

Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery

Disaster Reduction Unit (DRU)



Project Title:

Local Level Risk Management (LLRM) Global Project

Project number:

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Programme Components:

Lessons-learnt, good practices, policy development

Estimated Start Date: 01/5/2004
Estimated End Date: 30/10/2005
Implementing Agency: UNDP/BCPR/DRU
Partners: UNDP, BCPR, ISDR
Total Budget: US\$300,000
Project Site: Geneva
Beneficiary Countries: Global

General Background:

Most of the African, Asian, Latin American and the Caribbean countries are prone to numerous large-scale disasters as well as a growing number of persistent small and medium scale disasters. Although only the large-scale events make the headlines, small and medium scale disasters cumulatively account for very significant losses. These events are indicators of ongoing risk accumulation. They tend to be recurrent, have to be dealt with by local authorities or families, often without support or even recognition from the national level. Communities are often faced with the consequences of national policies, regional and global trends that have an impact on their environment and increase their vulnerability to disasters. They are the first lines of response to events of a localized nature and have the potential to better recognize and address disaster risk accumulation in their respective habitat. There is a clear niche for UNDP to strengthen local capacities to progressively reduce disaster risk as part of the sustainable development process.

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Project Summary:

In order to build on the wealth of knowledge already accumulated through years of LLRM experience, BCPR/DRU has conceived the present global project, to extract lessons learnt and best practices from past and ongoing LLRM initiatives, to derive general principles, tools and methodologies to transfer knowledge across continents. The goal of the project is to reduce risk while addressing its root causes at the local level and ultimately to mainstream LLRM priorities and needs in the national development strategies, plans and programmes.

Overall and Specific Objectives:

To contribute to disaster risk reduction by addressing its root causes at the local level and ultimately by mainstreaming Local Level Risk Management priorities and needs in the national development strategies, plans and programmes.

Expected Results:

- Local level risk management experiences sponsored by UNDP and expanding to other partners in 2005 will be analyzed and a core of lessons-learnt and good practices produced and disseminated.
- LLRM Lessons-learnt and good practices will be translated into policy guidelines, programming tools and training materials.

Activities:

- Country/regional reviews and lessons-learnt workshop
- Producing a UNDP lessons-learnt report for the WCDR
- Developing a "good practice" report, enriched with other partners' experiences
- Implementing practices in selected pilot projects
- Preparing a UNDP policy paper on local level risk management
- Developing and finalizing LLRM training materials in partnership with DMTP