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Baofeng County is getting ready!

Baofeng County, Henan Province, China



Population: 495,000 (2009)

Type of Hazard(s):

Drought, Floods, Windstorms, Snowstorms

At the beginning of the year, disasters such as snowstorms and frost usually occur under the co-effect of cold atmosphere and the warm air current; in spring when it is time for wheat to grow, there are usually plant diseases, insect infestations and drought caused by climate change. Additionally, floods and windstorms breakout during the summer months and in Autumn Baofeng County experiences droughts.

Disaster Risk Reduction activities

First, citizen awareness of disaster risks needs to be increased through public disaster risk campaigns as well as by improving local governments ability to mitigate disaster risks; second, regular exercises on disaster prevention and mitigation should be organized to improve public service organization and coordination of disaster prevention and mitigation; thirdly, comprehensive and classified emergency response mechanism should be established.

The key point in mitigating disasters lies in preventative measures and the government improving scientific skills to cope with disaster risks.

Shufeng Liu, President of Baofeng County

