

What participants say about the Program...

"Before, our focus was on emergency response; now we have a deeper understanding in dealing with natural disasters." – Hector Reyes, Makati City Government

"I found its courses very useful to my profession as a geo-scientist and educator. I am glad I enrolled in it - I would not hesitate recommending it to others. Its approach is multi-disciplinary and multi-sectoral so anybody can be at home with all its lessons." – Marietta de Leon, Univ. of the Philippines

"It is an innovative way of learning that enables busy professionals like me to gain new knowledge on a very significant field like disaster management. I certainly gained a lot thru the discussions with co-participants, facilitators and resource persons." – Evan Anthony Arias, Provincial Government of Guimaras

What Else Should I Need to Know?

Minimum requirements for admission to the NDRMP:

- At least two-year work experience in a field of discipline related to DRM.
- Computer literate, especially in the use of Internet
- Can access the internet and devote at least two (2) hours a day for eLearning

An Orientation Workshop will be held in Metro Manila on May 23, 2008.

Partner Organizations

World Bank Institute

The WBI, as the learning arm of the World Bank, contributes to the capacity enhancement efforts of client countries in order to achieve their development agenda. WBI has developed this training course based on extensive partnerships and use of new technology in order to translate the global knowledge to local agenda in proactive disaster risk management.

National Disaster Coordinating Council

The NDCC is the highest governmental body responsible for advising the President on the status of disaster preparedness program and disaster relief and rehabilitation efforts at the national level. Through its Secretariat arm, the Office of Civil Defense, it is responsible for the customization of the WBI courses to suit the Philippine context.

Earthquakes and Megacities Initiative

EMI is an international, not-for-profit, scientific organization established in 1998 and a member of UN-ISDR's Global Platform for Disaster Reduction. EMI launched the 3cd Program in August 2004, with the objective of mainstreaming disaster risk reduction in megacity development planning and operations through demonstrated sound practices.

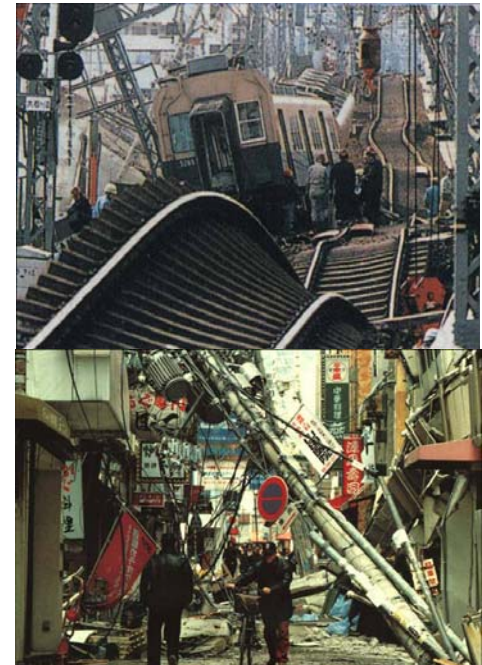
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World Bank Institute Distance Learning Natural Disaster Risk Management Program



Aftermath of the Kobe Earthquake, 1995.

A joint undertaking of the World Bank Institute (WBI), National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) and Earthquakes and Megacities Initiative (EMI)

World Bank Institute
Distance Learning
Natural Disaster Risk
Management Program

The objective of WBI's Natural Disaster Risk Management Program (NDRMP) is to promote proactive disaster risk management practices by raising awareness among key stakeholders and by advancing the analytical skills and professional knowledge of development practitioners in specific areas of disaster risk management.

The NDRMP is a combination of global, regional and country focus activities consisting of: (i) training programs: comprehensive and specialized courses to meet the learning needs of key players in disaster risk management; (ii) policy services to build consensus and raise awareness in proactive disaster risk management practices; and (iii) knowledge sharing and knowledge exchange activities to promote horizontal learning.

The NDRMP provides training and learning opportunities on global scale reaching out and connecting development practitioners involved in disaster risk reduction. The courses have been localized to the Philippine setting.

Learning through the Internet

The NDRMP jointly offered by WBI, NDCC and EMI consists of a series of eLearning training courses that participants go through over a certain time period. eLearning refers to the use of computer-based electronic technologies of Internet, e-mail, websites and CD-ROMs, and their applications, to deliver, facilitate and enhance both formal and informal learning and knowledge sharing at any time, any place and at any pace. A facilitator is assigned for each participant to provide learning guidelines and monitor learning progress. **Certificates of completion will be awarded by WBI.**

Course Modules

- (1) **Comprehensive Disaster Risk Management Framework (CDRMF)**^{1,2}
- (2) **Financial Strategies for Managing the Economic Impacts of Natural Disasters**
- (3) **Safe Cities**
- (4) **Community-based Disaster Risk Management**
- (5) **Damage and Reconstruction Needs Assessment**
- (6) **Earthquake Risk Reduction**
- (7) **Climate Change and Disasters**
- (8) **Reducing Urban Disaster Risk through Land Use Planning**

¹Will start on May 26, 2008

²Prerequisite for the other courses

Who may join

Policy-makers and their technical staff: current laws and policies on disaster management need to be reexamined in the light of disaster risks from natural hazards.

Urban and land use planners: cities are the most vulnerable given the density of its population and the continuing construction of homes and buildings that are at risk if land use plans are not updated and validated.

Construction professionals: architects, engineers and other practitioners involved in real estate development need to incorporate disaster risk reduction into their work plans so as to avert the collapse of buildings and structures.

NGO/PO/CSO Workers: community leaders who are active in the prevention of disaster risks in their locality must be able to re-establish themselves when disasters strike.

How you can join

Deadline of Application: May 8, 2008.
Registration period: May 12-16, 2008.

Application forms and course information may be downloaded from <http://emi-megacities.org/?page=training>. Completed applications forms should be sent to ndrmp@emi-megacities.org. **Only emailed applications will be considered.**

Course Fees

Government Employees: P2,500 per course
Non-Government Employees: P3,000 per course

International Participants: P4,000 per course (or approx. \$100 based on P40=\$1), ++ mailing expense of CDs and Course Certificates