

Organization of effective crisis management concerning health in the Republic of Srpska / Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Crisis situations concerning health

Crisis situations in which Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (hereinafter: Ministry) has the leading role in terms of crisis preparedness and response are as follows:

- ✓ Pandemic declaration by the World Health Organization,
- ✓ Occurrence of the public health events of international concern according to International Health Regulations (2005) in the Republic of Srpska/Bosnia and Herzegovina,
- ✓ Contagious disease epidemic declaration of greater importance to the Republic of Srpska, and
- ✓ Mass poisoning in the Republic of Srpska with food or water that is not safe.

Crisis situations concerning health

Crisis situations in which Ministry does not have leading role, but it actively participates in crisis preparedness and response are:

- ✓ public poisoning with chemical substances,
- ✓ mass violation of health of the population due to objects of general use,
- ✓ mass violation of health of the population due to ionizing and non-ionizing radiation,
- ✓ other natural disasters.

General Framework

- Policy for Improvement of Health of the Population in the Republic of Srpska by the year 2020
 - ✓ control of communicable and non-communicable diseases and improving health security through:
 - implementation of International Health Regulations (2005) WHO,
 - improving information exchange and implementation of joint control concerning the appearance of diseases among public health authorities,
 - development of inter-sectoral, multi-hazard approach for preparedness in case of emergency or crisis.
 - ✓ strengthening of public health capacities and crisis preparedness
 - ✓ promotion and adoption of the approach „health in all politics “

Legislative Framework

- Health Protection Law
- Law on Protection of Population from Communicable Diseases
- Law on Health Insurance
- Law on Crisis Preparedness and Response

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- The Government of the Republic of Srpska
- Ministry of Health and Social Welfare and other ministries of the Government of The Republic of Srpska
- The Republic of Srpska Direction of Civil Protection
- Institute for Public Health of the Republic of Srpska
- Health care facilities

Crisis preparedness and response and organization of health system

- Risk Assessment against Natural Disasters in the Republic of Srpska
- Program for Prevention and Suppression, Elimination and Eradication of Communicable Diseases in the Republic of Srpska in the year 2014.
- Plan for Crisis Communication in the Field of Public Health Emergences

Futur activities

- Improving preparedness concerning crisis situations in the health sector.
- Enhancing inter-sectoral cooperation in response to crisis situations.
- Improving the treatment of wounded in emergencies.
- Considering aspects of development of human recourses concerning management in crisis situations in the health.

Conclusion

- Activities on crisis preparedness and response concerning health represent one part of inter-sectoral cooperation
- It is necessary to provide adequate and structural ways of communication and coordination to improve organization of crisis preparedness and response concerning health

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION...

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