

Baseline Status Report on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in Asia and the Pacific at the start of the HFA Implementation decade and Progress made in 2005/2006

ADRC, ADPC and UNISDR Joint Initiative

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Purpose of the Report

- To provide **synthesis and summary** of existing information and data on natural hazards that affect the region
- To provide a **baseline assessment of the status of DRR** in the region at the **start of the HFA implementation decade**
- To provide a **reference point for monitoring progress** achieved in implementing the priority themes of the HFA
- To prepare a **summary of major good practices**, lessons learned, and achievements in the region
- To describe the **major challenges in achieving the HFA objectives** and in mainstreaming DRR into development
- To highlight and help **determine strategic directions and programmes** that can fill critical gaps in DRR and accelerate HFA implementation



Possible Users of the Report

- **Government at all levels**
- **UN Agencies**
- **Donors**
- **Regional Institutions, Universities**
- **NGOs and civil society**
- **Research institutions**
- **Private sector**
- **Other stakeholders**



Methodology

- HFA as the main framework for reporting
- “Affectionate commentary” based on an interpretivist analysis
- Qualitative status report on key activities/ benchmarks as a point of reference for future HFA monitoring purposes
- Recognising contextual issues in assessing country risk profiles and DRR capacity; differential hazards and differential capacity mean significantly different contexts exist across the region.



Status of the project

- **Project duration: May- October 2007**
- **1st Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting held on 7 and 8th May, 2007 to decide on methodology and structure of report**
- **Structure of the final report to be finalized in consultation with countries during GPDRR in Geneva and ACDR in Kazakhstan in June 2007**
- **A joint letter from ADPC, ADRC and UN ISDR sent to the countries requesting**
 - for further comments and suggestions on the proposed publication;
 - participate in an informal meeting in Geneva at the margins of the first session of the Global Platform and in an informal meeting during the forthcoming ACDR in Kazakhstan;
 - nominate a focal point from your office.



Sources of Information for the Report

- National Reports submitted before WCDR
- HFA Progress Reports submitted for GPDRR
- Other published and available regional and in-country reports
- Risk information, such as EMDAT, Hotspots, DRI, ADRC etc



Proposed structure of the Report

- Objectives
- Users
- Scope
- Methodology
- Regional Risk Profile
- Status of DRR at the start of the HFA Implementation decade
- Showcasing new DRR initiatives and progress made in 2005-2006
- Regional initiatives and programmes
- Key challenges and strategic priorities to 2009
- Conclusions



Dissemination of the Report

- 2nd Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, New Delhi, India, November 2007
- 7th RCC Meeting to be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, December 2007- February 2008.
- 4th South East Asia DM practitioners workshop, co-organized by ADPC, UNESCAP, ISDR, IFRC and ECHO, in April 2008,
- ACDR 2008



What we seek from this meeting

- Nomination of focal point if not yet done
- Suggestions on How to close 'Data Gaps'
- Additional sources of information
- How to link 'Indicators' of progress as called for in HFA

