

## **FIRE PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Fire prevention and management is one of the key aspects of disaster management. Prevention of fire outbreaks is important, as it reduces the risk of loss of life and property. Underdeveloped countries such as the Balkans and Albania face disproportionate events and consequences when it comes to fire. Human activities such as pastoralism, burning of weeds in farms in preparation for planting, and informal settlements increase the risk of fire outbreaks in underdeveloped countries, compared to developed countries. Disaster preparedness requires substantial investment in terms of equipment and training of personnel on disaster management. Educating people about fire safety is one of the highly recommended strategies against fires. Innovation enables the creation of creative programs meant to facilitate fire protection and management. In addition, such countries lack the necessary equipment and know-how on fire protection and management. Collaborating with the developed countries can help the underdeveloped countries learn and acquire sustainable techniques in fire protection and management.

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