

## **Call for Good Practices of Local Governments Engagement with Local Communities in Disaster Risk Reduction**

### **Introduction**

Community preparedness and mitigation actions, as well as social cohesion and a culture of mutual help, all have a significant impact on the outcomes of disasters of any magnitude. This is recognized by the UNDRR's [Ten Essentials](#) for disaster risk reduction essential 7; 'Understand and strengthen social capacity for resilience'. However, though improving local communities' capacity for resilience is imperative to reducing disaster risk, local governments face various challenges in identifying and engaging with communities, community-level actors, and initiatives for that purpose.

In order to support and facilitate local governments in planning and implementing essential 07, Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030) is developing a Community Engagement strategy and tools, including a 'Handbook for Local Governments on Community Engagement in DRR' with communication guidelines and tools, activities proposals and good practices overview.

The Handbook will offer a practical approach and feasible activities to initiate and strengthen vertical integration and collaboration between local governments and their communities for raising awareness and preparedness as well as actions for DRR, Climate Adaptation and enhancing Resilience.

### **The Call**

This Call invites MCR2030 Local governments and participating entities to share good practices and lessons learned on local governments engagement and Collaboration with their local communities for disaster risk reduction, climate adaptation, and urban resilience.

**Selected good practices will be showcased in the 'Handbook for Local Governments on Community Engagement in DRR', that will be published by MCR2030, contributing to disaster risk reduction in the Americas and the Caribbean region.**

This Call aims at collecting experiences, lessons learned and key aspects of existing projects and engagement practices to inform the design of new or strengthening of existing strategies at a local level. The practices could be a specific project or an implementation of a strategy. They should focus on one of three lines of action; Information (awareness and knowledge provision), Capacity (preparedness and response), or Action (projects and implementation).

More specifically, the Call will allow compiling different experiences that highlight key components and challenges in engaging with local communities in the region.

### Who can engage?

- Eligible to apply are MCR2030's local, subnational or national governments as well as participating entities in the Americas and the Caribbean Region.
- Good Practices of engagement or collaboration with local communities within the municipal territory of the local government for disaster risk reduction, climate adaptation, and urban resilience.
- The practices could be a specific project or an implementation of a strategy. They could focus on one of the three lines of action drafted in the MCR2030 Regional Action Plan; Information (awareness and knowledge), Capacity (preparedness and response), or Action (projects implementation)

### How to engage?

- Fill out the online form: <https://forms.gle/jbjFDcWtT7rBZPyh9>
- Deadline for submissions is **13 March 2022**.
- For any enquires and questions, please contact: [oreis@eird.org](mailto:oreis@eird.org) with a copy to [mcr2030-amc@un.org](mailto:mcr2030-amc@un.org)

### Consultation Process

- Selection of the Good Practices for the 'Handbook for Local Governments on Community Engagement in DRR' will be conducted by the MCR2030 ROAMC team.
- Practices will be evaluated according to:
  - Their relevancy to the main objective of the call; practices of local governments engagement and Collaboration with their local communities for disaster risk reduction, climate adaptation, and urban resilience.
  - Innovation, inclusive or cultural heritage related practices, or lessons regarding them.
  - Impact potential and results.
- While only a selected number of experiences can be considered for inclusion into the Handbook, submissions may be used in the context of MCR2030's advocacy

campaign around Sendai Framework and the UNDRR [Ten Essentials](#)' essential 7 throughout the year 2022.

- By submitting your good practice, you agree that the information can be used in the context of the Handbook and for advocacy campaigns.
- MCR2030 may reach out to request further information regarding selected good practices.

### Sharing Good Practices Form (offline)

| Summary Box   |
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| <b>Submitting institution/agency/organization:</b>      |
| <b>Country:</b>   |
| <b>State:</b>   |
| <b>Local Government/City:</b>                           |
| <b>Population in the Local Government:</b>              |
| <b>Stage on the MCR2030 Resilience Roadmap? (A/B/C)</b> |
| <b>Contact Full name:</b>                               |
| <b>Contact position/affiliation:</b>                    |
| <b>Email:</b>   |
| <b>Title of good practice:</b>                          |
| <b>Years of good Practice (if relevant):</b>            |

**Introduction of the Practice/Project/Strategy Implementation:** *(60 words maximum)*

**In case applicable, which steps have you taken to hand over this practice to local/national governments?** *(30 words maximum)*

**Website or reference, if applicable:**

**Link to video about the good practice, if applicable:**

**Upload a photo representing the good practice (16:9, 10 mb max):**

### **Good Practice Details**

**1. Select the category developed in your good practice:**

1. Awareness-raising on disaster risk reduction and resilience
2. Increasing Disaster Risk Knowledge at a community level
3. Improving community's capacity for DRR- preparedness and/or response capabilities
4. Implementation of DRR, Climate Adaptation, and Resilience projects in collaboration with local communities.
5. Ensuring Inclusion in DRR

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| <p><b>2. Hazard cluster and key hazards involved</b> (<i>Checkboxes</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Flood</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Landslide</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Storm surge</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Cold wave</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Drought</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Heatwave</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tornado</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Avalanche</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Cyclone</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Volcano</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Earthquake</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Epidemic</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pandemic</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Insect infestation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Technical disaster</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> NBC - nuclear, biological, chemical</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</li> </ul> | <p><b>3. Key sectors involved</b> (<i>100 words maximum, in bulletpoints</i>)</p> <p>Mention the key sectors involved in the good practice. These may include civil defence, health, infrastructure, education, economic, ecological, academia, etc.</p> |
| <p><b>4. Brief description of the setting</b> (<i>200 words maximum</i>)</p> <p>Please, describe the context of the good practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the geographic area</li> <li>• Hazard/hazards (threats presents in the area)</li> <li>• Vulnerabilities (political and socio-economic factors)</li> <li>• Exposure (description of population at risk)</li> <li>• Capacities (available resources: social, economic, livelihood, asset, etc.)</li> <li>• The local community(ies) involved and their characteristics.</li> </ul>   |  |

**5. Description of the Community Engagement practice.**

Please, describe briefly your practice *(500 words maximum)*

**Please include information about the planning implementation and impact of the practice.**

Please provide any supplementary relevant information:

- Elements of innovation
- Inclusive practices or gender equality, women's empowerment/ leadership focus
- Cultural heritage related aspects
- Impact of practice and key indicators for evaluation

**6. Role of key stakeholders and partners *(100 words maximum, in bulletpoints)***

Briefly identify the key stakeholders and partners (international, national, regional and local) involved in your good practice along with the key roles which they fulfil.

**7. Key gaps and challenges in the implementation of your practice *(150 words maximum, in bulletpoints)***

**8. Lessons learned and elements that can be replicable of your practice *(150 words maximum, in bulletpoints)***