

DISASTER REDUCTION UNIT (DRU) SERVICES

The Disaster Reduction Unit (DRU) provides technical and advisory support to UNDP country offices in disaster reduction and recovery by:

- ≡ Developing disaster reduction strategies and capacity building programmes;
- ≡ Training human resources for effective disaster reduction;
- ≡ Mainstreaming disaster reduction into UNDP Country Office cooperation frameworks, programmes and projects;
- ≡ Supporting sustainable recovery frameworks and programming.

These services include:

- ≡ Promoting the implementation of multi-hazard risk reduction programmes at all levels, including community based projects;
- ≡ Supporting resource mobilization efforts for capacity building programmes and projects;
- ≡ Assisting the United Nations Disaster Management Training Programme (DMTP) to address risk and disaster management;
- ≡ Serving the UN Country Teams and partners;
- ≡ Identifying opportunities and synergy's with other thematic areas, such as climate change adaptation;
- ≡ Providing emergency grants and in-kind assistance after major disasters;
- ≡ Facilitating partnerships in sustainable recovery processes.
- ≡ Identifying and recommending expertise and specialized human resources

UNDP is the UN's global development network, advocating for change and connecting countries to knowledge, experience and resources to help people build a better life. We are on the ground in 166 countries, working with them on their own solutions to global and national development challenges. As they develop local capacity, they draw on the people of UNDP and our wide range of partners.



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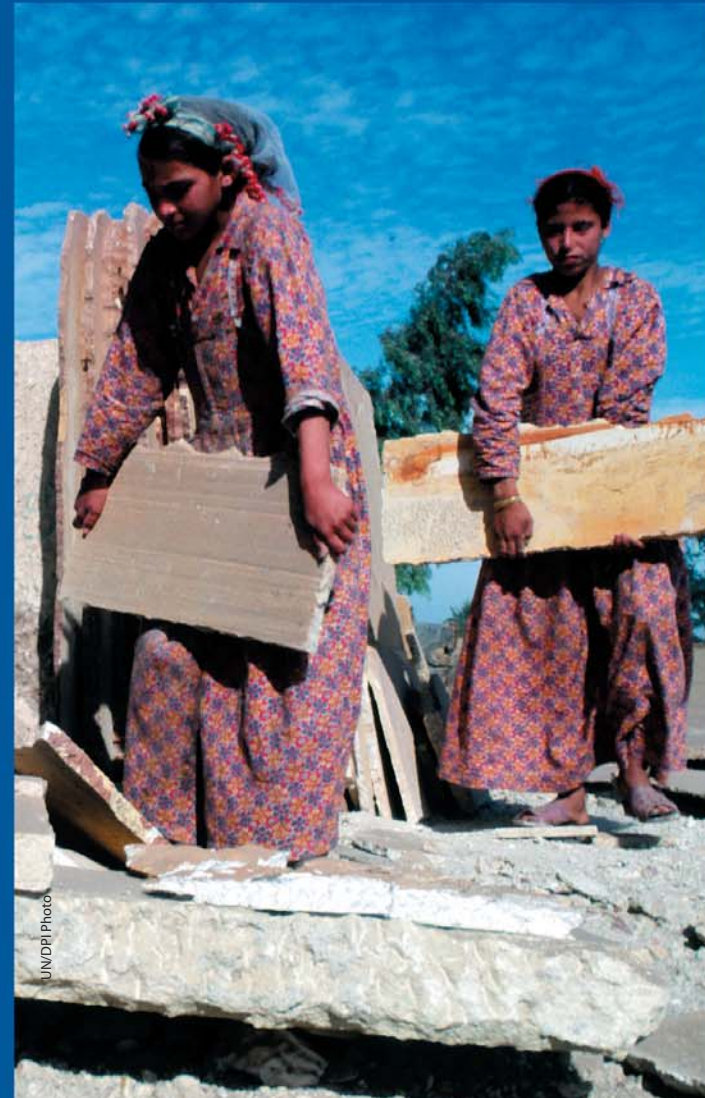
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REDUCING DISASTER RISK



Natural disasters have increased rapidly over recent years. Between 1991-2000, natural disasters affected an estimated 211 million people each year.

Disaster risk is measured through an increase in hazard levels associated with earthquakes, climate variability, volcanoes and vulnerability to communities living in fragile conditions with weak local economies and institutions and environmental degradation.

When countries fail to factor risks into development processes, human development gains become eroded by large, medium and small scale disaster losses.



A new and viable approach is to mainstream disaster reduction into development and post disaster recovery.

In order to achieve these goals, the Disaster Reduction Unit (DRU) of the Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (BCPR) provides support in the following strategic areas by:

- ≡ Increasing capacity for risk reduction
- ≡ Integrating risk reduction into development
- ≡ Increasing investment in risk reduction

NATURAL DISASTER REDUCTION TEAM

The Disaster Reduction Unit (DRU) within the Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery is made up of a team of seven Geneva based professional with specialized expertise in disaster reduction. DRU is at the service of UNDP country offices together with five Regional Disaster Reduction Advisors located in Bangkok, Nairobi, New Delhi and Panama.

WHERE WE WORK

“Our goal is to ensure the bridge between relief and development while addressing the root causes of disasters and conflicts.”

—Julia Taft, Assistant Administrator and Director, Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery, United Nations Development Programme



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Since 1998, the Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (formerly the Emergency Response Division) has provided nearly 100 emergency grants to UNDP Country Offices worldwide.

Partners include various UN agencies, International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR) and UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), specialized regional institutions, national and local governments, development banks, donors and NGO's.



UNDP Honduras

In the last 2 years, the Disaster Reduction Unit (DRU) has provided technical support to the following programme countries:

In Africa: **Democratic Republic of Congo, Malawi, Mauritania, Mozambique, Senegal, Somalia and Sudan.**

In Asia: **Afghanistan, China, East Timor, India, Iran, Nepal and Pakistan.**

In Latin America and the Caribbean: **Belize, Bolivia, Chile, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru and Venezuela.**

The Disaster Reduction Unit (DRU) is also providing additional support towards sub-regional activities in technical, preventive, preparedness and humanitarian crisis recovery initiatives. These initiatives involve working with groups such as SADC (Southern Africa Development Community), CEPREDENAC (Coordination Center for the Prevention of Natural Disasters in Central America), and CDERA (Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency).



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