

Towards a post-2015 framework for Disaster Risk Reduction

BUILDING THE RESILIENCE OF NATIONS AND COMMUNITIES TO DISASTERS



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Dear colleague practitioners of DRR, CCA, Poverty Eradication and Sustainable Development,

Welcome to this second round of first on line dialogue leading towards the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction, which will run from 24 September to 5 October. As participants are aware this online dialogue is part of the first phase of a process of consultations on the development of a post-2015 framework, whose approach and timeline is laid out in the background paper entitled “Towards a Post -2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction” available at <http://preventionweb.net/go/25129>. Section B of the paper provides an outline of the trends, progress and challenges. The paper recognizes that local, sub-national, national, regional and global efforts to reduce disaster risks and reinforce resilience have increased since 2005. This momentum for DRR has influenced processes on MDGs, Sustainable Development, Climate change adaptation and “public/private investment strategies”.

The HFA has galvanized and many stakeholders including national/local governments, parliamentary forums, inter-governmental bodies, NGOs, CBOs, academic/technical institutions, media, international organizations, regional entities, and partnerships. For many these are new ways of working, both within their institutions and in partnership with each other. The HFA has catalyzed new national legislation; regional agreements; strengthened preparedness and response. The HFA has helped link DRR to climate risk management and adaptation, with the IPCC/SREX 2011 recognizing DRR measures like good land use planning, environmental protection, preparedness and early warning systems as effective no-regret actions to adapt to climate change. Some challenges remain, including earmarking budgets for DRR in at risk countries and addressing deeply rooted underlying causes of vulnerability.

And in our preoccupation to envision and detail out the post 2015 DRR Framework, we must not forget that we still have over two and a half years of the HFA implementation decade still available to advance action in the gap areas, and expand and deepen the areas where we have made some progress. The ongoing national processes and consultations in country to finalize the HFA Monitor report for the GPDRR 2013; offer the entry point, substance and planning system that we need to draw up HFA acceleration plans and programs.

Learning from HFA Implementation - Against this background, the second set of themes and questions aim to emphasize the linkage between on-going HFA implementation and preparation of the Post-HFA Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, aiming to enhance understanding of the major achievements, challenges and opportunities in risk reduction and resilience building in our countries, provinces, cities and communities

Themes and questions for this round

1. What are the key achievements in building resilience since the adoption of the HFA in 2005? What contributed to the success?
2. What can we do to maintain and enhance the momentum for DRR and accelerate HFA implementation in these remaining two and a half years?
3. What are the major challenges and obstacles for disaster risk reduction and building resilience? What are the underlying factors that contribute to these challenges?
4. What are the top three elements that should be addressed in the Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction?

Addressing this round's first question - We begin today with the first theme on achievements. Please tell us about achievements you and your organization have been involved in and/or those you have observed closely. Explain briefly what was achieved, who benefited, who was involved, what partnerships were put in place. Provide details of the achievement and analyze the key success factors behind it. Comment if possible, on the costs and resources involved, and the sustainability, cost effectiveness and resource efficiency of the initiative. Reflect on what could have been done better.

Taking forward suggestions from the first round - Your feedback and suggestions from the first round were found most useful and have helped shape the themes for this and subsequent rounds. It is proposed to have one of the subsequent rounds dealing with building resilience of the most vulnerable, aligned with the theme of this year's International Day for Disaster Reduction : "Women and Girls: the (in)visible force of resilience". Another round will explore links with development, the Millennium Development Goals and the post 2015 development agenda.

We also welcome the specific suggestions in relation to the consultation process, and the enthusiasm to discuss on special themes and plan action in those areas. We invite partners to take the lead in holding online consultation on those themes. Feel free to contact us if you need a platform to host those dialogues

We look forward to your active participation in this round, while also calling on all to expand the circle of participants.

Warmly,

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