

State of the art on contingency planning for the management of animal welfare issues during floods

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1. Legislation and regulatory authority

- *VS engages in cases of natural disasters through the "National Response Plan, [link to this document: https://ame.rks-gov.net/content/templates/ame/uploads/2020-10/Plani %20Reagimit%20Kombetar.pdf](https://ame.rks-gov.net/content/templates/ame/uploads/2020-10/Plani%20Reagimit%20Kombetar.pdf)*
- *VS has the authority to act in emergency situations. We have not yet completed the legal basis for such situations*
- *VS interact with with civil society to protect the rights of animals*
- *Currently we not have a mechanism for licensing and credentialing volunteers. But we have many people who voluntarily contribute in such situations*



2. Emergency support functions (ESF)/ expert teams

In Kosovo exist:

- *Farms /animals databases*
- *GIS (geographic information systems)*
- *Communication*
- *Assessment of the value of animals – Administrative Instruction*
- *Animal sheltering*
- *Animal feed and water*
- *Animal search and rescue*
- *Animal control/capture*
- *Transportation of animals and of animal support equipment*
- *Veterinary medical care, decontamination and disease management (incl. zoonosis)*
- *Animal mortality management, incl. culling and disposal of carcasses*
- *Animal/owner reunion*
- *Special animals / productions, e.g. zoo animals*



3. Budgeting and resourcing

- *Emergency funds are available and accessible at local and central level institutions for payment of service providers/suppliers, compensation funds, etc.*
- *Funding is currently not available for risk reduction activities (ie early warning systems, education, training).*



4. National/Regional Emergency Operation Centre (EOC)

- *The location of the EOC is determined by need and incidence. So it is determined in each municipality where the incidence occurred..*
- *Based on the National Reaction Plan, the EOC is led by an agency with its entire structure*
- *They are equipped with communication tools , equipment and template documents'.*



5. Local Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) and mobile units

- *The Local Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and mobile units are located in the regional offices of the FVA, in the facilities of the municipalities or even in the facilities of the Emergency Management Agency.*
- *The command structure is determined by the SV, so the CVO is the bearer of this structure, which includes the central, local level, the police and the civil associations*
- *Local EOC are equipped with communication tools and procedures established by SV*
- *VS have mobile units .*



6. Instructions

VS has these operating procedures based on the National Response Plan and legal acts in force, but we think to enrich these operating procedures

- *Activation of contingency plan*
- *Activation and deactivation of the national EOC*
- *Activation and deactivation of the local EOC*
- *Activation of funding mechanism*
- *Activation of contracts (personnel, services)*
- *Distributions of donations*
- *Indemnity claims*

- *Evacuation of animals*
- *Relocation of animals*
- *Animal identification and record keeping*
- *Search and rescue of animals*
- *Veterinary TRIAGE (treatment/euthanasia/humane slaughter)*
- *Carcass disposal*
- *Management of abandoned animals*



7. Internal and external communications

We have activated internal and external communication, based on Animal Welfare Act and the National Response Plan which clearly specify external and internal communications

Here are included and activated:

Tools and technologies, procedures and templates to communicate with other governmental partners (civil protection, meteorological, hydrological services etc..)?

- Internal communication and reporting network*
- Communication between key points of contact at different levels of the VS and across government ministries/agencies, and services providers*
- Communication channels with public target audience (templates for public awareness, information, alerts, warnings) and main stakeholders*
- Cross-border communication and collaboration (i.e. rendering plants)*
- Communication with international organizations (support, funds, donations)*



8. Training and education

- *Although it is foreseen with the national plans, as FVA we have not worked sufficiently in the education and training of the staff of the operational centers*



9. Integration and coordination with other agencies, organizations and stakeholders

Both in situations with infectious diseases and also in cases of natural disasters, in Kosovo there is a good cooperation with:

- *Police*
- *Army*
- *Responsible ministry*
- *Emergency management Agency*
- *Forestry Agency*
- *Forest guards*
- *Municipalities*
- *Veterinarians*
- *Civil society*



10. Evaluation, monitoring and lessons learnt

Evaluation, monitoring and lessons learned are analyzed by SV. So,

- *what was the form and way of reaction to the incident*
- *What was the number of animals evacuated/displaced, mortality/annihilation)*
- *The cost*
- *Problems during situation management*
- *Review of the legal basis in case of deficiencies*
- *Training and education*

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