



# Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation

**UN System Supporting Adaptation in an Enhanced Adaptation Regime**

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“Every disaster is unique, but each exposes actions – by individuals and governments at all levels – that, had they been different would have resulted in fewer deaths and less damage.”

**Natural Hazards, unNatural Disasters: The Economics of Effective Prevention. The World Bank and the United Nations. 2010**



## The Hyogo Framework for Action: Building Resilience of Communities and Nations

- Ensure that disaster risk reduction is a national and a local priority with a strong institutional basis for implementation
- Identify, assess and monitor disaster risks and enhance early warning
- Use knowledge, innovation and education to build a culture of safety and resilience at all levels
- Reduce the underlying risk factors
- Strengthen disaster preparedness for effective response at all levels

**Adopted by 168 governments and endorsed by the UN General Assembly**

**37 UN agencies participate in the biennial Global Platform for Disaster Reduction every 2 years.**

**Third Session of Global Platform convenes 8-13 May 2011**



## UN System supporting Government



- Notable success in delivering impacts at national and local level
- Renewed commitment to scaling success and responding to government priorities
- Coherence in our approach reinforced through the Hyogo Framework for Action
- Strengthened partnerships for delivery through UN development assistance and humanitarian interventions at all levels
- Building alliances with NGO's, private sector, Red Cross/Red Crescent

## Capacity building and technical guidance at national and sub-national levels

- Strengthening national policy and institutional mechanisms – UNDP
- Building capacity for risk assessment and – UNDP
- Strengthening capacities of coastal zone managers – UNEP
- Developing new ecosystem based assessments of disaster risk – UNEP
- Technical guidance and training in health emergency and disaster risk management integrated into National Health Plans – WHO
- Building political commitment from Member States to make health facilities safer from disasters – WHO
- Strengthening rights based approaches to protecting the most vulnerable – OHCHR
- Strengthening the role of Volunteerism in DRR – UNV
- Guidance to business in finding solutions in their operations and throughout their value chains – Global Compact, UNEP and WRI and OXFAM
- Micro-insurance Assessments – ILO
- Promoting Social Security policies to address climate related risk on employment and livelihoods – ILO
- Reinforcing the positive contribution of children in communicating risk – UNICEF
- Formal and non-formal education that promotes school safety – UNICEF
- Food Security Vulnerability Assessment & Analysis, Planning and Programming supporting National Gov't -WFP
- Supporting implementation of index-based weather insurance – IFAD and WFP
- Supporting Agriculture and Food Security linking national to community level – FAO
- Strengthening technical and scientific capacities of young scholars from developing countries – UNU
- Capacity building for preparedness – CADRI (UNDP, OCHA, UNISDR)





## For more information

**[www.Preventionweb.net](http://www.Preventionweb.net)**

- Country profiles including risk profiles, policies, plans and reports
- Extensive professional resources
- Over 900 documents and publications related to disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation
- Profiles on over 20 UN funds, programmes and specialized agencies



## Adaptation is within reach



**Build on existing mechanisms and scale up the the achievements that governments have made in cooperation with the United Nations**



***Thank you***