

The Sendai Framework outlines seven global targets to be achieved over the next 15 years

All seven global targets are relevant to health. Four targets are directly related to health focussing on substantial reductions in: disaster mortality (Target 1), the number of affected people (Target 2), disaster damage to critical infrastructure and disruption of basic services, including health facilities (Target 4) as well as increasing access to multi-hazard early warning systems (Target 7).

SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE

- 1. Global disaster mortality
- 2. Numbers of affected people
- 3. Economic losses in relation to global GDP
- 4. Disaster damage to critical infrastructure and disruption of basic services

SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE

- 5. The number of countries with national and local Disaster Risk Reduction strategies by 2020
- 6. International cooperation to developing countries
- 7. Access to multi-hazard early warning systems and disaster risk information and assessments

To implement the health aspects of the Sendai framework, it will be essential to:

Enhance cooperation between health authorities and other relevant stakeholders to strengthen country capacity for disaster risk management for health, for the implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005) and the building of resilient health systems

Promote systematic integration of disaster risk reduction in national health policies and plans and the inclusion of health in national multisectoral disaster risk management strategies

Strengthen integration of disaster risk reduction into health education and training

Incorporate disaster-related mortality, morbidity and disability data into multi-hazard early warning systems, core health indicators and in national risk assessments and profiling

Support cross-sectoral, interdisciplinary and transboundary collaboration for all types of hazards, including for biological hazards

Promote coherence and further development of national and local strategies and plans and frameworks for laws, regulations and public policies

Stimulate public and private investment in disaster risk reduction including in health facilities and other life-saving and harm-reducing measures

Implementation of the Health Aspects of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 – 2030

10 – 11 MARCH 2016, BANGKOK, THAILAND



International Conference on the Implementation of the Health Aspects of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 – 2030

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The Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 – 2030, adopted in Japan at the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in 2015 recognises health as a key area of focus for disaster risk management.

As disasters continue to kill thousands and affect millions of people every year, and as risks to health associated with emergencies and as Public Health Emergencies increase in frequency, impact and complexity, integrating disaster risk reduction approaches in health policies and practice is critical to preventing risks to health, saving lives and ensuring health care for survivors. The vital roles of many other sectors at all levels of society in reducing risks to people's health will need to be strengthened through the multisectoral disaster risk management measures.

The International Conference on the Implementation of the Health Aspects of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 – 2030 will be held in Thailand from 10-11 March. It will be an important platform to discuss ways to implement the health aspects of the Sendai Framework, in a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary, multi-sectoral and all-hazards approach to disaster risk management.

More than 300 participants are expected to attend the Conference, including health and disaster risk reduction experts from governments and from key stakeholders and networks, inter-governmental and international agencies and NGOs. They will discuss important issues, including building resilient health systems, integrating disaster risk management into primary, secondary and tertiary health care, and strengthening the capacity of health personnel and community health workers in disaster risk reduction.

The results of the Conference will feed into the Asia Regional Plan for the implementation of the Sendai Framework, which is the intended outcome of the first Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction after the advent of the Sendai Framework hosted by the government of the Republic of India in New Delhi in November 2016.

The results of the Conference will also provide input for the ongoing review process of the International Health Regulations 2005 that will be tabled at the 68th session of the World Health Assembly in May 2016.

PROGRAMME THURSDAY, 10 MARCH 2016

08.00-09.00

Registration

09.00-10.00

Opening Ceremony

Venue: Ballroom 2 and 3

Welcoming remarks by

Ms. Pornprapai Ganjanarintr, Director-General,
Department of International Organizations,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand

Opening remarks by

Clin. Prof. Emeritus Dr. Piyasakol
Sakolsatayadorn, Minister of Public Health of
Thailand

Keynote addresses by

Mr. Robert Glasser, Special Representative of
Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction
(UNISDR)

Dr Bruce Aylward, Executive Director a.i.
Outbreaks and Health Emergencies (WHO)

Group photo

10.00-10.30

Tea / Coffee break

10.00-10.45

Joint press briefing (Venue: Riverside 2)

10.30-12.30

Remarks by the Chair of the Conference.

H.E. Thani Thongpakdi, Ambassador of Thailand
to the UN and International Organizations
in Geneva

First Panel Discussion

Implementation of the Sendai Framework for
DRR - strengthening multisectoral disaster
risk reduction to address the risks to people's
health.

Moderator: Dr. Suwit Wibulpolprasert, Advisor
on Global Health to the Office of the Permanent
Secretary, Ministry of Public Health of Thailand

The Panel will focus on the following:

- (1) Lessons learned from past disasters
- (2) Resilience of health systems

- (3) Promoting functioning multi-hazards early warning systems, risk assessment and information, and health-related innovations at all levels
- (4) Public and private investment in disaster risk reduction

12.30-14.00

Luncheon at Feast Restaurant

12.30-14.00

Side event "Health Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia:
Good Practices, Opportunities and Challenges"

Venue: Riverside 2

14:00 – 16.00

Second Panel Discussion

Capacity building of public health
preparedness and response

Moderator: Dr. Bruce Aylward, WHO Executive-
Director ad interim, Outbreaks and Health
Emergencies

The Panel will focus on the following:

- (1) New challenges posed by infectious disease outbreaks
- (2) Manage and enhance capacity of health workers
- (3) Collaboration between health authorities and other relevant stakeholders
- (4) Transboundary cooperation for policy and planning for the implementation of the Sendai Framework

16.00 – 17.00

Input and Lessons Learnt from the Table
Top Exercise

The Table Top Exercise will be conducted jointly
by Japanese and Thai disaster relief teams in
response to a hypothetical pandemic outbreak

17.00-17.45

Present the conference draft outcome document

18.15

Welcome dinner (River Cruise) hosted by
Royal Thai Government

PROGRAMME FRIDAY, 11 MARCH 2016

09.00-09.30

Summary of day 1
and overview of day 2

09.30-11.30

Third Panel Discussion

Strengthening the design and
implementation of inclusive policy
and social safety-net mechanisms for
disaster risk reduction

Moderator: Mr. Elhadj As Sy, Secretary General,
International Federation of Red Cross and Red
Crescent Societies (IFRC)

The Panel will focus on the following:

- (1) Community involvement, livelihood enhancement programmes and access to basic health care services during and post disaster phases
- (2) Addressing the needs of people disproportionately affected by disasters
- (3) Designing of policies and plans to manage people with life-threatening and chronic disease and mental health
- (4) Strengthening social safety-net mechanisms including Universal Health Coverage

11.30-12.30

Consideration of the Chair's Summary and
Recommendations

12.30-14.00

Luncheon at Feast Restaurant

12.30-14.00

Side event "Enhancing partnerships for
healthier communities: One Billion Coalition
for Resilience"

Venue: Riverside 2

14.00 – 16.00

Fourth Panel Discussion

Partnerships and the role of
stakeholders and financing health-
related programmes in disaster
preparedness

Moderator: Ms. Margareta Wahlstrom, Former
Special Representative of Secretary-General for
Disaster Risk Reduction

The Panel will focus on the following:

- (1) Theoretical role of national DRR platforms
- (2) The importance of stand-by agreements and networks to respond to crisis
- (3) The role of Private-Public Partnership in risk management cycle
- (4) Financing health-related programmes in disaster preparedness and response
- (5) The call for common approach for financing pandemic and all hazards emergency preparedness

16.00 – 16.30

Tea / Coffee break

16.30-17.00

Closing Plenary

Presentation of the Chairs' summary and
Recommendations

Closing remarks by the Chair

End of programme