



The
SASAKAWA
AWARD

*Recognizing excellence in reducing disaster
risk for a more inclusive and sustainable world
leaving no one behind.*

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“Despite significant progress in many countries in reducing disaster mortality, all too often it is people with reduced mobility or freedom of action including women, children, the elderly and persons living with disabilities who are most affected by disaster events.”

Mami Mizutori,

Special Representative of the
UN Secretary-General for Disaster
Risk Reduction

Women active in their local community meet to discuss post-disaster reconstruction plans in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Many countries are now including multiple stakeholders in developing, national and local strategies for disaster risk reduction.

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The call for nominations for the 2019 United Nations Sasakawa Award for Disaster Risk Reduction under the theme “Building inclusive and resilient societies” is now open.

You have until 31 January 2019 to send your nominations.

Background

Together with the World Health Organization Sasakawa Health Prize and the UN Environment Programme Sasakawa Environment Prize, the United Nations Sasakawa Award for Disaster Risk Reduction is one of the three prestigious prizes established in 1986 by the founding Chairman of the Nippon Foundation, Mr. Ryoichi Sasakawa. The United Nations Sasakawa Award for Disaster Risk Reduction is awarded to an individual or institution that has made substantive efforts to reduce disaster risk in his or her community.

Theme

In 2019, the Sasakawa Award will recognize good practices and initiatives undertaken by institutions, individuals and groups that have best contributed to increase the participation of women, youth, elderly and dependant people who are disproportionately affected by disasters in disaster risk reduction policies and practices.

The Award will be presented during a ceremony that will take place at the next Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction in Geneva, Switzerland in 15-17 May 2019.

What does this Award recognize?

The Sasakawa Award will recognize nominations of individuals, groups, organizations, local authorities who are already working in the field of disaster risk reduction and helped improve the participation and recognition of the most vulnerable groups in disaster reduction policies.

Who is the jury?

All nominations will be submitted to an independent jury of eminent persons from the field of disaster risk reduction. The names of the jury members will be available on the UNISDR website when nominated.

Awards

The winners of the Sasakawa Award will receive a cash prize. The amount of the grant shall be determined on a case-by-case basis to a maximum of \$50,000.

Key dates

22 November 2018:

Official start of the Sasakawa Award nomination process.

31 January 2019:

Final deadline for submissions.

February 2019:

Start of evaluations

May 2019:

Winner(s) announced at the Global Platform for
Disaster Risk Reduction

How can I nominate an individual or organization?

You can nominate individuals, community groups, civil society organizations, government agencies at local or national level, NGOs or private sector entities for this Award but you cannot nominate yourself or your own institution.

Past winners cannot be nominated.

Please see the link below to know more about past winners:
<http://www.unisdr.org/we/campaign/sasakawa>

Postal address:

Sasakawa Award secretariat
UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction in Geneva
9-11 Rue de Varembe
CH 1202 Geneva
Switzerland

Email:

isdr-sasakawa@un.org

UNISDR will receive all the nominations that will be then submitted to jury members.

Who can send nomination letters?

UNISDR accepts the nominations from:

- Former United Nations Sasakawa Award Laureates.
- Individuals that are part of the UNISDR thematic platforms and other networks and campaigns (this may include national or local government officials, NGOs, academic institutions, the private sector, regional organizations and those who took part in sessions of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, Regional Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction, National Platforms, and the Making Cities Resilient Campaign).
- Representatives of institutions dealing with disaster prevention and mitigation.
- United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and United Nations resident coordinators.
- Permanent Missions to United Nations offices around the world.

Steps to follow to complete a nomination:

To complete a nomination, you need to send 1) a nomination letter and 2) a completed questionnaire (attached at the end of this package) which should be sent by mail to the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) Office in Geneva, the administrator of the Sasakawa Award.

1. Prepare a letter of nomination explaining who you are, why you are recommending the nominee and how your nominee is or has contributed to achieve the theme of the 2019 Sasakawa at the national, local or community level.

2. Complete the questionnaire attached at the end of this package.
3. Provide the necessary supporting documents that should be completed by your nominee.

What are the supporting documents?

The nominee needs to complete two parts:

Part I:

Nominees must describe, in less than 800 words, how the particular initiative has promoted the 2019 Sasakawa theme; who was involved and who benefited from the initiative; what were the main achievements, challenges and solution(s) proposed.

