

UNESCO-Japan Fund in Trust Project on “Urgent Capacity Development for Managing Natural Disaster Risks of Flash Floods in Egypt, Jordan, Sudan and Yemen”

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Many regions in Egypt, Yemen, Jordan and Sudan are subjected to deadly flash floods and landslides, resulting from intense rainfall of a relatively short duration. The four targeted countries are in dire need of technical support and national capacities to identify remedial measures that address the unpredictability of flash floods and lay effective responsive emergency plans that can significantly reduce their wrath. Within the framework of UNESCO-Japan Fund in Trust Cooperation, the Japanese Government support a project on “Urgent Capacity Development for Managing Natural Disaster Risks of Flash Floods in Egypt, Jordan, Sudan and Yemen”. This project works to reduce the economic losses and fatalities resulting from these flash floods through building national and regional capacities for early warning effective emergency responses. The main goal of the project is to develop the capacity for Managing Natural Disaster Risks of Flash Floods in Egypt, Jordan, Sudan and Yemen and to enhance participatory approach in managing flash flood risk. Four pilot hot spots were identified based on an initial assessment study. Additionally, research teams in the 4 countries were selected. This project produces a repository of best practices of flash floods risk management through the study of a pilot hotspot in each of the four countries, replicable and expandable at the national and regional levels. The activities of the project include producing flash flood hazard and risk maps for the pilot hot spots, identifying effective remedial measures for flash flood risk, and designing programs for community awareness and increasing institutional capabilities. This presentation will introduce the deliverables, outcomes and challenges of the project. Also, the presentation will highlight the established cooperative framework within the project among the national and Japanese experts.