Online Training on the Use of Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities for Disaster Resilience Planning

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Organizers:
- International Relations Department, Ministry of Health, Republic of Suriname
- UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, Global Education and Training Institute (UNDRR GETI)

Cities are facing with multiple risks. The COVID-19 pandemic is a fluid example that brings not only the health risks but also the cascading social and economic impact to societies. The World Bank estimates that about 100 million people will likely fall into poverty due to the impact of the pandemic, with as many as 49 million falling into extreme poverty. It is also expected local authorities to have 15% to 25% less revenues next year, making it difficult to maintain current levels of service delivery.

Cities are hubs for ideas, commerce, culture, science, productivity, social development and much more. At their best, cities have enabled people to advance socially and economically. Yet now that half of the world's population live in cities, making sustainable and resilient cities - amidst a changing climate, risk of biological hazard, rapidly depleting resources, and unplanned urbanization - is one of our greatest challenges and opportunities.

Local disaster risk reduction (DRR) and resilience planning is an essential step to ensure local governments are progressing strategically onto the pathway to resilience. Having DRR/resilience strategy in place is one of the targets set forth by the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, the global blueprint for DRR adopted by 187 UN member states in 2015.

Through the Making Cities Resilient (MCR) Campaign, since 2010, the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) has been supporting national and local governments in enhancing understanding on urban risk reduction. The MCR Campaign offers several tools that support governments in identifying the gaps and needs for resilience actions which are critical to inform the DRR and resilience strategies.

This training is a special session organized for the Ministry of Health, Republic of Suriname focusing on introducing the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities, one of the flagship tools of the MCR Campaign, and its use for local resilience planning. It will provide a contextual background and linkage with the Public Health Scorecard Addendum in supporting the integration of public health and disaster risk management.

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1 Cities are on the front lines of COVID-19 (World Bank, UNDRR, UN-HABITAT and GRCN, 2020)