International Disaster Risk Reduction Day Celebrations

Government of Union of Myanmar

in collaboration

with the Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group

**Programme Week Schedule**

1. **Disaster Preparedness Poster Making Contest**

With **DIPECHO** funding, UNDP, in collaboration with the Relief and Resettlement Department, Ministry Of Education and UNESCO, sponsored a Disaster Preparedness Poster Making Contest for High School students in 8 Cyclone Nargis affected Townships. Township level poster making was conducted from Sept. 29 – October 1. Around 200 entries were submitted and judging was done on 5th October 2010 at Park Royal Hotel. Judges included representatives from the Ministry of Education, Myanmar School of Arts, Relief and Resettlement Department Yangon Division and Local NGO representative.

12 winners were selected and their posters will be used in the printing of the 2011 RRD-UNDP-EU disaster preparedness calendar. 1st , 2nd and 3rd prize winners will be awarded by the Prime Minister himself on the 13th DRR Day celebrations.

1. **Radio Interviews on Mandalay FM station(s)**

With members of the DRRWG and the Mandalay FM station, interviews are planned during the whole week from October 11-15. Radio interviews will be re-aired later in Delta and Rakhine stations of FM Mandalay. Tentative program is below.

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| **October 11**  **Monday** | **October 12**  **Tuesday** | **OCTOBER 13**  **Wednesday** | **October 14**  **Thursday** | **October 15**  **Friday** |
| **TOPIC:**  *Role of communities in DRR*  ***Resource speakers:***  *ActionAID , World Vision* | **TOPIC:**  *Importance of Women in Disaster Preparedness*  ***Resource speakers:***  *UNFPA , Gender Working Group* | **TOPIC:**  *Making Cities Resilient*  ***Resource speakers:***  *UN-Habitat, Myanmar Engineering Society* | **TOPIC:**  *Climate Change & Environment*  ***Resource speakers:***  *UNDP,**Dr. Tun Lwin* | **TOPIC:**  *Education and DRR*  ***Resource speakers:***  *UNESCO, Save the Children* |

1. **International Disaster Risk Reduction Day Celebrations *(Making Cities Resilient)***

The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Development will sponsor a “state level” ceremony where delegations from the diplomatic corps, heads of UN agencies, INGO and Local NGOs as well as Ministers and representatives from various Government Ministries will be invited to celebrate the International DRR day. Program will follow:

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| **<0830** | Registration | **Facilitator / Emcee** |
| **First Session 1 (400 participants)** | | |
| **0900 – 0915** | Welcome note Opening Remarks by Prime Minister | RRD |
| **0915 – 0925** | Message from UN Resident Coordinator | RRD |
| **0925- 0940** | Awarding prizes to poster-making contest winners by PM, Ministers, MOSWRR | RRD |
| **0940 – 0950** | Launching of Guidelines on Township Disaster Management Planning | MOSWRR |
| **0950 – 0100** | Presentation by RRD | RRD DG |
| **1000-1030** | Refreshment and Photo exhibition | RRD/DRR WG |
| **Second Session (70 participants)** | | |
| **1030 – 1230** | Presentations  Making Cities Resilient DRR Climate Change Adaptation | UNHABITAT UNDP Action Aid |
| **1230<** | Lunch |  |

**Note: for session 2, please see attached invitation**

**Photo Exhibitions**

Within the venue of the International DRR Day Celebration hall, booths will be set-up where various IEC materials and DRR Photo exhibits will be distributed and displayed by participating organizations.

**Support for funding October 13 activity included**: European Union (Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection department through its Disaster Preparedness Programme - DIPECHO), Action Aid, UNICEF, UN-Habitat, UN-OCHA, UNDP and World Vision

1. **Tsunami Early Warning Exercise (tentative)**

On DATE, the Relief and Resettlement Department with the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology will conduct simulation exercises on Tsunami Early Warning in Rakhine and Irrawwady Division to enhance capacities of local government units and areas prone to Tsunami.

1. **Launching of Myanmar Country Interim Report on the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) (tentative)**

On DATE, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement will launched its Interim Country Report on the Hyogo Framework for Action. The Myanmar Government have committed to take action to reduce disaster risk, and have adopted the Hyogo Framework for Action (Hyogo Framework) as a guideline to reduce vulnerabilities to natural hazards. The Hyogo Framework assists the efforts of nations and communities to become more resilient to, and cope better with the hazards that threaten their development gains.

1. **Activities in other parts of the country and communities**
   1. **Malteser will be observing International DRR Day in Rakhine State and partnering with RRD.**

This will be packaged with a project inception workshop of Malteser’s DIEPCHO project in Rakhine. Tentative programme include:

a) Speeches by State and Township Officials  
b) Speech by RRD and Malteser  
c) Community based DRR process presentation   
d) Exhibition and IEC display

* 1. **ActionAId Myanmar:**

Pyapon and Labutta: working through the DRR Technical Group and the Township Peace & Development Committee will have a program.

a) Presentations by various organizations on initiatives on DRR  
b) Presentation of Early Warning System  
c) Awards to essay and drawing competition  
d) DRR quiz for kids  
e) Photo exhibition

* 1. **In Bogale Township**

The Bogale Township Peace and Development Council (TPDC) in collaboration with the DRRWG in Bogale (MRCS, World Vision, CARE and Samaritan’s Purse) will also celebrate October 13 International DRR Day with a Disaster Preparedness essay writing contest and photo exhibitions.

***“Disaster Preparedness Essay Writing Competition”*** will be held on October and participants will come from 4 middle and high schools in the township. 6 winners will be awarded on October 13 by the local school and township officials.

1. **Other Activities** 
   1. **Environment Working Group meeting**

The Environment Thematic Working Group will meet with the DRR Working Group to plan a “technical workshop” on Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction. The workshop is tentatively scheduled in November or December

* 1. **Disaster Preparedness Video selection**

UNDP and the Relief and Resettlement Department, with DIPECHO funding, are working together at producing a video on Community Disaster Preparedness. Selection panel will review proposals including proposed script and key messages to be included in the video.

* 1. **Press Release**

Some agencies are planning to issue press releases.