



INDIA

National Capacity-Building in Disaster Management

Disaster Context

As one of the most disaster-prone countries in the world, India has one of the largest programmes in disaster management. UNDP has been supporting various initiatives of the central and state governments to strengthen disaster-management capacities for nearly a decade. UNDP approved a project in 1996 aimed at strengthening the National Centre for Disaster Management (NCDM), established at the Indian Institute of Public Administration to train government officers and trainers of the Disaster Management Cells in the State Institutes of Public Administration.

Project Title

Strengthening National Disaster Management Capacity (IND/97/001)

Sectors

- Human resources development
- Institution development
- Policy formulation

Funding

UNDP contributed \$550,000 from core funds.

Partners

- NCDM
- State Institutes of Public Administration
- Indian Institute of Management
- Administrative Staff College of India
- Xavier Labour Research Institute

Programme Activities

The project contributed to creating awareness about the importance of and the need for disaster preparedness and mitigation measures. It also facilitated the strengthening of institutional capacity by:

- Imparting a training and study tour to 22 officers from NCDM, New Delhi, including state faculties and government officers
- Providing basic equipment to strengthen the training capacity in select training institutes
- Making available manuals and guidelines for efficient operations of the NCDM and to strengthen the control room at the Natural Disaster Management Division of the Ministry of Agriculture
- Enhancing the capacity of government machinery to prepare strategy and plans for disaster management through study tours and skilled training; these officers were associated with the High Powered Committee on Disaster Management Plans at national, state, and districts levels