

**CONTENTS FOR SIGNING UP TO THE 2010 – 2011 WORLD
DISASTER REDUCTION CAMPAIGN
“MAKING CITIES RESILIENT”**

Name of city/country	HCM City/Vietnam
Geographical positions	HCM City is located in the center of Southeastern Region. It's North is contiguous to Binh Duong Province. It's West is contiguous to Tay Ninh Province. It's East and Northeast are contiguous to Dong Nai Province. It's Southeast is contiguous to Ba Ria – Vung Tau Province. It's West and Southwest are contiguous to Long An and Tien Giang Provinces. HCM City is known as a big center of economy, culture, tourism, education, science and technology and health in Vietnam and Southeast Asia. Its topography is relatively smooth and flat and provided with interlacing rivers. Four sides of HCM City border on big rivers and East Sea. HCM City has 24 districts.
Area	Area of HCM City is 2,095,239 km ²
Population	Population is 7,123,340 people (2009). It's expected to reach 10,000,000 people in 2020
GDP	The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in HCM City is fast-growing at 11% per year. Planned view per capita GDP is about USD 4,400/person/year in 2015. Commerce and service sectors, finance and banking systems are main contributions to GDP.
President of the HCM City People's Committee	Mr. Le Hoang Quan
Essential disaster risks	Flood tide usually occurs in HCM City from September of previous year to February of next year. Landslide along rivers and seas is also a threat. Severe drought appears between February and June, leading to forest and fire and salt. Heavy rains with rainstorms, whirlwinds, earthquakes and effects of tropical low pressure, storms on East Sea are core risks.
Progress and result	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Promulgating the National Strategy Performance Plan for Disaster Prevention and Reduction by 2020 in HCM City. – Issuing the response measures for such disasters as storm coming to HCM City; water-logging due to heavy rain and flood tide; safety assurance for people and ships catching fisheries; resolution of sequences from earthquakes, tsunamis and oil spills and rescue methods. – Approving and implementing the irrigative planning to prevent from water-logging in HCM City.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ratifying the project of community awareness enhancement and disaster risk management until 2020 in HCM City. Missions of communication, propaganda, warning training for flood, hurricane and disaster prevention are regularly organized and enhanced. In 2009, HCM City successfully held the inspection practices on preventing hurricanes from running in HCM City in Can Gio District. – Citizen moving in low, depressed and collapsed areas and regions suffering from acts of God has been executing in Thanh An Island Commune, Can Gio District and Nha Be District. – Investing VND 21 billion in purchasing means and equipment for departments, committees, branches and districts. – Investing more than VND 640 billion in building embankments to protect from flood tides; building rural traffic works; preventing from river bank landslides and installing 5 culverts to impede flood tides at the ends of big channels. – Directing to speed up the progress of projects of irrigation and high water environmental sanitation in HCM City. – Results: 36 flooding places had been eliminated and 39 ones had been reduced in 2008 – 2009.
Administrative agencies which execute this Campaign	<p>The HCM City People’s Committee</p> <p>The Steering Committee for Flood & Storm Control and Rescue of HCM City</p> <p>The Steering Center of Urban Flood Control Program</p> <hr/> <p>Contact details: Name: Office of the Steering Committee for Flood & Storm Control and Rescue of HCM City Address: 176 Hai Ba Trung St., Da Kao Ward, District 1, HCM City Email: banchihuypclb@hcm.fpt.vn Tel: 08.38 297 598 or 08. 38 257 446 Fax: 08.38 232 742 or 08.38 233 811</p>
Local bodies which join in this Campaign beside local authorities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. State management bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department of Agriculture & Rural Development The Department of Natural Resources & Environment The Department of Transport The Department of Planning & Investment The Department of Finance The district people’s committees The ward and town people’s committees 2. Communities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HCM City citizens Domestic and foreign enterprises in HCM City

<p align="center">Make an estimation of the status per essential as follows:</p> <p align="center">1. poor/nothing in place</p> <p align="center">2. some progress in place</p> <p align="center">3. in place, well functioning, or N/A</p>		
Essential 1:	Putting in place organization and coordination to understand and reduce disaster risks, based on participation of citizen groups and civil society.	Status 3
	<p>Progress and achievements: Concentrating on purchasing means and equipment to meet “4 on-spot requirements” applied for all departments, committees, branches and districts is always paid attention to and invested by the expenditure of VND 10 billion per year. Communication and propaganda are carried out by many media and manners, including issuance of manuals and brochures; construction of websites; coordination with the People’s Voice of HCM City, etc. Training courses and drills are constantly organized.</p> <p>Plan: Focusing on executing the project of awareness enhancement and disaster risk management by 2020 in HCM City.</p>	
Essential 2:	State-budget allocation and mobilization of citizens, enterprises, and state-agencies are to invest in reducing the disaster risks	Status 3
	<p>Progress and achievements: Every year, HCM City invests VND 200 billion in building embankments to prevent from flood tides in suburb areas. Besides, some projects of irrigation, water-logging prevention, environmental improvement, inner-city drainage invested by the supported expenditure of the Government, ODA, ADB, WB and so on are being promptly conducted. Mobilization for distributing money to the Flood and Storm Prevention Fund from all citizens and businesses reaches VND 30 billion/year to meet the rescue and disaster consequence recovery.</p> <p>Plans in 2010 – 2015: investing about VND 46,323 billion in completing systems and works of flood tide prevention, water drainage and environmental improvement.</p>	
Essential 3:	Maintaining up-to-data on hazards and vulnerabilities; preparing risk assessments and using these as the basis for sustainable urban development plans and decisions.	Status 2
	<p>Progress and achievements: Providing disaster reduction objectives for the socioeconomic development programs and plans of HCM City; building prevention and response measures against storms, water-logging due to flood tides and heavy rains; ensuring safety of people and ships catching fisheries; solving consequences caused by earthquakes, tsunamis, oil spills and</p>	

