

ASSESSMENT OF ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE DECADE

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Experience and Recent Disasters

1.1 Please provide a list of major disasters your country has experienced during the past five (5) years.

NIL

1.2. What was the impact of the above listed disasters?

NIL

1.3. Which measures were taken to reduce the impact of the disaster?

1.4. Do you believe there can be improvements in preparing for natural hazards in your country and in preventing negative impacts of such hazards? What sort of improvements?

1.5 Do you believe the IDNDR helped your country to give greater attention to disaster reduction?

YES Yes - No Explain

1.6. Please provide an example(s) an achievement (s) incorporating successful preventive approaches which you consider a "success story"

N/A

Progress made, since the inception of IDNDR, in the field of disaster reduction as a component of development planning and risk management

2.1. Please provide a brief statement of national accomplishment and/or describe current activities related to the achievement of the IDNDR Programme Targets:

(a) Comprehensive national assessment of risks. If an assessment exists, is it published or codified? *A DETAIL SURVEY ON HIGH RISK PLANT/INDUSTRY IN BAHRAIN AND SURROUND REGIONAL COUNTRIES, GENERAL CRISIS SHELTER ARRANGEMENTS, ENCOURAGING ALL EXISTING UN-ORGANISATION IN THE COUNTRY*

(b) Structured mitigation plans. Do documented comprehensive national disaster management plans exist? *YES - BUT IT IS UNDER REVIEWING PROCESS WITH CURRENT POSITION/ SITUATIONS TO MEET*

(c) Ready access to global, regional, national and local early warning systems. Can you provide examples of early warning practices and demonstrated successes? *RECENTLY WHEN UN-IRAQ CRISIS RAISED - ALL THE SYSTEM TESTED SUCCESSFULLY*

2.2. What obstacles do you face which prevent the accomplishment of the Decade targets? What are your recommendations to best overcome these obstacles? *CO-ORDINATING WITH EARTH MINISTRY'S PARTICIPANTS, WHICH SOLVED BY FREQUENTLY MEETING & ISSUING NEW LAWS OR DECREES*

2.3. To what extent have you established and implemented educational and information programmes aimed at generating public awareness? What methods of information dissemination have been utilized? *A N. SPECIAL SECTION CALLED "EMERGENCY PLANNING SECTION" INVENTED WITH HIGHLY SKILLED STAFF, WHO VISIT INDUSTRIES/SCHOOLS/HOTELS PUBLIC ORGANISATIONS TO DELIVER LECTURES BY AUDIO/VIDEO & LITERATURE FOR GENERAL AWARENESS*

2.4. Have you liaised with policy makers and major groups, such as local authorities, NGOs, and the media, in order to ensure support for and effectiveness of disaster reduction programmes? Please describe your activities. *EVERY 6 MONTHS/3 MONTHS HELD MEETING WITH NGOs AND REST OF GROUPS, IN-ORDER TO REVIEW POLICIES AND EXPECTING HAZARDS/DISASTERS BY EMERGENCY PLANNING SECTION STAFF*

2.5. To what extent have you worked with other sectors in incorporating disaster reduction activities into their planning (i.e. insurance, banking, private sector and development agencies)? *REVIEWING THEIR PLANNINGS AND NECESSARY AMENDMENTS MADE TIME TO-TIME, ALONG WITH THEIR AVAILABLE SOURCES IN CASE OF DISASTER*

2.6. The Decade provides an international arena for information exchange as well as an extensive international network of partners, how have these inputs contributed to achieving the goals of the

Decade? **CARRY MEETING ON A-B-C LEVEL MEETINGS AND EXERCISES ON DIFFERENT LEVELS.**
A - INTERNAL MEETINGS & EXERCISES (BAHRAIN)
B - G.C.P. " " (GULF COUNTRIES)
C - ARAB COUNTRIES " " "

UP TO DATE INFORMATION & LIAISON FREQUENTLY ON HIGH LEVEL

Structures in Place

3.1. Is there a designated government authority for disaster reduction activities? If yes, is this authority's commitment to prevention embodied in the government structure, priorities, budget and legislation?

YES - TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS CHAIRED BY H.F. MINISTER OF INTERIOR

3.2. Have budget lines for disaster reduction and preventive activities been made available in your government's budget?

YES - AS PER THE REQUIREMENT & SITUATION OF NEEDS

3.3. Have legislative authorities (national, state or local level) established legal frameworks for the implementation of disaster mitigation measures (ie. land-use planning, water and forest management, building codes)?

YES ON SEMI SCALE IN 1990 GULF WAR PERIOD, BUT IT IS UNDER PROCESS AT PRESENT AND NEARLY COMPLETION.

3.4. Have academic institutions and professional schools in disciplines such as engineering, agriculture, architecture, urban planning, business or public administration incorporated in their curricula applicable disaster-reduction concepts and measures? Please provide examples.

RECOMMENDED TO IMPLEMENTATION AND IT IS UNDER OBSERVATION WITH CONCERNED AUTHORITIES.

3.5. Have networks been build in order to aid in the transfer and application of existing knowledge and technology, information dissemination and international collaboration? Please briefly describe.

UNDER OBSERVATION

3.6. Who are your principal working partners? Do they represent an interdisciplinary approach to disaster reduction?

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YES

Future Requirements

4.1. Given your experience since the inception of the Decade and the new challenges of disasters in the 21st century, please provide comments as to what you believe are the necessary future requirements needed to successfully carry disaster reduction activities into the 21st century. Listed below are some criteria for your consideration:

- international mechanism for coordination
- budgetary commitments
- policy commitment
- network building
- information dissemination
- communication tools
- local authorities
- links to economic and social development programmes, environmental protection and sustainable development

- A. UN SHOULD CONTINUE THEIR EXIST PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES ALONG WITH STRONG COORDINATION BETWEEN ADVANCED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
- B. AN SPECIAL FUND SHALL BE RESERVES TO CARRY OUT DISASTER COMMITMENTS.
- C. ALL COUNTRIES SHALL BE CONNECTED WITH NETWORK IN-ORDER TO PASS INFORMATION UP TO DATE DATA.
- D. ALL COUNTRIES SHOULD BENEFIT THROUGH EXPERIENCES OF EACH OTHER AND COMMUNICATION TOOLS SHALL BE ON STRONG BASIS APART FROM REGIONAL POLICIES.
- E. ALL LOCAL AUTHORITIES SHOULD PLAY THEIR VITAL ROLE AND USE THEIR TOTAL EFFORTS TO REDUCE DISASTER HAZARDS OR REGIONAL THREATS.
- F. BAHRAIN IS PLAYING A BIG ROLE ON THE MAP OF WORLD, TO PROTECT ENVIRONMENT DEVELOPING PROGRAMS, BUT ALSO STRONGLY RECOMMEND TO DO SO BY OTHER COUNTRIES AND INVENT NEW LAWS TO IMPLEMENT UN POLICIES.

4.2. What sort of national or international measures would you like to be put in place in the 21st century?

- A3 BAHRAIN IS DEVELOPING COUNTRY AND ITS SIZE IS VERY SMALL, ALSO PREVIOUS RECORD OF INCIDENTS/DISASTER ALMOST NIL -?
- TO FACE 21ST CENTURY WE SHOULD BE MUCH EXPERIENCED & SKILLED, SO WE RECOMMEND TO HAVE CONFERENCE / VISIT / PASS INFORMATION BY EXPERTS AS WELL AS GAINING EXPERIENCES PRACTICALLY BY ATTENDING CD & ISD EMPLOY ONLY PLANNING TEAM AND PARTICIPATING DURING DISASTERS WITH OCCURED COUNTRIES.