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Highlights

- In July, the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense (CoES) led **the National Simulation Exercise (SIMEX)** incorporating, for the first time, the logistics preparedness components such as Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) assembling, logistics coordination and information sharing including the national portal for pre-positioned stock mapping and analysis developed in collaboration with STOCK of Humanitarian Organisations Logistics Mapping (STOCKHOLM). During the two-day exercise, the participants from line ministries, frontline agencies, National Red Crescent Society, United Nations organisations, and national and international NGOs put their logistics knowledge and skills into practice and learned the importance of effective logistics preparedness and response.

- In September, **the Five-Year National Logistics Preparedness Action Plan was officially endorsed** by Tajikistan's National Platform for Disaster Risks and Reduction (DRR), where **the National Logistics Preparedness Working Group (NLPWG) Fact Sheet** was also disseminated to decision-makers who are members of the Platform for further advocacy of logistics preparedness activities in-country. This key milestone marked the transition of logistics preparedness activities from the Field-Based Preparedness Project to full national ownership led by CoES and the NLPWG.

Tajikistan's national SIMEX in-action, evacuating affected population to safe areas, on 27-28 July 2023.

CoES representative presented the NLPWG Action Plan at the Tajikistan National DRR Platform on 22 September 2023.

Background

Based on risk indices and national-level logistics performance and capacity indicators, in 2020, Tajikistan was identified as one of the country candidates for the Global Logistics Cluster's Field-Based Preparedness Project (FBPP). The project's primary aim is to support and empower national actors to strengthen their capacity to autonomously prepare for and respond to humanitarian crises. A key element of this is facilitating a coordinated approach towards improving the resilience of local humanitarian supply chains and supporting effective information exchange between the government, national actors, and the private sector to ensure all actors are well prepared for joint humanitarian logistics responses. In a large-scale disaster event, should

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the Government of Tajikistan request international humanitarian assistance, the Global Logistics Cluster capacities can support national actors in facilitating a coordinated response.

In March 2021, a Preparedness Expert was deployed to Tajikistan to map national logistics capacities and stakeholders. He worked with national counterparts to socialise the system's capacity-strengthening framework and approach and assist them in identifying a Capacity Outcome Statement, which will guide subsequent capacity-strengthening initiatives based on the identified local needs. A national Preparedness Officer was recruited and came on board in July 2021 to ensure the smooth handover of Project activities and continuous engagement with the national stakeholders.

In the final quarter of 2021, the National Preparedness Officer conducted various meetings with CoES and NLPWG members to strengthen humanitarian logistics preparedness through coordination and logistics information sharing. In line with the Institutional Capacity Strengthening (ICS) approach, a piloted Capacity Needs Mapping (CNM) exercise was conducted with a CoES Working Group in September. In December, another CNM exercise was conducted with CoES, NLPWG members, and private sector representatives to discuss the existing capacities of the Humanitarian Supply Chain &Logistics (HSC&L) system and identify gaps and challenges that hamper the system.

In 2022, building upon the CNM findings, the FBPP continued supporting CoES and NLPWG as they strengthened national humanitarian logistics capacities by developing the national logistics preparedness action plan and the national logistics information sharing portal. The Action Plan will further guide strategic decisions and actions for Tajikistan's national humanitarian supply chain and logistics preparedness, whereas the information portal will facilitate strategic and operational decision-making and logistics coordination among the relevant stakeholders in-country.

Coordination

- On 27-28 July 2023, the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense (CoES) led the conduct of the National Simulation Exercise (SIMEX) with support from the FBPP and other partners such as the Aga Khan Agency for Habitat, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and the World Food Programme. As part of the national emergency preparedness measure, the case-based scenario allows table-top planning and on-the-ground practice to evacuate the affected population in an emergency to safe areas. This year was the first time logistics components were ever integrated into the national SIMEX agenda, such as Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) provision, Logistics Coordination, and National Information Portal on Stocks Prepositioning, etc. to enhance the national response capacity through effective logistics coordination and information-sharing.

- This large-scale National SIMEX was attended by over 400 participants from line ministries, frontline agencies, the Red Crescent Society, the United Nations organisations, and international and national non-governmental organisations in-country. The survey at the end of the exercise showed that the participants found the exercise practical and useful in preparing for timely and effective emergency decisions and operations.

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- On 22 September 2023, the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction was convened to discuss the country wide DRR and preparedness activities within the framework of 2023-2025 implementation plan under the Medium-term State Programme for protecting populations and territories from emergencies for 2023-2028. CoES representative presented the National Logistics Preparedness Working Group and its Five-Year Logistics Preparedness Action Plan, entailing joint commitments of relevant stakeholders in enhancing logistics preparedness coordination and effective emergency response. The Action Plan has been officially endorsed by the National DRR Platform, marking the conclusion of the FBPP intervention in Tajikistan and transfer of logistics preparedness activities to national ownership.

- The Preparedness Officer remotely participated in the WFP-led Regional Supply Chain Country Capacity Strengthening (CCS) Workshop on 28-29 September 2023 and shared key learnings from the FBPP in Tajikistan on Institutional Capacity Strengthening of nationally-led humanitarian supply chain and logistics preparedness.

Information management

- The quarterly report and infographic updates on the FBPP implementation between **April and June 2023** have been published on the [Tajikistan Preparedness Webpage](). Key documents are also available in Russian.

- The official endorsement of the five-year National Logistics Preparedness Action Plan has been featured in different Logistics Cluster's global social media platforms:

  - [LinkedIn]()
  - [Facebook]()
  - [Instagram]()
  - [Twitter (X)]()

- The Tajikistan's National Logistics Preparedness Working Group (NLPWG) fact sheet has been developed as an advocacy material and communication tool to engage interested partners on further collaboration, commitment, and support on logistics preparedness in-country. The NLPWG fact sheet was also disseminated at the national DRR platform meeting on 22 September 2023 to inform decision-makers in logistics preparedness efforts led by CoES and NLPWG members. The NLPWG Factsheet has been published on the Tajikistan Preparedness webpage and is now available in:

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Russian: [Tajikistan - National Logistics Working Group Factsheet, Russian, September 2023 | Logistics Cluster Website (logcluster.org)](logcluster.org)

English: [Tajikistan - National Logistics Working Group Factsheet, September 2023 | Logistics Cluster Website (logcluster.org)](logcluster.org)

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