. The critical problem of the Serbian Disaster Risk Reduction and Emergency Management System is the fragmentation of the institutional framework, procedures, and insufficient capacities at the central and local level for adequate prevention, preparedness and response to emergency needs of the communities and population.

FOCUS

• Improving capacities at the national and local level for preparedness and response in case of accidents and disasters through upgrading infrastructural and human capacities,

• Improving the institutional coordination at the horizontal and vertical level, upgrading technical and operational capacities,

• Contributing to advanced cooperation across sectors and enabling a faster, better coordinated and more effective response to natural and man-made disasters.
**CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES**

**INFRASTRUCTURAL UPGRADES**
- Central command facility of the sector for emergency management, (SEM) reconstructed and the Republic information centre established.
- First training centre of civil protection units established.

**PROCUREMENT OF THE EQUIPMENT**
- 27 firefighting vehicles and equipment for the reaction in the cases of forest and wildfires procured.
- 12 ambulance vehicles, 2 decontamination vehicles and sets of highly protective suits for health workers procured.
- 721 tons of medical equipment and supplies delivered for combating COVID-19 induced epidemic.
- Strengthened technical capacity of MRSS through procurement of specialised equipment, uniforms and vehicles.
- Improved flood protection system in West Morava basin through procurement of mobile dams.
- Improved dialogue at a local level for better prevention, response and recovery after disasters.

**EXPECTED RESULTS**
- 40 representatives of the mountain rescue service of Serbia trained for high-risk rescue operations.
- Civil protection units strengthened in 18 municipalities and cities.
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- **MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**: 721 tons delivered for combating COVID-19 induced epidemic.
- **CIVIL PROTECTION UNITS**: Strengthened in 18 municipalities and cities.
- **TENTS**: 900 representatives of LGU and civil protection units trained on emergency response.
- **MOBILE DAMS**: Improved flood protection system in West Morava basin through procurement of mobile dams.
- **DAM**: Central command facility of the sector for emergency management, (SEM) reconstructed and the Republic information centre established.
- **MOUNTAIN RESCUE SERVICE**: 40 representatives trained for high-risk rescue operations.
- **CIVIL PROTECTION UNITS**: Strengthened in 18 municipalities and cities.
- **EMERGENCY RESPONSE**: Improved dialogue at a local level for better prevention, response and recovery after disasters.