



Health and Environmental Education of Population and Medical Staff about Emergency Situation

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Abstract: Natural disasters, *i.e.* floods, fires, earthquakes, extreme drought, etc., can have significant impact in the public health and environmental state. The environmental impact of natural disasters is often difficult to assess because its effects could not be apparent immediately. For example, floods can have important effects for river ecosystems, groundwater recharge, soil fertility and the health of the population. This is the main reason for better preparedness for appropriate response or emergency phases in the management of disasters. In this article we have describe the importance of health and environmental education of population about flood situation. The situation created by flood that happened in Shkodra Region (North-Eastern Albania) during January - December 2010 was an experience and also a good lesson learned for medical staff, government and non government structures that assisted.

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