	<p>putting forward rescue methods to protect, reduce people and assets ; building land-use planning, construction regulations and safety standards for all fields, especially infrastructure projects that must be attached with disaster impact assessments.</p> <p>Plans: Updating and finishing the disaster prevention and rescue solutions in line with the real situation; offering disaster reduction objectives for the socioeconomic development programs and plans of HCM City.</p>	
Essential 4:	Investing in and maintaining critical infrastructure that reduces risk, such as flood drainages, adjusted where needed to cope with climate change.	Status 3
	<p>Progress and achievements:</p> <p>HCM City took interest in investing and upgrading more than 260 embankment constructions to protect from flood tides, river bank landslide and provide water drainage in suburb areas in 2008 and 2009 with expenditure of VND 640 billion. In inner-city areas, HCM City is executing the projects of water drainage and water environmental improvement from Governmental funds, ODA, etc. The structures under construction are part of the project of irrigative planning for water-logging prevention, in which climate change and sea level rise are taken into consideration.</p> <p>Plans: investing in improving and completing the flood and storm prevention works in suburb areas together with water drainage projects in inner-city areas. HCM City is expected to finish its irrigative planning next 5 years.</p>	
Essential 5:	Assessing the safety of all schools and health facilities and upgrading them as necessary.	Status 2
	<p>Progress and achievements:</p> <p>HCM City has built the storm prevention and response measures and investigated 394 important places and 628 safe ones to temporarily move citizens to such places in case of storms. All districts are required to work out their proper methods and ensure the safety of the specified important places.</p> <p>Plans: completing the storm prevention and response measures; investing in upgrading, repairing the degraded infrastructure to keep safety from disasters.</p>	
Essential 6:	Applying and enforcing realistic risk-compliant building regulations and land-use planning principles; identifying safe land for low-income citizens and developing upgrading of informal settlements whenever feasible.	Status 3
	<p>Progress and achievements:</p> <p>Specifying the high bank edges of rivers and channels in HCM City; setting border marks of safety lobbies along rivers and channels.</p>	

	<p>Investment in building embankment structures is always requested to supply a safe clearance and to protect flood prevention height from sea level rise. Effects of earthquake, tsunami and water logging are taken into consideration for high-rise buildings, basements and seaside houses.</p> <p>Plans: Reviewing construction regulations and construction safety standards under the Law.</p>	
Essential 7:	Ensuring that education programs and training on disaster risk reduction are in place in schools and local communities.	Status 3
	<p>Progress and achievements:</p> <p>Training and popularization in communities are taken interest by the project of community awareness enhancement and disaster risk management, which is being carried out, including organization of 15 training courses and issuance of manuals, brochures, information, instructions and methods of disaster prevention via VOV; providing education contents for all schools, etc.</p> <p>Plans: Finishing the above project and paying attention to students and public areas.</p>	
Essential 8:	Protecting ecosystems and natural buffers to mitigate floods, storm surges and other hazards to which your city may be vulnerable; adapting to climate change by building on good risk reduction practice.	Status 3
	<p>Progress and achievements:</p> <p>Pushing prevention from forest fire; planting and protecting 36,000 ha of coastal protective forests in Can Gio District to maintain green spaces of HCM City; planting 500,000 trees preventing from river bank landslide and erosion; applying green spaces for HCM City by planting street trees and so on.</p> <p>Developing green roads for passengers.</p> <p>Assessing environmental impacts for all projects.</p> <p>Researching and investing in natural buffers by constructing regulating tanks to collect rainwater, flood tide, domestic wastewater for treatment and re-supply.</p> <p>Plans: Identifying safe areas and natural buffers for urban regions.</p>	
Essential 9:	Installing early warning systems and emergency management capacities in your city and holding regular public preparedness drills.	Status 2
	<p>Progress and achievements:</p> <p>Building earthquake and tsunami warning stations</p>	

	<p>Improving tide water level measurement system in Phu An Station (Saigon River) and Nha Be Station (Dong Dien Canal) to reduce effects of water-logging.</p> <p>Regular observation of water source and environment quality in connection with allowable standards is being implemented continuously by inspection and monitoring stages.</p> <p>Drills of flood, storm and disaster prevention and rescue in districts are held on the annual basis. HCM City has successfully organized the municipal drills on inspecting the storm response measures to enhance operation and coordination of disaster response and reinforce community awareness.</p> <p>Plans: studying models imitating disaster situations to take initiative in response to incidents; organizing disaster prevention drills on the periodical basis for residential communities.</p>	
Essential 10:	Ensuring that the needs of the survivors are placed at the centre of reconstruction with support for them and their community organizations after any disaster to design and help implement responses, including rebuilding homes and livelihoods.	Status 3
	<p>Progress and achievements:</p> <p>Rescue methods and volunteers are readily available. The HCM City Flood and Storm Prevention Fund always spends over more than VND 20 billion for promptly supporting rescue and solving disaster incidents within 24 hours. For example, when the Durian storm happened in 2006, HCM City spent VND 600 million for Can Gio District from the Fund; over VND 22 billion from the city’s budget source and VND 5.3 billion from other sources to surmount consequences, support reconstruction and recovery after such disaster.</p> <p>Production, life, spirit, and material support to locals who are affected by disaster risks is always associated with measures of overcoming disaster consequences.</p> <p>Plans: NA</p>	

THE HCM CITY PEOPLE’S COMMITTEE