

Highlights from draft Global Plan of Action on Safer Hospitals: Prepared for Emergencies

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Global advocacy - safer health facilities

- World Health Day 2009/2010
- World Disaster Reduction campaigns
 - Hospitals Safe from Disasters
 - Disaster Resilient Cities
- 1million Safe Schools and Safe Hospitals
- SEARO: REACT campaign and Click-a-Brick
- Website: Safe Hospitals
- Conferences/Platforms



Goal

Safer, prepared and energy efficient hospitals and health facilities

- for the safety and security of health workers and patients,
- protection of the significant public and private sector investment in these facilities,
- providing emergency health care in response and continuity of health services.

Objectives

1. Support for the development of national safer hospitals programmes
 - to reduce risks
 - prepare for prompt, effective and efficient response and recovery
 - address the Hyogo Framework for Action, the Global Platform target for 2015, and in the future frameworks.
2. Coordination and advocacy for Safer Hospitals programmes at Global and Regional levels in support of national safer hospitals programmes

Activities

1.1. Provide technical support and advocacy to develop and implement national Safe Hospitals policies and programmes, including safety assessments, across all WHO regions

1.2 Provide technical materials on Safer Hospital which promote best practice to national authorities, health workers and other professional groups

- assessments of health facility safety (eg. the Hospital Safety Index) at national and community levels
- siting, design, development and construction of new health facilities (including CC)
- hospital and health facility emergency preparedness, including exercising of plans
- damage assessment of health facilities
- building codes for safer hospitals and accreditation standards for hospitals
- security of health facilities and health workers
- energy efficient and self-reliant hospitals

Activities (2)

1.3 Facilitate the development and delivery of training programmes on health facility emergency risk management for the health and health-related sectors

2.1 Conduct advocacy and raise awareness for Safer Hospitals: Prepared for Emergencies

2.2 Coordination of Safer Hospitals: Prepared for Emergencies - a Global Programme for Health Facility Emergency Risk Management at global and regional levels

Expected results

1. Safer, more resilient and better prepared health facilities
2. Protection of investment made in safer health infrastructure
3. National multisectoral safer hospitals programmes in focus countries with commitment of all key actors at national and international levels
4. Revised/expanded set of technical guidelines, tools, and training programmes,.
5. Evidence-based research, monitoring, evaluation and reporting on of safer hospitals programmes.
6. Coordinated mechanisms and wide network of relevant partners

Your inputs and views?

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