

## Annex II

### Nomination form for cities and local governments to participate in the campaign

Please send the nomination form and the mayor's letter to [isdr-campaign@un.org](mailto:isdr-campaign@un.org). Nominations will be accepted on an ongoing basis throughout 2010-11.

<b>City / Local Government</b> (Please indicate the year the numbers were provided.)	
City name	Balangoda Urban Council, Sabaragamuwa Province, Sri Lanka
Location (short description)	Balangoda Urban Council located in Sabaragamuwa Province of Sri Lanka. Its 143 km away from Colombo and 43 km away from Rathnapura. It is the one of biggest towns of the Rathnapura District which is one of the two districts belonging to Sabaragamuwa Province (the other being Kegalle).
Size (year)	16.2 Sqkm
Population (year)	23,580 (2009)
GDP	-N/A-
Hazard type(s)	Landslides
<b>Name of Mayor / Commissioner / Governor / Community leader</b>	
Mr. M.N.G. Weerasinghe, Chairman	
<b>Which part of the city administration will be the focal point for the Campaign?</b>	
Chairman's Office	
<b>Contact details Focal Point</b>	
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Function	The Chairman
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<b>Which local institutions will be engaged in the Campaign?</b> (In addition to the local government.)	
Disaster Management Center (DMC), Provincial Council of Sabaragamuwa, National Building Research Organisation (NBRO)	
<b>Major Disaster Risks</b> (Please indicate major disasters that have occurred, prevailing hazards and vulnerable conditions.)	

The main disaster in the area is Landslides.

**Achievements and plans in relation to the ten essentials areas**

A - Make an estimation of the **status** per essential as follows:

1 - poor/nothing in place, 2 - some progress in place, 3 - in place, well functioning, or N/A

B - Please describe main areas of **progress** and **achievements**.

C - Please identify **activities** and **plans** your city will pay special attention **to improve the current situation** during the campaign and beyond. Additionally, feel free to propose special events or activities your city would like undertake to raise awareness on disaster resilience. Please select the respective Essential(s).

**Essential 1 – Risk reducing organization and coordination in place**

Status - 3

Progress and achievements – Regular meetings were conducted with the citizens in the Urban Council area and establish disaster management committee to response disasters.

Plans – Establish Balangoda Urban Council Disaster Management Committee (UCDMC)

**Essential 2 – Budget assigned**

Status - 1

Progress and achievements – At present Balangoda Urban Council allocate funds from the annual budget allocations to conduct disaster response activities.

Plans – Allocate a budget from annual rolling plan of Urban council to mitigate and response disasters.

**Essential 3 – Risk assessment prepared**

Status - 3

Progress and achievements – With the assistance of National Building Research Organisation (NBRO) Urban Development Authority (UDA) developed the Urban Development plan for Balangoda Urban Council area. The landslide hazard maps were completed and incorporated in the development plan.

Plans – The vulnerability and risk assessments need to be updated and the development plan need to be revised to incorporate the adverse impacts of the Climate change. In future, based on the landslide hazard maps the land zonation will be carried out. This would help to reduce the risk on landslides.

**Essential 4 – Investment in risk reducing infrastructure**

Status - 3

Progress and achievements – Technical Officer's of the Urban Council were trained on disaster resilient housing designs. The guidelines developed by the NBRO were used in approving housing and building constructions on areas prone to landslides.

Plans – To Develop by laws to incorporate Disaster risk reduction into building construction approval process in the area under Balangoda Urban Council.

**Essential 5 – Safe schools and health facilities**

Status - 3

Progress and achievements – Awareness programs were conducted with the assistance of Ministry of Education and Provincial Ministry of Education. Especially in the areas of epidemics, Fire, road accidents etc.

Plans – Develop a comprehensive training and awareness programs for school children and the teachers in the Balangoda area with the assistance of DMC, NBRO and Ministry of Education. Additionally, establishment of School Disaster Management committees.

**Essential 6 – Risk-compliant building regulation and land use applied**

Status - 3

Progress and achievements – According to the recent circular issued by the Ministry of Disaster Management, planning committee for building construction seek prior recommendation certificate from the NBRO, if the land is prone to landslides. This would reduce the landslide risk and threat in the citizens in the area.

Plans – Balangoda Urban Council proposed develop by laws on building construction and adhere to the guidelines developed at National level. Trained Technical officers and Engineers on disaster resilient housing and building designs. Conduct structural mitigation measures to reduce landslide risk in the areas prone landslides.

<b>Essential 7 – Education programmes and training in place</b>	Status - 2
Progress and achievements – Conducted awareness and training programs for TO's, Staff officers, and the school children and the teachers in the area with assistance of Ministry of Education.	
Plans - Continuation of training programmes	
<b>Essential 8 – Ecosystems and natural buffers protected</b>	Status - 1
Progress and achievements – Balangoda UC with assistance of Forest office, conducted several programs to conserve the protected areas adjacent to the Balangoda UC area.	
Plans - To work closely with Forest Department and preservation of natural areas.	
<b>Essential 9 – Early warning systems installed</b>	Status - 1
Progress and achievements - -N/A-	
Plans – With the assistance of NBRO and UDA, Balangoda UC proposed develop community based landslide early warning monitoring system and dissemination network. Conduct continuous awareness programs for communities in landslide prone areas. Develop community operated evacuation centers.	
<b>Essential 10 – Needs-based (survivors) reconstruction</b>	Status - 1
Progress and achievements - -N/A-	
Plans – Planned to implement the reconstruction activities according to the reconstruction guidelines which incorporated the disaster risk reduction measures.	

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