DPPI SEE – A platform for full regional cooperation and sharing of DRR information & lessons learnt

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There has been a growing recognition to address disaster risk with reduction mechanisms and not just response.

The cost of DRR is far less in monetary terms (let alone human life) than merely response.

Building Capacity in DRR in the region gained more support with the establishment of the DPPI SEE.

Support to the region’s capacity takes several forms through DPPI SEE activities.

The region’s track record in DRR has never looked better.
DRR in South Eastern Europe

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Turkey 1974-2006

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To foster regional cooperation and coordination in disaster preparedness and prevention for natural and man-made disasters and support risk reduction activities in SEE
DPPI SEE Background

- Established in an effort to contribute to the development of a cohesive regional strategy for disaster preparedness and prevention.
- Brings together donor countries and international governmental and nongovernmental organizations to coordinate ongoing activities and identify unmet needs.
- Aims to improve the efficiency of national disaster management systems within the regional cooperation framework.
DPPI SEE DMTP
Disaster Management Training Programme

- DMTP as catalytic to deeper regional co-operation and a milestone in the process of EU integration for DPPI SEE non-EU MSs;
- The spectrum of DMTP as tailor-made to fit the needs (specific & common) of DPPI SEE MSs;
- The DMTP concept as such ensures that each DPPI SEE MS effectively exploits its’ benefits thereby increasing its quality and productivity;
The joint DPPI SEE, UN/CADRI and MSB project – since 2009;

Focus on critical DRR concepts, including the HFA and key activities of response and recovery;

Participants? EVERYONE with a role in DRM in the region;

Aimed at creating a pool of professional trainers on DRR issues;
DRR Training Course

DPPI SEE’s contribution to

- Comprehensive system of DRR education and training as one of the essential components and drivers of sustainable development;

(Recommendations of the Global Platform for DRR, European forum for DRR, HFA priorities)
Project Activities to Date

MSB
Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency

Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Initiative for South-Eastern Europe

CADRI
Capacity for Disaster Reduction Initiative
The project purpose:

...to reduce the vulnerability of DPPI member countries to natural hazards by developing the capacity of local authorities and actors to reduce risk, while carrying out preventive, response and recovery activities and promoting a coordinated approach in disaster risk reduction, in line with the Hyogo Framework for Action.
Project Activities to Date

- Training Needs Analysis
- DRR Course Design
- First DRR Pilot Course, Romania (04-08 Oct 2009)
- Second DRR Pilot Course, Croatia (07-11 Feb 2010)
- Development of Training of Trainers Course package
- Development of a Facilitator’s Guide
- Development of a Training Guide
- Development of a guide for gender sensitive facilitation
- Training of Trainers Course, Turkey (19-24 May 2010)
- DRR Course, Turkey (02-07 Sep 2010)
- DPPI-SEE Disaster Risk Reduction Project and Training Course Brochure
- DRR Course, Slovenia (07-11 Nov 2010)
- DRR Course, Bulgaria (03-07 Apr 2011)
- Training of Trainers Course, Croatia (05-09 Jun 2011)
- DRR Course, Romania (27 Sep-01Oct 2011)
Project Results

- A training course on Disaster Risk Reduction that is tailor-made for the needs of the SEE region.
- A cadre of trainers that form a sustainable pool of facilitators in the SEE region equipped with the capacity and the tools to strengthen the commitment given to DRR.
- Staff trained at Disaster Management Agencies and Directorates within DPPI-SEE, members of the DPPI SEE Emergency Coordination National Mechanisms
- A common knowledge base established within mentioned target group regarding DRR and its links to sustainable development.
- Enhanced regional familiarity with the global framework for disaster risk reduction: the Hyogo Framework for Action and the UNISDR system.
- Increased appreciation of how different professional disciplines relate to and can engage in DRR in a complementing and integrated way.
- Increased ability to use tools and mechanisms to analyse hazards, vulnerability and capacities and acquired basic skills in risk identification and assessment.
Project Products and Outputs

2009

- DRR Course Material
- Pilot 1 Romania
- Facilitator's Guide
- Gender Guide
- Training Guide
- TOT Material

2010

- TOT 1 Turkey
- Pilot 2 Croatia
- TOT Material

2011

- Course 1 Turkey
- Course 2 Slovenia
- Course 3 Bulgaria
- Course 4 Croatia
- TOT 2 Croatia
# Project Products and Outputs

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Romania, Oct 2009

Croatia, Jun 2011

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Disaster Management in the 21st Century

Historically, disasters have been responded to as they happen and then forgotten until their next occurrence. This short-sighted approach leaves millions of people highly vulnerable, waiting to be handed to face the next crisis. But it is not the only way.

Much can be done before a disaster strikes to reduce the vulnerability of populations and to prepare them for the incidence of disaster. To achieve this important goal, disaster management programmes must be a continuous component of development, emphasizing:

Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Initiative in Southeast Europe

The Southeastern European (SEE) nations have a history of devastating earthquakes, floods, landslides, drought, wildfires, and extreme temperatures. These conditions have caused great economic and human losses across the region. Often transboundary, these disasters can overwhelm the management capacity of any single country. Vulnerability is further increased by varied levels of preparedness between countries, their relatively small size, and a lack of regional coordination. As such, the SEE countries will benefit greatly from closer cooperation in the areas of disaster risk prevention, preparedness, and civil protection.

