

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION & MANAGEMENT



IOM-sponsored relief operations

IOM Iran is adopting a multifaceted approach to disaster risk reduction and management, encompassing immediate relief efforts, capacity building, and a proactive stance on climate change, in order to support the country's disaster management capacities.

Iran's geographic characteristics, together with the effects of climate change, leave the country vulnerable to slow onset and sudden disasters. The country's preparedness to face emergencies is stifled by unstable economic conditions, weakened institutions, and the impact of sanctions.

To face these challenges, IOM Iran has been actively engaged in collaborative efforts with Iran's National Disaster Management Organization (NDMO) and the Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS), offering technical and capacity-building assistance. IOM is also the lead of the Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) cluster, coordinating the assistance, services and protection activities in displacement sites.

The mission is planning a comprehensive capacity-building initiative which aims to equip NDMO and the National Disaster Research Institute (NDRI) with the necessary knowledge and skills to better prepare for and respond to future emergencies.

Moreover, IOM is seeking to strengthen the capacities of the UN Disaster Management Team (UNDMT) in Iran, an inter-agency mechanism designed to provide emergency preparedness and response support to the Iranian government by providing immediate assistance to populations affected by disasters.

Finally, IOM is designing initiatives addressing the climate change-migration nexus in Iran, where meteorological hazards are expected to increase in frequency and intensity and are already reversing development gains and deepening communities' vulnerability.

In September 2023, Tehran hosted the UN International Conference on Combating Sand and Dust Storms. During the conference, IOM highlighted the need to enable safe and regular mobility in the context of climate change through disaster risk reduction and adaptation actions.

RESPONSE TO EARTHQUAKE IN KHOY



School supplies that a beneficiary purchased thanks to IOM assistance.

In January 2023, a deadly earthquake hit the Iranian province of West Azerbaijan, near the city of Khoy, inflicting significant damage to thousands of buildings.

With funding from CERF and ONE UN Impact Fund, IOM provided electrical equipment to address the energy needs of families living in earthquake-affected villages. The unit also conducted a mission to assess the needs of impacted households.

In the following months, **IOM supported 4900 individuals through Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance**, a dignifying measure to allow beneficiaries to prioritize their choices.

The assistance will be used to rebuild homes, improve the living conditions of the temporary shelters, and cater to beneficiaries' diverse additional needs.



Meeting between IOM Iran and NDRI