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Iran



Country Information

Region: South West Asia

Population: Approximately 81 million

Capital: Tehran

GDP (US\$): \$439.514 billion

Geography: Iran is a country of mountains and deserts. Eastern Iran is dominated by a high plateau with large salt flats and vast sand deserts. The plateau is surrounded by tall mountains, including the Zagros to the West and the Elburz to the North.

General climate: Iran's climate ranges from arid or semi-arid, to sub-tropical along the Caspian coast and northern forests.

INFORM Risk Rating: 4.9

Risk Summary

- Iran is exposed to multiple hazards, including earthquakes, droughts, floods, forest fires and sand and dust storms.
- Due to its location in the Alpine-Himalayan mountain system, Iran is particularly vulnerable to numerous and severe earthquakes.

Disaster Management System

National Level

- **National Disaster Management Organization (NDMO)**

The NDMO is affiliated to the Ministry of Interior. It is responsible for developing policies and plans of action on disaster management; coordination between national and international organizations; information-dissemination; strengthening regional and international cooperation; training on disaster management and information management.

Sub-National Level

- **Regional (Provincial) and Local (District) Structures**

The national structure of the Ministry of Interior is mirrored at the provincial level.

Disasters in Iran are categorized as being of National, Regional or Local significance. Depending on this classification, the respective authorities take control of relief efforts.

Helpful Links and Sources

Iran country profile:

<https://data.worldbank.org/country/iran-islamic-rep>

Country Report: Iran on Disaster Risk Management:

http://www.adrc.asia/countryreport/IRN/2013/IRN_CR2013B.pdf

Iran DRR profile:

<http://www.adrc.asia/nationinformation.php?NationCode=364&Lang=en&NationNum=38>

INFORM country risk profile:

<http://www.inform-index.org/countries/country-profiles>

NDMO website:

<https://ndmo.ir/>