



First OIE regional workshop on the role of Veterinary Services on
animal welfare in natural disasters for Balkan countries
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**Country Report:
Emergency preparedness of the Veterinary Services for
natural disasters**

BULGARIA

Bulgarian Food Safety Agency

Competent authorities responsibility for disaster prevention and disaster management



at national level

- All Ministries (MI, MFF, MH, MD, MtrC, METC, MEW, MAFF, MC, MEdC, Bg red cross)
- NGOs, other G Institution
- The veterinary authority is involved through the responsibilities of MAFF. National Veterinary Service has the legal responsibility to provide for animal health and welfare in disaster events

Competent authorities

➤ LAW FOR DISASTER PROTECTION

- National Disaster Protection Plan/ Regional Disaster Protection Plan;

➤ LAW of VETERINARY ACTIVITIES

The tasks the veterinary experts are detailed into the Disaster Protection Plan.

No special plans, guidelines/ instructions are available dedicated special for the veterinary experts in case of natural disasters.

Cooperation with private actors and non-governmental organisations

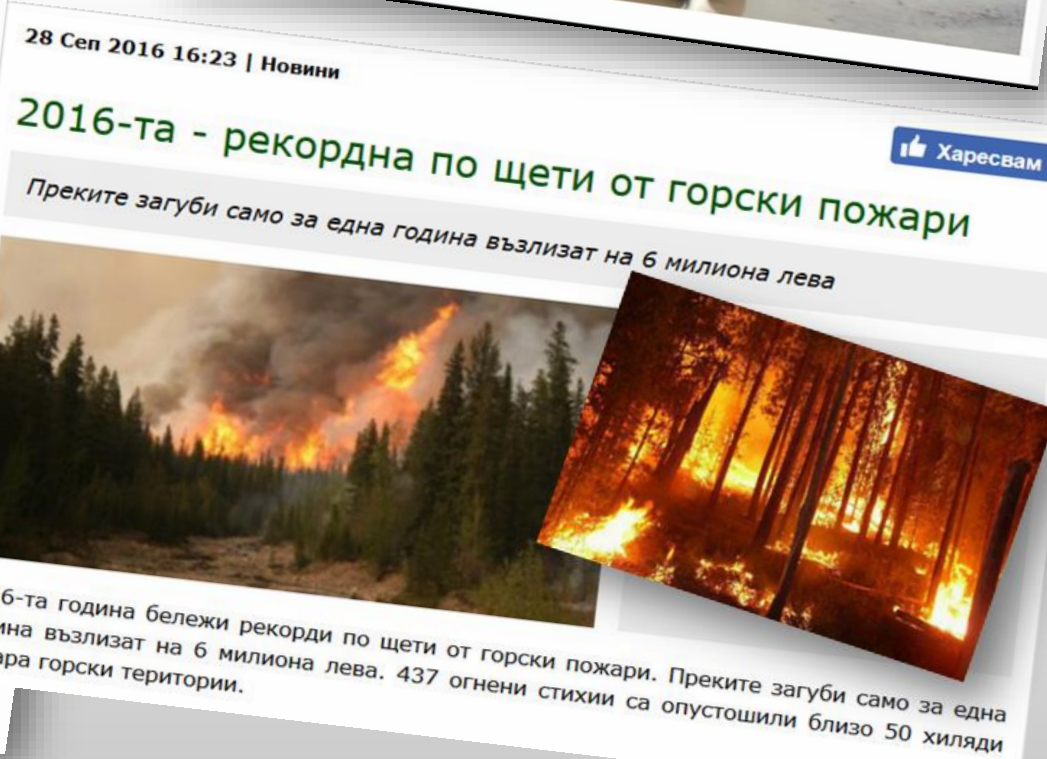
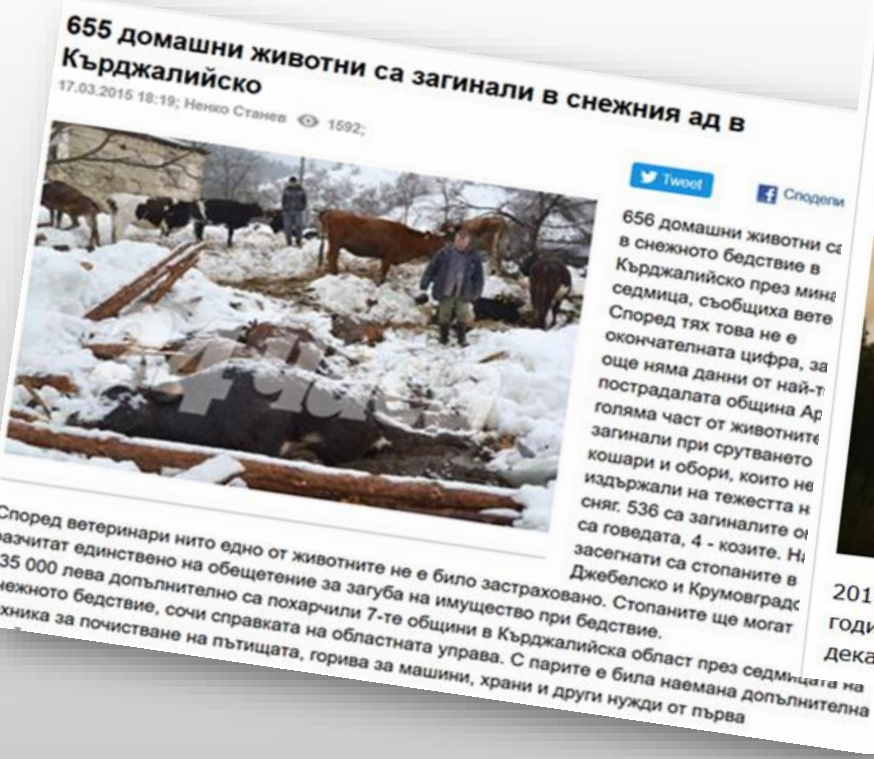
- NGOs
- Legal entities and sole traders (private veterinarians, agri-food industry, farmer associations other)
- Physical persons

in peace-time" and/or emergencies



Experience of natural disasters

- Flooding and forest fire, other



Experience of natural disasters

- Rescue animals
- Ensure feed and animal health/welfare care
- Disposal of dead animals
- Prevent epidemics
- Cleaning /Disinfection control
- Financial support (by MAFF)



Training and simulation exercises

- Practical experience due to many disasters
- No additional /simulation exercise or training programmes for veterinary services in case of natural disasters;
- plan and management of training to be by each parties (Ministries) involved into the National disaster protection plan
- Educational material to support training of veterinary services in natural disasters havenot been drafted

Exercises, training and lessons learned

"After-Action Review"; weaknesses and strengths identified

- Better preparedness of all institution
- Preventive measures to be taken (risk zones, planning, capacity, communication)
- Veterinary issues:
 - in disaster :saving animals (evacuation places), animal care/handling and transport;
 - after disaster: risk from animal diseases (dead animals; movement of animals (rescued/wild animals; increased vector abundance); prevention, surveillance and control of disease (clinical examination/testing; eradication, disinfection/desinsection;
 - technical capability, human (laboratory and trained personnel) and financial recourses; additional capacity
 - mass media (reporting, communication)



Thank you for your attention!