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Thematic Platform for
Emergency and Disaster Risk Management

Health and the ISDR System

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The role of the Thematic Platform (2009)

- Advocate, share information, and catalyse action on emergency & disaster risk management for health (ERM-H)
- To implement the Hyogo Framework for Action through health and other sectors

Thematic Platform at GPDRR 2013

1. Progress reports on health emergency and disaster risk management projects and initiatives across the world
2. Health-related inputs to for informal plenaries on the post-2015 Framework for DRR and the Feature Event on Health
3. Agreement on the annual work plan 2013-2014
4. A review of the TORs for the thematic platform

Highlights over the past 2 years

Obj 1. Advocacy for ERM

- Global Framework for ERM-H under way
- Global Platform 2011 and 2013
- Post-2015 HFA; Online consultation; PH England aka VM
- WHA Resolution 64.10; Pandemic RM guidelines; WHA Side Event
- Regional strategies and frameworks: AFRO, WPRO
- Publications: Fact sheets, Health in a Disasters Goal; Policy Brief on SRH and ERM; case studies; IPCC SREX report; Health and Climate Atlas
- UN Plan of Action on DRR and Resilience; IASC Preparedness work

Obj 2. Info sharing forums, mechanisms

- SEADHIN Network; CRID Portal (Americas)
- World Congress on Disaster and Emergency Medicine (Manchester 2013)
- Evaluations and case studies; tsunami papers

Highlights over the past 2 years (2)

Obj 3. Advisory Group and Action Plan

- Advisors from UNICEF, PH England, US CDC, IFRC, UN-ISDR
- Draft Plan of Action presented here

Obj 4. Health participation in ISDR platforms

- Inter-agency Group , Post-2015 Advisory Group, ISDR STAG, IPCC projects, Int Recovery Platform
- Health at Regional meetings of Americas, Africa, Asia, Arab States
- International Day for Disaster Reduction (Women/ girls, disability)

Highlights over the past 2 years (3)

Obj 5. Health sector inputs to ISDR reports

- Mid-term Review; Global Assessment Report (2011) , not so in 2013
- Health in the post-2015 HFA to be discussed; on-line consultation
- Progress report on Safer Hospitals completed

Obj 7. Promote investment in health

- Country level and institutional support for our work (e.g. Nepal)
- Input to donor policies – DFID, ECHO, EC-DEVCO, World Bank
- IASC Financing for Preparedness project

Highlights over the past 2 years (4)

Obj 6. Promote and assist projects

- Framework on Emergency Risk Management
- Community ERM for Health: Community Health worker statement / Plan
- Safer hospitals: 50 countries, 1800 facilities, revised Hospital Safety Index
- Urban Health Emergency Risk Management – WHO Kobe Center
- Disability: Guidance Note almost finalised, IDDR on disability
- Sexual and Reproductive Health – Policy Brief
- Climate Risk Management - Atlas, GFCS Health Exemplar etc
- Research/knowledge management (Evidence Aid, STAG, Wellcome, NLM)
- Survey of country capacities for ERM (for 2013-2014)
- Risk assessment: Acute public health events, other guidance
- Health and recovery (PDNA guidance, International Recovery Platform)
- Towards a Safer World Network
- International Federation of Medical Students AND???

Draft Plan of Action (2013-2014)

Objectives, outputs, planned actions, responsibility

Priorities:

- Inputs to Post-2015 Framework for DRR and Post-2015 Development Goals
- Effective mobilisation of health sector in all consultations/conference
- Framework on Emergency Risk Management for Health
- Mobilisation of the Thematic Platform, action plan, advisory group, in-kind and financial support
- Improve info sharing mechanisms and inputs to ISDR/WHO reports
- Increased health action and participation in Regional and National Strategies/Platforms (baseline survey with UNISDR)
- World Conference for Disaster Reduction in 2015
- Research and cost-benefit analysis
- Greater investment of national and international institutions in ERM-H
- Promote, stimulate support and provide information on projects

Emergency Risk Management for Health (ERM-H)

Vision

Improved health outcomes for people at risk of emergencies and disasters.

Expected Outcome

Countries and communities with better capacities to manage the health risks associated with emergencies and disasters.

A new paradigm

- Adopting a risk management approach
- Bridge health and multisectoral ERM
- Draws on multisectoral EM, DRR, IHR, health systems

Emergency Risk Management for Health (ERM-H)

Changing the paradigm shift to ERM

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

ERM-H (cont)

Principles

1. Risk-based
2. Comprehensive emergency management
3. All-hazards approach
4. Multi-sectoral
5. Multidisciplinary
6. Sustainable development
7. Community resilience
8. Ethical considerations

7 Groups, 22 Essential components, 100+ Functions

1. Policies, legislation and strategies
2. Resource management
3. Planning and coordination
4. Information and knowledge management
5. Health infrastructure and logistics
6. Health and related services
7. Community ERM-H capacities

Health and the Post -2015 Framework for DRR

Key issues

- **Health is a top priority for communities and for DRR**
- **Insufficient attention to health outcomes and actions**
- **WHY?**
- **Health and health outcomes are important:**
 - A measure of the impacts of disasters and the effectiveness of actions
 - A bridge for effective DRR
 - The core of social justice
 - A pre-requisite for DRR towards sustainable development

PEOPLE'S HEALTH (cont)

Ten key messages for the future post-2015 framework on DRR

1. Agree on the principles and scope of the Post-2015 Framework
2. Health, not just saving lives, should be an explicit outcome
3. Focus on Community Priorities
4. Sectoral action should be emphasized
5. Give attention to emerging and neglected issues

PEOPLE'S HEALTH (cont)

Ten key messages for the future post-2015 framework on DRR

6. Risk management is preferable to risk reduction
7. Risk management is about local events and emergencies as well as large-scale disasters
8. All-Hazards Approach
9. Promotion of Science and Research
10. Strengthen the action and resilience of health systems, including safer hospitals

HEALTH AT GPDRR

1. Thematic Platform on Emergency & Disaster Risk management for Health – Next Meeting
8:00-09:00, THURSDAY, Room 13, Level 2
2. Featured event: Health Imperative for Safer and Resilient Communities
16:45-18:15, WEDNESDAY, Room 3
3. Side event: Safer hospitals – essential priorities for disaster risk management and community
13:00-13:55, THURSDAY, Room 7+8
08:15-11:00, FRIDAY, Room 13, Level 2

Informal plenaries on post-2015 Framework
Many other events

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