In November 2000, the Stability Pact for Southeastern Europe launched the Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Initiative (DPP) to contribute to the development of a coherent regional strategy for disaster preparedness and prevention for its 12 member states. The DPP provides a framework for SEE nations to develop strengthened capabilities in preventing and responding to natural and human-made disasters. It also brings together donor countries and organizations to coordinate activities and identify needs in order to increase efficiency within the regional cooperation framework.

Since DPP’s inception, joint training and exercises have been a core mechanism to ensure regional ownership of the initiative and to build capacities for disaster management in Southeast Europe. The Disaster Management Training Programme (DMTP) constitutes one of the main pillars of the DPP inter-regional cooperation and capacity-building initiative.

Disaster Risk Reduction Training Courses

The DPP SEE and United Nations Capacity for Disaster Reduction Initiative (UNISDR/CARI) aim to support development of DRR capacity at all levels within the SEE region governments and organizations, improving their ability to better manage the variety of disasters facing the region today. The programme also aims to establish a pool of professional trainers who will function as a critical resource for DRR training in the region.

The week-long DPP training course emphasizes a holistic approach to reducing risk, responding to and recovering from disasters specific to the SEE region. The course provides on-site orientation, an overview of critical DRR concepts and the design framework for Action (EFA), as well as a comprehensive understanding of key activities and aspects of response and recovery. Importantly, the conceptual framework is built upon participants’ existing knowledge base, allowing them to revise DRR issues in practical terms to their own day-to-day work and responsibilities.

Course Aim

The course provides state of the art training in disaster risk management and DRR through direct transfer of knowledge from facilitators and lecturers. Through examination of actual case studies and use of task-based exercises, and through the sharing of participants’ own knowledge and experiences, drawing from established understanding and approaches, the course provides training and an introduction to current and future needs and practices in disaster risk management.

Course Audience

The course is aimed at those with a growing interest in disaster risk management responsibilities and who may wish to improve their working knowledge of theory and practice. Participants may be drawn from a number of areas, including government officials, NGOs, military, disaster management training courses, and university teaching staff. Anyone working in disaster risk management, from the local to international level, will gain from this opportunity.

Course Objectives:

1. Establish a common understanding of the basic principles of disaster risk reduction (DRR).
2. Develop an increased understanding of preparedness, response and recovery as integral to DRR.
3. Understand the role of various stakeholders and the importance of a coordinated, cross-sectoral approach to DRR.
4. Build a network among participants by sharing experiences, existing know-how, and team-building.
5. Introduce and discuss existing mechanisms for reducing disaster losses and risk management. To focus on the region of Southeastern Europe (SEE), including the design framework for Action (EFA) as well as the implementation and follow-up to the strategic goals and priorities for action 2005-2015.
6. Introduce and examine the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN-ISDR) system and its relevance to participants’ practice areas in DRR.

Focus On:

- Definitions and concepts in disaster management
- Problem statement and planning techniques
- Key players in disaster management
- Inception of the strategy and capacity building
- Mitigation, preparedness, and response
- Analysis of hazards, vulnerability, and avoidable resources
- Recovery and reconstruction issues
- Training and management skills
- Gender issues and human rights
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Knowledge and Skills Development

1. Increased knowledge of key concepts, terminology and principles for DRR and its link to sustainable development.
2. Common knowledge base established that applies to multi-sector and multi-dimensional nature of disaster risk.
3. Increased appreciation of how different professional disciplines relate to and can engage in DRR in a complementing and integrated way.
5. Exchange of diverse ideas on how to apply the course content to participants’ own contexts, including how to engage with others on this topic.

1. Acquire the conceptual basis to appreciate the complexities of vulnerability, risk and disaster risk management.
2. Develop a better ability to engage with and relate to disaster professionals from various disciplines in a field situation.
3. Increased ability to use tools and mechanisms to analyse hazards, vulnerability and capacities and acquire basic skills in risk identification and assessment.
4. Contribute to tasks related to DRM within DRR National Platforms, government frameworks and country programmes.
5. Identify strategies for building a disaster risk reduction capacity.
6. Ability to advocate and promote DRR for government buy-in.
Project Sustainability

- Trainers’ mentoring and support
- Expanding pool of trainers
- Expanding trainees base
- Linking trainees and trainers to DRR related activities in the region
- Building a constituency of supporters
- Supporting DPPI Secretariat
- Regional support
- Country specific support
Project Sustainability

Suggested Areas of Work for 2012

- **Regional Courses:** Further regional courses targeting National Platform members to strengthen DRR capacity.

- **National Courses:** Custom tailored national DRR courses to address specific in country issues and foster collaboration between national stakeholders.

- **Cross Border Collaboration:** Bordering countries joint workshops and exercises on hazard mapping and joint DRR measures.
Thank You

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