



GLOBAL PLATFORM FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

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Following the formulation of the *Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015*, Luxembourg decided in 2007 to dedicate at least 5 percent of its yearly Humanitarian Aid budget to disaster preparedness, risk reduction and crisis mitigation activities.

Within the framework of these 5 percent, the Luxembourg development cooperation defined a formula according to which contributions are to be attributed :

1. Luxembourg's major multilateral partners in humanitarian emergencies (ICRC, UNHCR and WFP) will reserve 5 percent of Luxembourg's yearly contributions for mutually agreed prevention or preparedness projects ;
2. The major Luxembourg-based INGOs are requested to spend 5 percent of their yearly governmental humanitarian aid funding on DRR projects in crises situations ;
3. Luxembourg financially supports institutions involved in prevention activities (such as ISDR or the Peace Building Fund in 2006) or any other organization working in the field of DRR in its broadest sense.

Indeed, Luxembourg's DRR policy applies not only to risks related to natural disasters, but also to risks related to man-made crises, mainly armed conflicts. As a member of the Peace Building Commission, Luxembourg is committed to supporting countries emerging from armed conflict, such as Burundi and Sierra Leone, to help these states consolidate their achievements in terms of peace and democracy and to accompany them on their way towards sustainable development.

Finally, Luxembourg would like to encourage other donors to make clear strategic commitments in terms of contributions in support of DRR activities. By integrating DRR into their national humanitarian aid (or development) policy, donor governments can contribute to raising public and political awareness about the effectiveness and the challenges of DRR. In close collaboration with beneficiary countries, UN agencies, the Red Cross Movement, NGOs and other specialized organizations, Luxembourg stands ready to keep DRR high on the political agenda.