**Advancing Disaster Risk Monitoring and Information System in Tajikistan**

**Dushanbe** – On 14 March 2025, with support from the UNDRR and the Government of Switzerland’s joint project Strengthening Resilience to Disasters and Climate Change in Tajikistan, the first meeting of the National Platform Working Group on Monitoring and Information System Development took place. This initiative focuses on tracking the implementation of the National Strategy for DRR and the Mid-term State Program for Protection of Population and Territories from Emergency Situations. This Working Group was established within the framework of the National Platform of the Republic of Tajikistan for Disaster Risk Reduction and consists of experts - representatives of the relevant ministries and agencies of the Republic of Tajikistan.

Establishment of the National Platform Working Group to develop a Monitoring and Information System for the National DRR Strategy and the Mid-term State Program is an important milestone in strengthening the disaster risk management system in Tajikistan. Prioritized under the Mid-term Program and Action Plan 2023-2025, this initiative is a critical step in enhancing national resilience and preparedness. The system will empower members of the National Platform for DRR by significantly improving the effectiveness of strategy implementation, promoting transparency and accountability, and meaningfully engaging all stakeholders, including communities, in resilience building efforts. It is noteworthy that the approach proposed for the monitoring and information process is unique in the Central Asian region.

Mr. Jamshed Kamolzoda, Leader of the Working Group, Executive Secretary of the National DRR Platform, Head of the Main Department for Protection of Population and Territories from Emergency Situations of the Committee for Emergency Situations and Civil Defense noted: “Establishment of a Monitoring and Information System for the implementation of the National DRR Strategy is timely and essential, is envisaged in the Action Plan for the implementation of the Mid-term State Program of the National Strategy and will contribute to the effective implementation of the objectives of the Strategy”.

Mr. Andrew Bower, Country Support Programme Manager of the Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia of the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction underlined “the critical role of the National Platform for DRR in strengthening DRR coordination efforts in Tajikistan, and the contribution of the Deputy Prime Minister as the National Platform Chairman and the Committee for Emergency Situations and Civil Defense as Secretariat of the National Platform. Through a comprehensive indicator framework, the Monitoring and Information System will help capture the efforts carried out across different government sectors in contributing to DRR and resilience building in Tajikistan”.

Ms. Svetlana Jumaeva, Senior Program Officer on DRR and Climate Change of the Swiss Cooperation Office in Tajikistan noted: “With support from our joint project with UNDRR, the Tajikistan National DRR Platform will enhance its strategic direction and thematic priorities while coordinating joint actions with relevant DRR stakeholders. A relevant and effective information system for the National DRR Platform will be maintained, ensuring systematic monitoring of the National DRR Strategy’s implementation.”

The Working Group on the development of the monitoring and information system for the National DRR Strategy and the Mid-term State Program identified the functions of the participants of the monitoring and information system, the tasks for the establishment of the system, including the development of indicators, and committed to meeting on a quarterly basis in support of the National Platform coordination process.