DPPI SEE – 2012 Update on DRR activities

EFDRR, 1st – 3rd Oct 2012, Dubrovnik (Croatia)
Overall Goal of DPPI SEE

as per MoU

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.
DRR Training Course

- 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;
Project Activities to Date

Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency

Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Initiative for South-Eastern Europe

CaDRI
The project purpose:

...to reduce the vulnerability of DPPI SEE 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 - 01 Oct 2011)
- DRR Course, Macedonia (30 Jan – 03 Feb 2012)
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
- Course 1 Turkey
- Course 2 Slovenia

2011

- TOT 2 Croatia
- Course 3 Bulgaria
- Course 4 Macedonia
## Project Products and Outputs

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DPPI SEE DRR Planning meeting
11-11 Apr 2012, Dubrovnik

- DPPI SEE XXIV Regional meeting, March 2012, Sofia (Bulgaria) – repeated recognition and support from SEE Disaster Management Agencies with respect to DRR project continuation in the framework of DPPI SEE ➔ consensus on DRR Working Group Planning meeting in Dubrovnik

- WORKSHOP FORMAT of the meeting – Stocking and reflecting on past activities/ detailing of capacities built & lessons learned/ exploration of gaps

- COUNTRY STATEMENTS – Each country delivering a brief statement by reflecting on the project/ overall impression of the partnership model/ tangible activities of the project/ capacities built in the course of the training
Lessons Learned - conclusions

Regional level

1. Further develop networking to expand participants outreach & collaboration with other countries counterparts.
2. Agreement on course duration (1 week) as adequate and fulfilling its purpose without taking participants away from their duties for too long.
3. Tighter nomination and selection of course participants.
4. A need for supporting training materials – audio/visual educational films from the region although recognising difficulties in collecting those.
5. Appoint national DRR project Focal point

National level

1. Involve more national institutions from the members of National Platforms, local governments and private sector.
2. Build a constituency of high-level support within the countries.
3. Use trained personnel to support the work and development of NPs.
4. Develop ways & means for transfer of knowledge to other stakeholders.
5. Develop strategies for mainstreaming DRR into state policy – sustainable development.
6. Look into ways of implementing DRR concept into other similar projects.
7. ..........
What is needed to strengthen capacity?

**Consolidated activities**

- **Advanced/ Refresher ToT Courses**
- **Senior level seminars**
- **Executive level seminars**
- **National Courses:** Custom tailored national DRR courses to address specific in country issues and foster collaboration between national stakeholders
- **Institutionalizing & formalizing trainers involvement**
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What is needed to strengthen capacity?

Prioritized activities

- **Regional Courses** (updated training material + additional target group)
- **National courses** (with regionally-oriented and adaptable basis)
- DRR regional awareness presentations
- Trainers/ trainees database/ forum (website)
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Remaining DRR project activities 2012

- Final Disaster Risk Reduction Training Course (ToT) within the Phase 2 of the project – to be organized by DPPI SEE Secretariat, 18 – 22 Nov 2012, Sarajevo

- 2\textsuperscript{nd} DPPI SEE DRR Planning meeting – during the ToT, 20st Nov 2012, Sarajevo
  
  - Further discussion on potential sources of funding, and in this respect

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- Final outline of the next phase project proposal
Purpose and content of the evaluation

Carried out to collect project learning points, both positive and negative, in order to support the project partners to further improve capacity development activities.

Methodology – Three-phase approach

1) a desk study  2) phone interviews  3) field visit
The project achieved each of its deliverables set out in the proposal and Phase II delivery plan:

1. Created a pool of trainers (22) ➔ an existing regional source + DPPI SEE capacity (individual and organizational)

2. A total of 117 trainees trained through DRR courses ➔ ”increased awareness” recognized

3. Created a network (different professionals in the field of DM)

4. “Added value” brought in by each DM agency with its participatory approach; however

5. Lack of formalized structure and consequences thereof generated…. ➔
Lessons Learned

- Ensure institutional commitment from all DPPI SE Parties towards provision of DRR trainers to run subsequent courses
- Provide resources to support trained participants with incorporation of actions identified throughout into their everyday work
- In future, a need for tighter selection and nomination of participants
Best Practices

✧ PARTICIPATORY APPROACH

a) Adopted in the delivery of training materials thereby supporting longer-term sustainability of the project

b) Active engagement of participants - mutual dependence around learning outcomes ➔ built solid relationships & network

✧ CREATION OF A POOL OF TRAINERS

A regional DRR Human (knowledge) Resource to be built-upon

✧ FOCUS ON GENDER (engagement of a gender adviser)
Recommendations

- Formalization of a partnership (roles & responsibilities of key project partners)
- Setting out performance benchmarks against key project results
- Investigate the scope for formalizing agreements between DPPI SEE Parties
- Development of a commitment Action Plan for each participant + resources made available to follow-up and support participant…..
What is next?

- Final DPPI SEE DRR Training-of-Trainers Course –
  18 – 22 November, Sarajevo (organized by the Secretariat)
- 2nd DRR Planning meeting (20 November 2012) –
  Building up on the findings from Dubrovnik meeting ➔ final agreement
  ✓ Identifying potential resources of findings; towards
  ✓ Defining final project proposal outline
Thank You
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