

Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery

Disaster Reduction Unit (DRU)



Project Title:

Urbanization, Environment and Disaster Risk Management in Africa

Project number:

00033327

Programme Components:

Increased capacity for risk reduction, Knowledge Network Developed, Capacity building

Estimated Start Date: October 2003
Estimated End Date: March 2004
Implementing Agency: (IIED), London, UK
Partners: Academic institutions, NGOs
Total Budget: US\$ 57,375
Project Site: London, Kenya, Senegal, Ghana, Tanzania, Zambia, South Africa, Cameroon, Nigeria
Beneficiary Countries: African Region

Project Summary:

Following the conclusion of the regional workshop held in Nairobi in January 2003 on "Disasters, Urban Development and Risk Accumulation", this project will provide for participating organizations in seven African countries - Senegal, Ghana, Tanzania, Cameroon, Zambia, South Africa and Nigeria - to prepare a detailed work plan for conducting research on the nature of disaster risk and vulnerability in specific urban centers in Africa. These organizations will meet together to consolidate these work plans and agree on a common approach to methodology and analysis, in order that action can be taken to promote disaster risk reduction. On the basis of these work plans a longer-term project Document will be formulated to undertake the research and engage national and regional stakeholders including UNDP Country Offices. The ProVention Consortium, managed by IFRC has indicated that it intends to co-fund 50% of the future project up to a maximum of 225, 000 US\$.

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Overall and Specific Objectives:

- Awareness risen among local and national governments, NGOs and international agencies in Africa of the relationship between urbanization, environmental change and disaster risk accumulation and of the likely consequences for development;
- Development of a work plans by the seven participating organizations for studies in their countries aimed at providing a clear and detailed understanding of the scale and nature of risks of disasters in urban centers, of the repartition and causes of vulnerability among the population, of the urban process and measures that impact on risks and vulnerabilities increase and decrease, and their role within the broader poverty reduction strategies that many nations are developing.

Expected Results:

- Work plan set up by the participating organizations;
- Consolidated work plans and project document.

Activities:

- Preparing and distributing guidelines for work plan;
- Preparing work plans (participating organizations);
- Submitting work plans to project coordinator;
- Collecting and coordinating work plans (project-coordinator);
- Selecting venue and preparing agenda;
- Inviting participants;
- Holding meeting;
- Drafting consolidated work plan and project Document.