Part II:

Nominees must also describe in less than 400 words, how the initiative was financed and how the prize money will support the continuation of the initiative or be used if the nominee was awarded.

Supporting documents for the Award shall be sent by mail to the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) Office in Geneva.

A scanned copy of all supporting documents shall be sent as well via email.

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Please note that it is your responsibility to ensure that all documents are received both via mail and email by 31 January 2019.

Nominees are able to send added supporting materials if they want to:

OPTIONAL SUPPORTING MATERIAL		
Nominees might consider sending the following supporting material but it is optional		
Item	Format	We prefer to receive this information:
Photos	.jpg	Via Dropbox, WeTransfer or YouSendIt, addressed to: isdrr-sasakawa@un.org
PowerPoint slide	.ppt	
Video	.mpg	
Books	Digital only	
Character references	.pdf, .doc	

Item	Format	We prefer to receive this information:
Posters, pamphlets and similar printed material (excluding books)	Hard copy	Via post to: Sasakawa Award secretariat The UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction 9-11 Rue de Varembe, CH 1202 Geneva, Switzerland

Criteria Review

Jury members will focus on the documents provided and use the following set of questions to validate the nominations:

10 Questions for the theme “Building inclusive and resilient societies”:

- Does the nominee demonstrate full knowledge and understanding of the topic?
- Has the nominee introduced or followed principles relevant to the topic?
- Has the nominee developed methods for determining who were the beneficiaries (e.g. children, women, older persons, people with disability, dependent people) and how they benefit from the initiative?
- Has the nominee applied and determined the effectiveness of such methods?
- How significant (%) were these methods in terms of total population exposed?
- Did the applied methods trigger new research and findings?
- Has the nominee developed proposals, methods or procedures to increase inclusive policies and programmes in both pre-disaster and post-disaster situations?
- Can the applied methods or model be applied elsewhere?
- Can the initiative be replicated in another local or national context?
- How sustainable is the initiative at local or national level?

In addition to the above set of theme-specific questions, the jury will also take into account the following 10 criteria:

10 Criteria:

- Innovation and leadership
- Vision and charisma
- Inclusive principles
- Fairness
- Contribution to the implementation of the Sendai Framework
- Sustainability
- Community empowerment
- Reducing exposure to hazards
- Analysis and understanding of risk

(Please see the examples for these 10 criteria at: www.unisdr.org/we/campaign/sasakawa)

Prize-giving ceremony

The prize will be awarded at the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, which will take place in **15-17 May 2019 in Geneva, Switzerland.**

We look forward to receiving your nominations!

Questionnaire for those submitting nominations

Please note: Once you have nominated an individual or institution for the award, your nominee must provide supporting documenting to be considered for the award.

Please fill out this section *only* if you are nominating an *individual*

Nominee's name _____

Nominee's address _____

Email _____ Nationality _____

Date of birth _____ Place of birth _____

Sex _____ Education _____

Present position of nominee _____

Current job description of nominee _____

Nominee's previous posts and functions _____

Please fill out this section *only* if you are nominating an *institution*

Institution name _____

Address of headquarters _____

Address of nominated institution if different from headquarters _____

Date of creation _____ Main fields of activity _____

Size _____ Organization structure _____

Annual budget and sources of income _____

Name and title of chief executive officer _____

For those submitting nominations, please provide your details

Nominator's name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Present position _____

Previous posts and functions _____

Which UNISDR conferences or initiatives have you (who are submitting the nomination) participated in?

UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

- First World Conference on Disaster Reduction in Yokohama 1994
- Second World Conference on Disaster Reduction in Hyogo 2005
- Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai 2015

Please describe your mode of participation _____

Global Platform

- 2007 2013
- 2009 2017
- 2011

Describe your mode of participation _____

Regional Platform

- Africa Asia
- Americas Europe
- Arab States Pacific

Describe your mode of participation _____

**National
Platform**

Which country? _____

Please describe your mode of participation _____

Please specify the name of any UNISDR campaigns and initiatives you have been involved in.

Name of campaign/initiative

Your mode of participation

Please specify any other UNISDR conferences or initiatives you participated in if not included in the above categories _____

In less than 400 words, please describe the remarkable and innovative effort carried out by the nominee to achieve the 2019 Sasakawa theme.



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