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**Country Report:
Emergency preparedness of the Veterinary Services
for natural disasters**

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Competent authorities



- The Emergency Management Agency (EMA) of Kosovo is responsible national competent authority for prevention and management of natural disasters.
- The Veterinary service is involved in the management of a natural disaster by disposal dead animals in case of any disease outbreak .Also it is involved by helping farmers for evacuation of animals from the site

Competent authorities

- The Veterinary service has the guidelines and instructions also it has available the contingency plans in case of any disease outbreak while for natural disaster instructions and guidelines are available at EMA, but FVA and EMA have close cooperation if there is any natural disaster.

Cooperation with private actors and non-governmental organisations

In case of a natural disaster The Veterinary Services use assistance of private veterinarians or staff of other services like firefighters , police, KSF etc.

Cooperation with private actors and non-governmental organisations

- There is a very good cooperation with agri-food industry and non-governmental organization for animal welfare, farmers' farmers associations (poultry and dairy) and other non governmental organisations (NGOs) which the veterinary services cooperate with in "peace-time" and/or emergencies, such as natural disaster.

Experience of natural disasters

- There is no experience so far in flooding, forest fire, earthquake, landslide, drought) of natural disaster events that occurred in 2003-2018 in your country and the largest area affected (national, regional, local).
- The role of the Veterinary service is mostly to take care of disease outbreaks and, disposal of animal carcasses and also assisting the farmers to evacuate other animals.

Training and simulation exercises

- There was a compulsory or voluntary training program preparing veterinary services' for their roles when dealing with natural disasters.
- The Emergency Management agency is a specific body/organisation responsible to plan and manage training in this field in the country.
- We as Competent Authority for animal health and animal welfare have taken part exercises for disease management (Avian Influenza 2005, LSD in 2016.
- There is available educational material to support training of veterinary services in natural disasters.(Leaflets, brochures, guidelines).

Exercises, training and lessons learned

- The veterinary services have taken an "After-Action Review" of the decisions and actions taken during the natural disaster to identify weaknesses and strengths in the system.
- FVA experts and Experts for the EU have participated in the "After-Action Review" in 2016 and helped us for management of animal disease.



Thank you for your attention!