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Project B2

TRAINING OF ARMENIAN BIO-SAFETY PERSONNEL FROM ORGANIZATIONS OF THE MINISTRIES OF EMERGENCIES, AGRICULTURE AND PUBLIC HEALTH (INCLUDING CPPDI PERSONNEL)

IMPLEMENTING INSTITUTION:

Ministry of Emergency Situations (MES), Armenia

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD:

15 August 2013 – 15 August 2015

COUNTRY:

Armenia

BUDGET:

125,000 euro

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The objective of the project is to strengthen and improve the level of qualification and preparation of the CBR Monitoring Division of the Ministry of Emergency Situations (MES) of Armenia in the biological field by promoting the provision of essential training on the issues of bio-reconnaissance, bio-monitoring, sample taking, material packing and transportation and decontamination of bio-material from contaminated hot spots. The training will serve to raise the caliber of the Division to match the level of its expertise in radiologically and chemically contaminated hot spots so as to ensure a homogenous approach.

In this regard, selected MES staff will participate in a train-the-trainers programme organized by the Kansas State University in the United States of America in April 2014 and conducted by the Kansas National Guard. The training will focus on equipment familiarization and training, site characterization, field screening, sampling and labeling, chain of custody and technical decontamination.

To facilitate the sustainability of the training, the auditorium of the Crisis Management State Academy of MES will be equipped with the necessary items to allow the trainees to perform practical local trainings on biological materials and on the implementation of proper procedures in biological for hot points. Staff of the Ministries of Emergency Situations, Agriculture and Public Health will participate in the local trainings.

The expected outcomes of the project are that MES will benefit from improved infectious disease outbreaks preparedness; coordination between the Ministries of Emergency Situations, Agriculture and Public Health will also be harmonised and improved. On the individual level, trainees will benefit from specialized training on bio-safety and bio-security and they will become acquainted with internationally recognised best practices and procedures.

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