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Iranian National Platform

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Islamic Republic of Iran has been one of the first countries which established its National Platform immediately after the WCDR for the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action and provision of strategic direction to the national partners and stakeholders in disaster risk reduction.

This mechanism works under the overall supervision of the National Disaster Task Force of the Ministry of Interior.

It is considered as a multi – sectoral National Platform, with designated responsibilities at the national and local level to facilitate co-ordination between different stakeholders.

Members of the National Platform comprises the ministries, institutions, civil society, NGO's and the private sector which have been outlined as follows:

- *Prevention and Disaster Management Center of the Presidential Office*
- *Ministry of the Interior (National Disaster Task Force)*
- *Ministry of Health , Treatment and Medical Education*
- *Ministry of Communication and Information Technology*
- *Ministry of Education*
- *Ministry of Defense*

- *Ministry of Roads and Transportation*
- *Management and Planning Organization*
- *Ministry of Energy*
- *Iranian Red Crescent Society*
- *Ministry of Housing and Urban Development*
- *Revolutionary Guard force*

- *Basij Forces*
- *Ministry of Jihad Agriculture*
- *Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance*
- *Iranian Broadcasting Organization*
- *Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs*
- *Ministry of Foreign Affairs*
- *Organization of Municipalities*
- *Ministry of Science , Research and Technology*
- *Disciplinary Forces*
- *Metrological Organization*
- *Housing Foundation*
- *Customs Office of IRI*
- *Heads of three main working groups of National Disaster Task Force*
- *Environmental Organization*
- *Civil Society , NGOs and Private Sector*
- *Natural Disaster Research Institute of Iran*

OBJECTIVES:

The main objective of Iran's National Platform is to contribute to building resilience to disasters for the sake of sustainable development, by achieving the following key objectives

- *To enhance collaboration and co-ordination among DRR stakeholders*
- *Creating an enabling environment for developing a culture of disaster prevention*
- *Integrating DRR into development plans*

Actions taken:

In line with the five priorities set in the HFA , Iran has taken numerous measures including ;

- *Integration of these priorities into development plans and revision of regulations and by-laws*

- *Establishment of earthquake and flood early warning systems in different provinces of the country along with risk reduction training activities in:*
 - schools
 - television
 - publication of books.

- *-to integrate disaster risk elements in constructional materials and activities by training a large number of workers in cooperation with a French NGO.*
- *To reduce the underlying risk factors including:*
- *-to evaluate seismic resistance of buildings by non-destructive evaluation technology .*
- *- to prepare detailed seismic zoning and studies on evaluation of different risk factors in many provinces, numerous plans for urban and rural resistant buildings in provinces have been planned and are being implemented.*

In line with priority no. 5 which refers to strengthening preparedness for effective response at all levels ,many activities including setting up of national and provincial crisis rooms, crisis management plans in industrialized and medical centers, comprehensive plans for the relief and rescue operations in all provinces have been planned and are under implementation.



We strongly believe that the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction provides an excellent opportunity for deliberation and implementation of concrete regional actions on Disaster Reduction and will greatly contribute to the building of resilience and risk reduction at all levels





The main challenges facing the Iranian National Platform lies in shifting from response to Risk Reduction among key players and stake holders to ensure that risk reduction is a national and local priority.

Recommendations

- 1. To make the decision on establishment of National Platform in a higher appropriate level in order to ensure stronger participation of all actors,*

2. *Establishment of national platforms should be based on available experiences, expertise, resources and priorities at national level, and to avoid duplications.*
- 3. *National platforms should follow a multi-hazard, multi-stakeholder, multi-sectoral and people-centred approach and represent strongly the national decision making bodies.*
- 4. *National platform should contribute to codification of research and training as well as operational procedures within the national systems.*
- 5. *Based on the experience we have gained, We suggest that in order to encourage the members of National Platforms to work on DRR and to be more familiar with the DRR concept and activities, ISDR secretariat and other international experts attend the meetings of National Platforms in the countries on occasional basis.*
- *The presence of Mr. Briceno in the National Platform meeting in Tehran was very encouraging.*

Thank you for your attention