

Webinar #03

Resilience of local governments: A multi-sectoral approach to integrate public health and disaster risk management

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06:00 Pacific Time (US and Canada) |
08:00 Panama | 09:00 New York | 14:00 London |
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Objective:

The webinar covers aspects of public health systems in the Making Cities Resilient Campaign tool – the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities. The focus is on how the scorecard promotes a broad multi-sectoral approach to handling disaster risk reduction, including for public health emergencies.

Background:

“Preparation saves lives”. The capacity of public health systems is crucial to reduce the impact of pandemics, as clearly discussed in the [practical experience from countries like P.R. China and the Republic of Korea](#). Experience from past epidemics and the current COVID-19 pandemic demonstrate how important it is to break down silos between disaster managers, health workers and other sectors. Ms. Mami Mizutori, the UN Secretary-General’s Special Representative for Disaster Risk Reduction and head of the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) urged national and local disaster management agencies to include health emergencies in the discussion on disasters, as a top priority, alongside earthquakes, floods, storms and other natural hazards. Governments must prioritize resilient health systems.

Promoting systematic integration of health into national and sub-national disaster risk reduction policies and plans is a key recommendation of the [“Bangkok Principles for the implementation of the health aspects of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030”](#). The [Health Emergency and Disaster Risk Management Framework \(HEDRM\) of the World Health Organization is the overarching framework](#). The [public health addendum of the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities](#) is a tool designed for use by local governments to enhance resilience, as guided by the HEDRM Framework.

Key questions to be addressed:

- How can public health aspects be integrated into disaster risk reduction and resilience planning?
- What is the Public Health Addendum of the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities and how can this tool support strengthened planning and coordination among disaster managers and health workers?

Guest Speakers:



Dr. Peter Williams,
IBM
Distinguished Engineer, Retd.



Dr. Benjamin Ryan,
Clinical Associate Professor at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, United States.



Commentator: Dr. Rajib Shaw,
Professor Graduate School of Media and Governance, Keio University, Japan.

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