Today, on the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, UNDRR is launching the Prevention Saves Lives campaign, which calls for increased disaster prevention. We invite you to join the campaign: Prevention Saves Lives!

To launch the campaign, high-level decision-makers and youth are sharing their perspectives on "Prevention Saves Lives". UNDRR will release announcements from the European Commissioner for Home Affairs, the National Director for Civil Protection in Slovakia, and the President of the European Youth Forum.

Your involvement in the Prevention Saves Lives campaign will help promote awareness of the value action on prevention. We cannot go back to "business as usual". We invite you to use the toolkit and spread the word!

On 21 September 2021, the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, SRSG Mami Mizutori’s video message was launched from the Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (UNDRR ROECA). The message highlights the importance of international cooperation and the need for countries to keep pace with the rise in naturally occurring, extreme weather events and the tragic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the implementation of the Sendai Framework. The SRSG’s video message calls for cooperation to develop a resilient and sustainable future.

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Children's drawing contest in Dushanbe for the 2021 IDRDR:

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