

# THE SWEDISH RESCUE SERVICES AGENCY



The Swedish Rescue Services Agency (SRSA) is a government authority tasked, among other things, with maintaining preparedness for humanitarian and development aid operations. The majority of the SRSA's operations are commissioned by the UN and funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).

## **CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION, RESPONSE AND RECOVERY**

During recent years, the SRSA has increasingly focused on the development of capacities for disaster risk reduction, response and recovery in disaster-prone countries. This has been enabled through the government's mandate to the SRSA to increase its work on the development of capacities, as envisaged in the Hyogo Framework for Action.



The SRSA can assist the development of capacities for disaster risk reduction, response and recovery in cooperation with our partners (mainly national or local authorities and organisations) in the areas of:

- Assess risks (risk analysis and risk evaluation)
- Avoid or limit risks (spatial planning, riverbank protection, management of natural resources, public awareness programmes etc.)
- Prepare for response and recovery (preparedness plans, response organisations, training systems, early warning systems etc.)

To support the development of capacities for disaster risk reduction, response and recovery in specific contexts the projects can, for example, entail activities:

- To develop legal frameworks
- To develop institutional frameworks
- For organisational development
- To develop resources (human and material)

Currently, the SRSA is working on capacity development projects in: Armenia, India, Lebanon, Liberia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, and Ukraine.

#### **OVERVIEW COURSE ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION, RESPONSE AND RECOVERY**

In order to increase the quality of capacity development projects, the SRSA has, in close cooperation with ISDR, OCHA and UNDP, developed an overview course on disaster risk reduction, response and recovery. The course is to be used as a learning tool for capacity development projects, to train field personnel involved in these projects and to spread general awareness of a holistic approach to disaster risk reduction, response and recovery to other SRSA personnel and national and international partners.

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