Ministry of Internal Affairs
Emergency Management Agency

System, mission, organization, mandate, emergency operations coordination

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Geographical position of Kosovo
Constitutional Order

Legislative

Executive

Judiciary
Overall goals

The parliament has established the following goals for Kosovo’s security:

▪ to protect the life and health of the population,
▪ to protect society's functionality,
▪ to safeguard our ability to maintain our fundamental values such as democracy, rule of law and human rights and freedoms.

“What threatens any of the above goals is security threats. With this definition, our safety is also threatened by natural and manmade disasters.”
The vision of EMA:
A safer society in a changing world
EMA aims at:

- Reducing the risks and vulnerabilities of society
- Developing the ability of society to deal with disasters and emergencies
- Strengthening, coordinating and directing the management of disasters, crisis and emergencies
EMA’s mission:

“To support our citizens and first responders to ensure that they work together as one body, with the aim of developing, maintaining and enhancing our capacity to prepare for, protect against, respond to, and recover from all possible risks”
Prevention of disasters and crisis

To make the operators better prepared to:
- Carry out fire and accident prevention work
- Have continuity in societal vital functions
- Manage hazardous substances
- Manage information securely

Management of disasters and crisis

To make the operators better prepared to:
- Carry out rescue operations
- Act coordinated during disasters and crisis
- Support the continuity of government operations in case of devastating disasters
EMA in brief:

- We have about 175 staff members
- We are located in 6 sites: Prishtina, Mitrovica South and North, Peja, Prizren, Gjilan
- We run fixed and mobile training courses (over 250 individuals for this year)
- The EMA is a government authority under the Ministry of Internal Affairs
- EMA director-general is Mr. Fadil Kodra
EMA’s operational mission

The hub for Kosovo’s overall coordination & management of emergencies and crisis
EMA’s operational mission – three roles

Strengthen society during disasters, crisis and emergencies

- Strengthens national preparedness
- Drives first responders’ joint management
- Strengthens first responders’ with training and competence
Our Responsibilities

- Permanent & coherent development of emergency management strategy & policy,
- Risk Assessment,
- National Response Plan’s Development,
- Full implementation of the European Standards on civil preparedness and emergency response in Kosovo,
- Advising Government and public authorities on preparedness and emergency response, and,
- Raising public awareness about Emergency Number 112.
Source of our mandate:

- Law an Emergency Management Agency,
- Law an Protection Against Natural & Other Disasters,
- Law an Fire Protection,
- Law an Fire & Rescue,
- Natural & Other Disasters Risk Assessment,
- National Risk Reduction Strategy & Action Plan,
- Integrated Emergency Management System,
- National Response Plan, and
- Regulations & Administrative Orders resulting from this laws.
EMA’s Emergency Operations Coordination Centre Function:

- to receive, analyze & disseminate incident information's
- to find, prioritize, dislocate & follow up incidents critical resources
- to strengthen national decision making, multiagency communication, coordination & collaboration
TheEmergencyManagementAgencycommunicateswith112EmergencyOperationsCenters,FireBrigades,andothersecurityinstitutionsusingthefollowingtypeofsiscommunication:

- Internetcommunication(Email,VOIP,etc.)
- Communicationthroughfixedandmobiletelephony
- Communicationthroughradiolinks

Exceptcountrycommunicationsystem,EMAhasestablishedapermanentcommunicationandexchange
with

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Early warning partners:

- Hydro meteorological Institute of Kosovo
- National Institute of Public Health of Kosovo
- Kosovo Seismic Institute
- Others as appropriate
Local Level: Incident Response Process

1. Threat
   - Incident

2. Implements Emergency Operation Plan (Activates EOC)
   - Establishes Command Post
   - Manages Incident Resources

3. Declares Local Emergency
   - Conducts damage Assessment
   - Activates Mutual Aid Agreements

4. Issues warnings and evacuations announcements
   - Sets incident objectives/begins tactical operations
   - Requests Central Support
Central Level Involvement

AOC/MIA
Monitors threats and potential incidents

Local First Responders
Arrive first at the scene

Mayor
Activates Local EOC

REOC Chief
Activates 112 REOC

Preliminary Damage Assessment & Requests Declaration from President

AOC/MIA
Evaluates Situation

President
Declares State of Emergency

May convene

President
Establishes framework for course of actions

IMIG

Minister
Reviews situation, assesses the need for emergency declaration & activates elements of NRP

activates

MIA & others
Implement National Response Plan

activates

Emergency Response Team or other elements
Deploy as needed

JFC
Provides coordination of central resources

NRP resources can be deployed in advance of a imminent threat

Central Assistance
Floods and Fires most frequent Kosovo Natural Disasters

Main affected areas from the Floods and Forest Fires
The most often flooded areas in Kosovo

- Flood risk areas in Pirana – River Toplluha
- Flood risk areas in Gjonaj Backwaters, Drini Bardhë
- Flood risk areas in Obiliq, Sitnica River
- Flood risk areas in Lipjan, Sitnica River

Source: Map from Master Plan 1983–2000
SITNICA RIVER, FLOODS 2021 JANUARY 12
FOREST FIRES AND HISTORICAL perspective
Forest fire: (in 234 ha on pure spruce forest (Picea Abies) 2007 MU “Radusha” Istog).

Forest fire: (in 1,564 ha on pure pines forest (Pinus Heldreichii) 2012 MU “Koritnik II” Dragash).
Information Flow in the COVID-19 Pandemic Situation Management! Vertically, and Horizontally
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