

Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction:

Acting on the Health Imperative: Developing a Framework on Emergency Risk Management for Health

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Health Imperative for DRR

- Natural and techno disasters
 - >110,000 killed/year
 - 240 million affected - sick and injured
 - *Does not include conflict*
- Other health issues
 - Mental health
 - Disability
 - Damage to health facilities; disrupted services
- Poor health affects education, livelihoods, development

Country Progress on DRR

- National emergency preparedness plans:
 - 130 WHO Member States
- Safer Hospital Programmes
 - > 50 MS taking action on Safer Hospitals
 - 1,800 hospitals assessed
 - Structural and non-structural vulnerabilities being addressed
 - Measures for improved hospital preparedness
- International Health Regulations (2005)
 - 40 have established the necessary core capacities.

Moving to a Framework on Emergency Risk Management for Health

- Outlines measures MS should have in place to manage health risks of emergencies
- Helps to reposition health within center of national ERM dialogue
- Clarifies role of WHO in MS capacity building
- Provides framework for monitoring progress

➔ *Based on principles of disaster risk management, health systems and IHR*

Evolving Paradigm of ERM

From	To
Event-based	Risk-based
Reactive	Proactive
Single-hazard	All-hazard
Hazard-focus	Vulnerability and capacity-focus
Single agency	Multisectoral/Whole-of-society
Separate responsibility	Shared responsibility of health systems
Response-focus	Risk management
Planning for communities	Planning with communities



Framework on ERM – H

Other Guiding Principles

- Comprehensive emergency management
 - Prevention, Preparedness, Response, Recovery
- Multidisciplinary
 - Public health, clinical specialties
- Sustainable development
- Community resilience
- Ethical considerations

Comparing ERM-H with IHR

Components: ERM-H

- Policies, legislation and strategies
- Resource management
- Planning and coordination
- Information & knowledge management
- Health infrastructure and logistics
- Health services
- Community ERM-H capacities

Core Capacities: IHR

- Detect events
- Report events
- Assess reported events
- Confirm events
- Respond to events
 - Specialists; On-site assistance
- Liaise with other ministries
- Communicate
- Establish and manage response plan
- Measures for ports, airports, ground crossings



Priorities for 2013 - 2015

- Finalisation of framework
 - Policy document at WHA 2014
- Technical support for country ERM-H capacities
- Reinforcement of Safer Hospitals initiative
- Implementation of UN Plan of Action for DRR for Resilience;
- Engagement of health sector in DRR fora, including the post-2015 consultations
- Strengthened Thematic Platform on ERM for Health