

## ASSESSMENT OF ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE DECADE

### Information on Provider

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### Experience and Recent Disasters

1. **Please provide a list of major disasters your country has experienced during the past five (5) years**  
 ..... - Tropical Cyclone Kina & Nina, January 1993.....  
 ..... - Marine Volcanic eruption, 1995.....  
 ..... - Tropical Cyclone Hina, March 1997.....  
 ..... - Tropical Cyclone Ron, January 1998.....
2. **What was the impact of the above listed disasters**  
 ..... - Extensive damages to public and private buildings.....  
 ..... - Extensive damage to food crops, vegetation and trees in general.....  
 ..... - Damages to infrastructures such as wharf, jetties, course - ways, power lines and telephones.....
3. **Which measures were taken to reduce the impact of the disaster?**  
 ..... - Early warnings and immediate response through preparedness measures.....  
 ..... - Urgent response from key organisations and sectors.....  
 ..... - Key commercial agriculture outside cyclone season.....  
 ..... - Having an active and forceful Education and Awareness Work Group in the Community level.....
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?**  
 ..... - Yes, Develop of Organisational (Govt Dept) and Village Plan.....  
 ..... - Establish a Building Code for the Kingdom.....  
 ..... - Formal adoption of National Disaster Management plan and support plans.....  
 ..... - Encourage Public Awareness and Education programmes and activities.....
5. **Do you believe the IDNDR helped your country to give greater attention to disaster reduction?**  
 Yes  No  Explain ..... through capacity development; coordination developments; fore warning activities.
6. **Please provide an example(s) an achievement(s) incorporating successful preventive approaches which you consider a "success story" ..... Key persons have undertaken all round training.**  
 ..... - Better warning system.....  
 ..... - A National Disaster Management Office in place for co-ordination purposes.....  
 ..... - Extended awareness of Disaster Management among the community level through intervention meetings and visits by NDMO officers.  
 ..... - Continue preparedness, mitigation and response measures.

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

**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?**

.....- The IDNDR National Committee, NDMO and TANGO jointly conducted an Education and Awareness Campaign by reaching out to community level to advice in good house maintenance habits. The vulnerable and weak joints in building structures were identified and equally important demonstrated the necessary repair-work required to further strengthen them.

**b) Structured mitigation plan. Do documented comprehensive national disaster management plans exist?**

.....- Have been developed but not yet formally adopted .....

**c) Ready access to global, regional, national and local early warning systems. Can you provide examples of early warning practices and demonstrated successes?**

.....- Access to regional and national early warning systems for Tropical Cyclones. Consequently infrequent loses at sea has experienced. Early evacuation from vulnerable areas to safer centres particularly disabilities and old ages .....

**2. What obstacles do you face which prevent the accomplishment of the Decade targets? What are your recommendations to best overcome these obstacles?**

.....- Late entry to Disaster Management Programme (SPDRP Phase I) National Structures should have been in place earlier on in the decade. ....

.....- Involvement of communities in all phases of SPDRP programmes. Develop Community Work Group and represented by Church leaders, Town Officers, Women, Youth etc. ....

**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?**

.....- Village meetings handout pamphlets on preparedness measures media and radio dissemination. Workshops have been implemented for NGOs and Government Representatives on various phases of Disaster Management. Development of projects on Flood prone low lying areas taking into account their vulnerable situations particularly housings, drainage and agricultural development. ....

**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.**

.....- Yes, in National and community meetings, various workshops and visits to introduce Disaster Management ensuring their support towards the National Office and disaster reduction activities. Household visits for maintenance of buildings through demonstration of repair works required on vulnerable joints.....

**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)?**

.....- Private sector through NGO Workshops in trying to incooperate disaster reduction and mitigation measures into their Plannings. ....

**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?**

.....- It encourages and support ongoing efforts through capacity development of appropriate skill and structure.

### Structures in Place

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, The IDNDR National Committee is responsible for Policy making. The NDMO is within the Ministry of Works and Disaster Related Activities Particular emphasis on relief Activities with budget also covering disaster mitigation, education and awareness, planning. It would be legislated once the NDMP is being adopted.....

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

..... - Yes, The budget is although minimal but it covers the office operation, Planning, Education and Awareness, Mitigation activities and an allowance for relief and rehabilitation matters.....

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

..... - Not yet in place but are being developed. In the meantime legislation allows the Prime Minister to declare any particular situation as Disaster area if caused by Natural or man-made disaster.

4. **Have academic institution 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.**

..... - Not in academic professional schools, but certain aspects have been incooperated into Primary Schools, Colleges and Marine Training School.....

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.**

..... - Its being implemented.

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

..... - Local principal partners are the representatives of IDNDR National Committee, the Disaster Management Committee, Government agencies, NGOs and private sectors. They represent an interdisciplinary approach.

### Future Requirements

1. **Given your experience since the inception of the Decade and the new challenges of disasters in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, please provide comments as to what you believe are the necessary future requirements needed to successfully carry disaster reduction activities into the 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

..... - I believe that the future requirements needed to successfully carry disaster reduction activities into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century are:

1. **Regional Co-ordination Mechanism** – further develop, strengthen and to promote better operational coordination roles among the PICs through the involvement of SOPAC. Encourage coordination and cooperation in the region through mutual assistance agreement and exchange of information on relevant mitigation and awareness programmes.
2. **Budgetary Commitment** – is required at the national and community level for disaster reduction project activities, particularly in vulnerable coastal areas, and small islands.
3. **Policy Commitment** – in the development of national policies in construction, agriculture, national planning and vulnerability assessments with respect to disaster reduction.
2. **What sort of national or international measures would you like to be put in place in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?**
  - .....- Measures to undertake seismological studies on earthquake and volcano, tsunami, exotic disease from plant and animals and flooding.
  - .....- Manpower resources for development of legislation, educational awareness programme, database and information system.
  - .....- More international financial assistant.
  - .....- Measures to develop legislation building code and national disaster management plans. ....
  - .....- Involve and develop disaster plans for all villages (community) particularly on preparedness mitigation and response measures.
  - .....- Encourage further training measures on disaster damage assessment and develop reduction plans at national and community level.