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# TURKEY'S DISASTER MANAGEMENT POLICY AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION

## Duties-Authorities-Responsibilities of Local Governments in Disaster Management

- They should include objectives and actions related to disaster risk reduction in their strategic plans.

## Duties, Authorities and Responsibilities Related to Disaster Management in Local Government Legislation

- They make the necessary disaster and emergency plans, prepare the team and equipment, taking into account the characteristics of the town, in order to be protected from fire, industrial accidents, earthquakes and other natural disasters or to reduce their damages.
- They are responsible for making disaster-related plans; providing tools, equipment and material support to disaster areas; conducting fire department and emergency services; detecting production and storage areas of explosive and flammable material, inspecting these areas in terms of measures to be taken against fire and other disasters, issuing permits and licenses required by the legislation in this regard, and evacuating and demolishing buildings that are at risk of disaster or that pose a danger to life and property safety.
- They will prepare local climate action plans.

## Special Provincial Administrations

- Making disaster and emergency plans, preparing teams and equipment in order to protect from fire, industrial accidents, earthquakes and other natural disasters or to reduce their damage; coordinating the preparation of emergency plans

## Ministry of Environment and Urbanization

- Circular on "Climate Change and Disaster Measures" dated January 2019: within the scope of risk reduction measures, cleaning of stream beds, rehabilitation works, terracing works, identification and transformation of structures at risk; taking measures against landslides; identification of disaster risks, preparation of sensitivity maps, raising awareness and establishment of early warning mechanisms"



Turkey's disaster policy, as in many other countries in the international arena, is shaped by the important agreements adopted by the UN in the field of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation recently. Some of those;

- Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR)
- Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAA)
- 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Paris Climate Change Agreement
- World Humanitarian Summit
- HABITAT III

Plans prepared and put into practice in our country to struggle with the problems of desertification, hydro-meteorological disasters and sea level rise as a result of global climate change:

- Turkey's Climate Change Action Plan (İDEP) (2011-2023)
- Turkey's Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan (2011-2023)
- Action Plan to Combat Desertification
- Integrated Urban Development Strategy and Action Plan (2010-2023) (KENTGES)
- Roadmap Document for Climate Change and Related Disasters (2014-2023)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Development Plan

## Major Institutions and Organizations Responsible for Disaster Management

With the understanding of "Turkey's Joint Power in Disasters", it plans, carries out, directs and coordinates disaster management activities at the central level in Turkey, under the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and carries out search and rescue, humanitarian aid, evacuation and transfer activities in disaster situations in the national and international arena, and establishes humanitarian infrastructures.

Provincial Directorates for Disaster and Emergency are responsible for the planning processes related to disaster and emergency at the local level.

## The Role of the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization and Other Institutions and Organizations in Disaster Management

- Control and follow-up of services performed by local governments in the context of disaster management and climate change adaptation
- Duties related to transformation of risky areas determined by the Law on Transformation of Areas Under Disaster Risk
- Guiding the upper-scale spatial planning system, implementing urban transformation practices, determining and monitoring the rules regarding the preparation and approval of risk management and avoidance plans, making, having and approving the geological and geotechnical surveys on which the plans are based, creating disaster-sensitive settlements, producing projects related to rural settlements, ensuring the planned development of coastal areas and providing technical support to local governments.

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