



Disaster Risk Reduction in the Health Sector

Thematic Workshop
Wednesday, 6 June
2:30 pm, Rooms 7-8

Chair: Gulam Juma, Focus Humanitarian Assistance

Rapporteur: Ciro Ugarte, Pan American Health Organization

- ❖ The session will open with the current status of disaster risk reduction in the health sector at global level and define what WHO means by safe hospitals.

Samir Ben Yahmed, Director, Health Action in Crises, World Health Organization

- ❖ The workshop will continue to present several short case studies on why health facilities fail in emergencies, disasters and other crises and what can be done about it:
 - Lessons from Nepal and Grenada about the impact of disasters on health facilities and why risk reduction measures must be incorporated into the planning, recovery and rehabilitation of health facilities.
Amod Mani Dixit, Nepal
Tony Gibbs, Grenada/Barbados
 - When health facilities and health personnel are unable to function in the aftermath of crises, it has just as serious an impact as the physical loss of a structure. Governments are taking steps to reduce the risk of failing health services at a time when they are most needed.
Carmencita Alberto-Banatin, Philippines
 - The Hospital Safety Index is a low-cost, high-impact tool or scorecard to measure and rank a health facility's level of safety in terms of its structural, non-structural and functional aspects.
Tony Gibbs, Grenada/Barbados

Discussion and Q & A