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ASSESSMENT OF ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE DECADE

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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.

- (a) DROUGHT
- (b) FLASH FLOODS
- (c) ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENT
- (d) BURN FIRES

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

- (a) MALNUTRITION AND STARVATION
- (b) LOSS OF CROPS AND LIVESTOCK
- (c) LOSS OF LIVES
- (d) DESTRUCTION OF FLORA & FAUNA

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

- (a) CREATION OF FOOD RESERVES 3 SHORT TERM CROPS
- (b) PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

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?

- (a) INTENSIVE PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS
- (b) ADVANCED DRIVING COURSES
- (c) SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS
- (d) REVIEW OF SOME PIECES OF LEGISLATION

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

YES Yes No Explain THE INTEREST DISPLAYED BY IDNDR IS ENCOURAGING AND HIGHLY MOTIVATING

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

THE CONDUCTING OF HAZARD ANALYSIS EXERCISE ON ALL OUR BORDER POSTS FOLLOWING A NEAR DISASTROUS INCIDENT INVOLVING A TANKER CARRYING LIQUID PETROLEUM GAS.

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?

THIS IS CURRENTLY UNDER WAY. WE ARE STARTING WITH OUR MAJOR CITIES FOLLOWED BY TOWNS THEN GROWTH POINTS AND THE REST

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

THESE EXIST AT NATIONAL, PROVINCIAL, DISTRICT AND SOME INSTITUTIONAL LEVELS BUT THEY BOTH LACK THE MITIGATORY ASPECT.

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

THE EL-NINO PHENOMENON WAS RECEIVED WELL IN ADVANCE AND MITIGATORY MEASURES PUT IN PLACE

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

LACK OF FUNDS FOR CERTAIN CRUCIAL PROJECTS
I SUGGEST GOVERNMENT SHOULD TAKE THE TASK OF CIVIL DEFENCE MORE SERIOUSLY BY INJECTING MORE FUNDS

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?

APART FROM PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS, A NUMBER OF WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS HAVE BEEN HELD AND MORE ARE STILL ON THE CARDS

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.

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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)?

PHYSICALLY WE HAVE NOT INVOLVED ANY OF THOSE LISTED ABOVE BUT THROUGH THE LOCAL MEDIA.

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

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Decade? THROUGH A CONCENTRATED EFFORT OF REGIONAL CO-OPERATION A LOT OF IDEAS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED SHARED AND THEN ADOPTED AND ADAPTED BY OTHERS

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? OUR ORGANIZATION IS KNOWN AS "THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL PROTECTION" AND IS AN AGENCY OF GOVERNMENT AND MANAGED THROUGH GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR ITS EXISTENCE & OPERATIONS

2. Have budget lines for disaster reduction and preventive activities been made available in your government's budget? YES THEY HAVE BEEN BUDGETED FOR BUT THE FUNDS ARE TOO SCANT IN COMPARISON TO THE TASK AHEAD

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 - OUR LEGISLATION TAKES CARE OF ALL THESE HOWEVER ENFORCEMENT IS ALWAYS FOUND WANTING, BUT THEY ARE THERE

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.

YES - A TYPICAL EXAMPLE IS THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT POLICY

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. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT WOULD SUFFICE TO MENTION OUR AFFILIATION TO SUCH ORGANISATIONS LACDE, ICDO, EDMSA and OTHERS

6. Who are your principal working partners? Do they represent an interdisciplinary approach to disaster reduction? WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING SOME KIND OF CO-OPERATION WITH ALL OUR NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

Future Requirements

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

In the past many Governments never took Disaster mitigation and management as a serious issue. The industrial revolution brought with it disasters of a complicated nature and of a higher magnitude. As modern technology improved disasters are occurring more often and getting more complicated by the day especially in the next millennium.

In order for the world to gear itself for these inevitable changes, obviously there is need for society to change its attitude and preparedness tactics.

There is need to improve upon our coordination, communication and information dissemination systems. Governments will have to play more active roles by steering a lot of resources and direct management preparedness efforts towards disaster survival. They will have to come up with sound policies and efficient enforcement system of paramount importance will be the establishment of installation of flawed and efficient early warning devices/system.

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

What I hope to see is the installation of compatible networking and communication systems and early warning devices. Also worth considering is the unification of certain pieces of legislation and

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