

Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery Disaster Reduction Unit (DRU)



Project Title:

UNDP and the World Conference on Disaster Reduction (WCDR) in 2005

Project number:

00036669

Programme Components:

Advocacy, partnerships, awareness raising, policy development, knowledge exchange

Estimated Start Date: 29/05/2004
Estimated End Date: 28/05/2005
Implementing Agency: UNDP DRU
Partners: ISDR
Total Budget: 295,000 US\$
Project Site: Geneva, Switzerland
Beneficiary Countries: Global

General Background:

In December 2003 the UN General Assembly adopted resolution A/RES/58/214, stating the decision to convene a World Conference on Disaster Reduction (WCDR) in Kobe-Hyogo, Japan on 18-22 January 2005. One of the principal objectives of the Conference as per the resolution is to increase awareness of the importance of disaster reduction policies, and facilitating and promoting the implementation of those policies. This will be crucial for achieving the MDGs and sustainable human development.

UNDP not only shares a common vision in disaster reduction with the ISDR Secretariat, but has been specifically mandated to support the broader implementation of the ISDR, as well as to actively participate in the preparation and implementation of the WCDR.

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Project Summary:

The UNDP Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery has consolidated a project to support the ISDR Secretariat in the preparation and implementation of the WCDR. The main Aspects of this initiatives focus on: engaging UNDP in the political process of the conference, fund the participation of national authorities during the WCDR, support the Yokohama Review Process, contribute to knowledge exchange through thematic sessions, raise global awareness of risk reduction.

Overall and Specific Objectives:

To strengthen UNDP's role in and support to the World Conference on Disaster Reduction in 2005 as mandated by the UN General Assembly. To enable UNDP to reinforce its position as a leading UN agency with a designated role in disaster reduction.

Expected Results:

- Efficient support to the Conference Secretariat (ISDR) during the preparatory process of the Conference.
- Strategic partnerships established and/or strengthened in key areas of disaster risk reduction.
- Global awareness on disaster reduction raised.

Activities:

- Support the preparation of the central conference documents to be adopted during the WCDR.
- Enable national authorities to participate in the conference.
- Facilitate the Yokohama Review Process in a number of countries in which UNDP has disaster reduction portfolios.
- Organize and contribute to thematic panels on various aspects of risk reduction.
- Prepare and disseminate briefings and messages on UNDP's activities in disaster reduction to senior management, UNDP's Bureaus, Resident Representatives, prior and during the Conference.