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Kazakhstan



Country Information

Region: Central Asia

Population: Approximately 18 million

Capital: Astana

GDP (US\$): \$23.409 billion

Geography: Kazakhstan borders China in the east, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan in the south. The Tianshan Mountains are in the south and the Altai Mountains in the east. The Caspian Sea is in the west and is surrounded by desert, plains and hills.

General climate: The climate is continental.

INFORM Risk Rating: 2.2

Risk Summary

- Kazakhstan is highly prone to droughts, earthquakes, river floods and landslides.
- Earthquakes are a significant risk as they affect about 200,000 people and around \$1 billion in GDP every year.
- Floods are the most frequently occurring hazard and have resulted in widespread displacement and secondary impacts such as mudflows. In 2008,

unusually warm weather and heavy rains resulted in the inundation of 48 settlements in the south, displacing 13,000 people.

Disaster Management System

National Level

The President's Decree "On measures aimed to prevent disasters in the territory of the Republic" (2004), provides the long-term direction for national disaster management.

The Ministry of Emergency Situations: The Ministry is the prime organization in the central government responsible for emergency and disaster response activities. It is responsible for controlling industrial technical safety, coordinating measures on disaster prevention and DRR, and supervising the national fire service.

Helpful Links and Sources

Kazakhstan country profile:

<https://data.worldbank.org/country/kazakhstan>

INFORM country risk profile:

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

Information on DRR in Kazakhstan:

<http://www.adrc.asia/nationinformation.php?NationCode=398&Lang=en&NationNum=05>

Kazakhstan disaster risk profile:

<https://www.gfdr.org/kazakhstan>