



Strengthening the Role of Local Governments in Jordan

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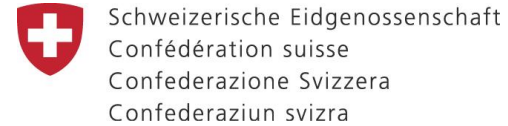
Introduction:

The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) is contributing to existing efforts in reducing the risk of natural and man-made disasters. In this regard, SDC is engaged in the implementation of various projects to integrate prevention, preparedness and sustainability principles into Jordanian development plans. Some key areas of note include SDC's capacity building support to the Jordan Civil Defence (JCD), which culminated in the JCD USAR team being classified as the 1st Arab team to achieve the heavy classification. In collaboration with the Jordan Engineer Association, SDC has helped to strengthen quality control in construction to promote earthquake resilient structures in the country. At the local level, SDC has also supported the establishment of DRR coordination units in five governorates of Jordan.

The UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), is the focal point in the UN system for the coordination of disaster risk reduction and the implementation of the international blueprint for disaster risk reduction - the "Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) 2005-2015: Building the resilience of nations and communities to disasters". UNISDR has been requested by the UN General Assembly to also coordinate the development of a successor arrangement to HFA for a post-2015 global DRR framework.

One of the important aspects of the HFA is to prioritize DRR at the local level. In this regard, the UNISDR launched the "Making Cities Resilient" campaign in 2010. This campaign supports local governments and municipalities to become more resilient to disasters. The Cities' Campaign developed tools and provides useful links to good practices. The Mayors Handbook on "How to Make Cities More Resilient" was developed and is available also in Arabic. UNISDR also developed the Local Government Self-Assessment Tool (LGSAT), a self-monitoring tool provided to all participating cities of the campaign. It assists local governments to assess DRR progress, and helps them in addressing gaps and challenges.

Since the launch of the Global Campaign on "Making Cities Resilient, the Arab region scaled up engagement of local governments in disaster risk reduction. To date more than 300 cities and municipalities in the Arab region have joined the campaign. Three cities from Jordan (Amman, Aqaba, and Petra) joined the Making Cities Resilient Campaign and have demonstrated increased commitment to DRR. UNISDR in collaboration with SDC and the UNDP country office in Jordan have worked together to strengthen the capacities of Jordan's local government to accelerate progress in the implementation of Hyogo Framework for Action and to enable the Jordanian cities to share their good practices regionally and globally. As a result, Aqaba was announced a "Role Model City" for DRR during the 1st Arab Regional Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction. The city of Petra also joined a global network of cultural heritage cities that are threatened by disaster risks.



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Building on the above efforts, more cities in Jordan have announced their interest in signing up to the Campaign. Taking up this momentum, a capacity development programme on disaster risk reduction is starting to enhance knowledge, awareness and will strengthen the capacities of local governments in Jordan to build resilience to disasters.

Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction in Jordan:

Recognizing that local governments have a key role to play in disaster management and risk reduction, it is important to support their efforts to respond adequately to the needs of their local communities, including through the provision of support to mainstream DRR into sustainable development plans and programmes.

In late 2012 to early 2013, SDC implemented a "Capacity Building Training and Study" pilot project, also known as "Mainstreaming DRR into Sustainable Development". This was designed based on an assessment conducted by UNDP and the Jordanian Civil Defence on the capacity development needs of decision makers and planners as it pertains to the use of hazard and vulnerability data in their decision making and planning processes (2008).

The main goal of that project was to enable governmental officials, at governorate level, to understand the concept of DRR and its role in minimizing losses of development gains from disasters and in reducing vulnerability. An essential output of that project was to institutionalize the system for DRR in the Ministry of Interior and in the Ministry of Municipalities Affair, in order to contribute to safer construction and urban planning in the five governorates of Zarka, Irbid, Balqa (Salt), Madaba and Jarash. One DRR workshop was conducted in each of those governorates to promote this effort.

Purpose of the meeting:

Building on the above, a 2 day workshop is aimed to build on all previous workshops and trainings and build further the capacities of a representative sample of 25 local government officials from the five governorates of Zarka, Irbid, Balqa (Salt), Madaba and Jarash. The workshop will enhance awareness on disaster risk reduction at all local levels and further serve to equip the participants with the necessary knowledge and tools to train municipalities on the integration of disaster risk reduction in city planning and local development.

