



CADRI: Capacity for Disaster Reduction Initiative

PROGRAMME BRIEF

Background

The Capacity for Disaster Reduction Initiative (CADRI) was created in 2007 to succeed the UN Disaster Management Training Programme, which trained United Nations, government and civil society professionals for their disaster roles, between 1990-2006. CADRI is an inter-agency initiative of UNDP's Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (UNDP/BCPR), the UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction within the context of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR) system. CADRI is designed to enable the three organizations to achieve greater a more harmonized approach for their disaster work, thereby maximizing their ability to "deliver as One." CADRI works in close collaboration with staff from the three organizations at headquarters, regional and national levels.

CADRI Goal and Outcomes

Goal:

To advance knowledge and practice for the development of sustainable disaster risk reduction capacities.

Expected Outcomes:

- UN Resident/Humanitarian Coordinators are conversant on their strategic role for disaster risk reduction and have access to required tools to help them execute those roles.
- UN country teams in high risk countries have access to learning materials to contextualize and apply guidance to integrate disaster risk reduction into CCA/UNDAF planning processes.
- Selected countries have enhanced their capacity to make disaster risk reduction a national priority with a strong institutional basis for implementation.
- Increased access to and availability of tools, knowledge products and methodologies for capacity strengthening for disaster risk reduction and for integrating capacity development in disaster risk reduction planning and programming.

Programme Services

CADRI's objectives are implemented through the following four core service areas:

- Support for the design and delivery of selected *Resident Coordinator* induction and UNCT enhancement initiatives for their humanitarian and disaster risk reduction work. To accomplish this, the three organizations in CADRI are collaborating with OCHA's Humanitarian Coordination System Strengthening Project (HCSP).
- Respond to requests for *capacity enhancement* services in selected countries. CADRI's country level services include organizational capacity assessment, capacity

development planning, disaster risk reduction training strategy development, support for multi-stakeholder dialogue meetings for consensus building for disaster risk reduction. Services are customized to the specific needs and priorities of the requesting organization or country, taking account of the relevant capacity that already exists. To support its country level work CADRI's secretariat augments its capacity through partnerships and relationships with international and regional organizations, as well as country level personnel.

- Serve as an *information resource* for guidance, methodological tools and resources on *capacity development* themes, topics for the use of UN and ISDR system members to integrate capacity development measures and processes into their work
- Production of *learning products and tools* to support ISDR system members and countries to contextualize and apply ISDR guidance, e.g. *Words Into Action*. .
- *Services to promote knowledge-sharing and collaboration* between disaster risk management practitioners to make the capacity development expertise that resides within the larger ISDR system, including at the national level, more widely available.

Illustrative 2008 Priorities

- Contribute to a Resident Coordinator Handbook of Executive Guidance on their disaster risk reduction roles.
- Development of a two-day workshop package for use at national level to enhance understanding of disaster risk reduction and to promote dialogue on the Hyogo Framework.
- Revision of the DMTP module: Disaster Preparedness
- Collation and dissemination of guidance and resource materials on capacity development topics.
- Development of a methodology and tool for organizational capacity assessment of national disaster management organizations.
- Support for the design and delivery of UN Resident Coordinators regional workshops on disaster risk reduction.
- Respond to requests from countries and regional organizations for capacity enhancement assistance.
- Creation of a pool of service delivery providers that can augment the capacity of CADRI's secretariat for country and regional capacity development assistance.

Staffing and Structure

The secretariat of CADRI, comprised of a small team from the three organizations, co-located at the ISDR secretariat in Geneva, Switzerland. CADRI's governance is provided by the three core organizations.

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