

Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery

Disaster Reduction Unit (DRU)



Project Title:

Disaster Risk Management Primer for Asia

Project number:

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Programme Components:

Application of risk reduction tools, mainstreaming disaster risk reduction tools into policy and development planning

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Estimated End Date: 30/09/2004
Implementing Agency: ADPC
Partners: UNDP CO, Governments
Total Budget: 95,238 US\$
Project Site: Bangkok, Thailand
Beneficiary Countries: Asia Region

General Background:

Against a backdrop of population pressure, uneven development, extreme poverty and rapid urbanization, the Asia-Pacific region suffers more natural disasters than any other region in the world. In recent years, the increased severity of disasters and the resultant economic losses have raised governments' awareness of the need for more mitigation interventions to reduce vulnerability. However the increased awareness of governments and donors has yet to translate into tangible action that is focused on systematic risk management across all sectors and levels of the development community.

Project Summary:

This preparatory assistance will support, in collaboration with other donors, the design and development of a Disaster Risk Management Primer for Asia. The activity's overarching goal is to assure an appreciation for and common understanding of disaster risk management applied across all sectors and among all levels of current and potential participants in the disaster reduction process.

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These participants include politicians, policy-makers, technical specialists, NGO personnel, bureaucrats, community leaders, and others. The 12-month preparatory assistance phase will serve to produce for a volume of the Primer dealing with application of a holistic disaster risk management approach to slow-onset floods, an outline, an initial draft, and a final draft suitable for presentation to a publisher.

Overall and Specific Objectives:

To achieve a common understanding and approach to hazard-specific disaster risk management among the broad development community (policy-makers, politicians, technical specialists, NGO personnel, bureaucrats, community leaders and others).

Expected Results:

A Flood Disaster Risk Management Volume of Disaster Risk Management Primer developed for publication and distribution.

Activities:

- Design and agree on initial outline of primer.
- Identify and appoint Flood Hazard Advisory Group (ADPC and RDRAs).
- Consult with UNDP Disaster Management Focal Points and selected practitioners on their lessons learned in flood risk management.
- Develop an annotated outline, prepare and finalize a draft Flood Disaster Risk Management Volume (RDRAs, Advisory Group, ADPC).
- Consult with UNDP Country Offices, as well as the local development and disaster risk management community on the translation, dissemination and application processes.