Moving forward and considering the new global agreements coming into place, this workshop will be conducted for a period of three days and concentrate on the following topics:

- General understanding of the major hazards that threaten Jordan
- Establishing a common understanding on Disaster Risk Reduction
- Introducing the World Disaster Reduction Campaign on Making Cities Resilient and welcoming new commitments from the Governorates.
- Building capacity using the tools available by the campaign to assist municipalities in implementing the ten essentials for making cities resilient; as well as compile data from the LG-SAT.
- Opportunity for city representative and national government officials to share learning's and encourages new partnerships.

Location: Ministry of Interior Training Facility



Day 1	Tuesday 11 November 2014
9:00 - 9:30	REGISTRATION
9:30- 10:00	<p>Overview of SDC support in Jordan and <i>Recap on previous workshops</i></p> <p><i>“Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation contribution in Disaster Risk Reduction in Jordan and the Region”</i></p> <p>Speakers: <i>Eng. Nayef Khouri, National Program Officer, SDC Jordan</i> <i>Ms. Nour Al Saaideh, DRR program Manager, Jordan</i></p>
10:00-10:30	<p>Understanding Disaster Risk Reduction</p> <p><i>Concepts of Risk, Hazard, Disaster, Disaster Management and Disaster Reduction, Vulnerability and Resilience.</i></p> <p><i>Speaker: Dr.Soud Quraan, Disaster Risk Management expert, Jordan</i></p>
10:30-11:00	<p>Disaster Risk Reduction - A Global and Regional overview</p> <p><i>Speaker: Mr. Fadi Jannan, Regional Programme Officer, UNISDR Arab States</i></p>
11:00-11:15	COFFEE BREAK
11:15-12:00	<p>Disaster Risk Management in Jordan & the Decision-Making process</p> <p><i>Speaker: Lieutenant colonel Tayseer Sarayeh , Jordan Civil Defense, Jordan</i></p>
12:00-12:30	<p>The Making Cities Resilient Campaign</p> <p><i>Speaker: Mr. Ragy Saro, Programme Officer, UNISDR Regional Office for Arab States</i></p>
12:30-13:00	<p>Jordanian local Government experience in Disaster Risk Reduction</p> <p><i>Speaker: Eng. Hussein al Hasanat, Head of the PDTA's Disaster Risk Reduction Unit, Petra, Jordan</i></p>
13:00 - 14:00	LUNCH
14:00- 15:00	<p>The European Local Government Experience: Provincia Di Potenza, Italy experience on Disaster Risk Reduction</p> <p><i>Speaker: Dr. Alessandro ATTOLICO, Executive Director, Territorial Planning and Civil Protection, Province of Potenza, Italy</i></p>



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15:00-15:30	Q &A and Discussion
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Day 2	Wednesday 12 November 2014
9:00-9:30	Recap on Day 2 and addressing any questions / concerns
9:30-10:00	<i>The ASEZA Disaster Risk Reduction model; a best practice in Aqaba, Jordan</i> <i>Speaker: Dr.Soud Quraan, Disaster Risk Management expert, Jordan</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Integrated Risk Assessments and Early Warning Systems <i>Speaker: Eng. Hussein al Hasanat, Head of the PDTA's Disaster Risk Reduction Unit, Petra, Jordan</i>
10:30-11:00	Community and School Preparedness <i>Speaker: Ms. Nour Al Saaideh, DRR program Manager, Jordan</i>
11:00– 11:15	COFFEE BREAK
11:15 – 12:00	Local Government Self Assessment Tool <i>Speaker: Mr. Ragy Saro, Programme Officer, UNISDR Regional Office for Arab States</i>
12:00-13:00	Working groups : LGSAT exercise
13:00- 14:00	LUNCH
14:00-15:00	City presentations
15:00-15:30	Conclusion of the Workshop – Timeline of Project <i>Speaker: Mr. Ragy Saro, Programme Officer, UNISDR Regional Office for Arab States</i> *Feedback from Participants