



Unique initiative of MES

-Today we have powerful Crisis Management Center and "911" service which already enjoys a high reputation and confidence among the population where young people with disabilities who are computer literate and know languages will be involved. We observe the issue more comprehensive. Besides having a job they must be involved in the field of disaster risk reduction. People with disabilities are mostly vulnerable during disasters. But today the Ministry of Emergency Situations observes them not only as a victim and target who must be rescued but also as a partner. We will involve them into DRR sphere, as existing huge potential does not used effectively.

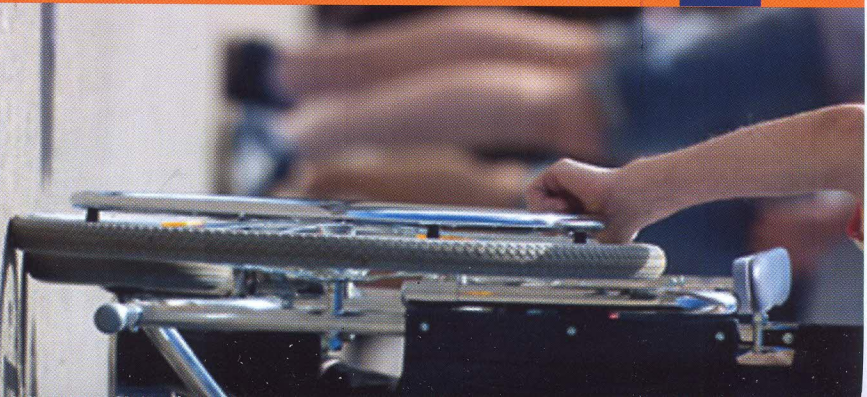
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Thematic group for disabled people in MES
Disaster Risk Reduction National Platform

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A separate thematic group was established for disabled people in MES Disaster Risk Reduction National Platform, to register their needs and problems, to involve them in the field of disaster risk reduction and take into account their opinion in decision-making. The requirements – knowledge, skills and abilities necessary for working in the MES - had been examined and developed in this the thematic group. At first, very high requirements were presented, but seeing that the majority of these people had not been able to obtain higher education, Minister Yertisyan ordered to present an individual approach. It was decided that at first only wheelchair disabled persons will be employed, because they are the most vulnerable. For this purpose 30 vacancies were created with all necessary conditions in the Crisis Management Center of MES. The Minister's message was to inform all people with such disabilities that we are ready to employ them.

Citizens who were chosen according to the results of interviews passed training courses. After that they were involved in MES structure. Today they are full members of the staff - they are subjected to internal discipline, wear rescuer's uniform with dignity and work like others. Workers with disabilities are involved in all events of the Ministry including exercises, workshops, training courses, parades and concerts.



A meeting was held at the Ministry of Emergency Situations most effective options of President's order implementation. Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, State Employment from different NGOs focused on persons with disabilities were invited to this meeting.



From Vulnerable Class - a Partner

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According to the order of President of RA,
Ministry of Emergency Situations started the
employing process of people with disabilities.

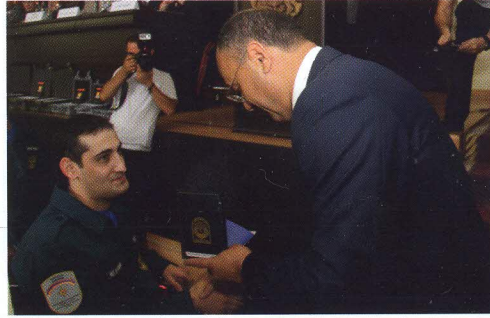
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WE DO THIS MUCH YOU CAN DO MORE



"Emergency" city of MES

Here are all conditions and opportunities for free moving, taking care of household tasks and other needs, taking part in cultural events, using medical care, reaching workplace and returning home, and also participating in training courses and getting education.

It is planned in near future to create vacancies for people with disabilities in Crisis Management Centers of regions and other services of MES.





They have become active participants in activities of prevention and responding to disasters, besides that they are involved in the spheres of planning, policy developing and working with population. New opportunities are opened for them for getting higher education, arranging personal life, completely integrating into society.