



**VOLunteers in ACTION : Raising Awareness For Volunteer Fire Fighters”
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Good Practice from Georgian Technical University**

Template of Good Practice (one page)

1. Title of the activity or event:

Forest Fires and readiness of the state

2. Objectives/aims expected by this action

Funded by foreign donors, the documents have been prepared at various times to properly prepare for the fight against forest fires. Environmentalists believe that if a state is unable to procure proper equipment, it must necessarily communicate with partner countries in order to receive timely and effective assistance from them.

3. Target group (or groups)

Municipality, firefighters, volunteers

4. Description of the activity (methods, materials, human and physical resources, timing, etc.)

In Borjomi region, near the village of Dabi, as a result of the fire that broke out on August 20, 2018 more than 5 hectares have been burned. According to the Ministry of Environment, the center of the fire originated in August 2008, burned as a result of the Russian-Georgian armed conflict on the forest slope and currently "no significant damage to the forest massif." However, it has not been possible for



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two days the fire was extinguished and according to official information, the fire was extinguished again on August 21 ; the wind prevented it.

5. Steps for the implementation (operative steps to implement the good practice)

More than 200 firefighters and rescuers worked all night, the volunteers helped our staff from the region to the local rescue services and Fire. They worked very effectively, despite the relief too in a difficult location and also, the spread of fires was greatly facilitated by the wind.

6. Impact of the good practice and evaluation of the results achieved

Ministry of Emergency Situations of Azerbaijan sent a helicopter to Borjomi, Georgia to fight fires in the valley. A joint effort was made to extinguish the fire.

7. Conclusions

According to the Ministry of Environment Protection, in the Borjomi gorge, near the village of Dabi the fire spread rapidly with strong winds, difficult terrain conditions and existing ones the fire was caused by the rapid burning of plants, shrubs and grass. Extinguish the fire for two days firefighters, forest agency staff and volunteers they tried to join forces - to prevent the fire from spreading passing special trenches.



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