

Project Brief

Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building for DRR.

Implementing partner: NDMA

Background:

The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India with support from UNDP-India implemented the Disaster Risk Management Programme (2002-09) in 176 multi hazard prone districts in 17 States across the country. The programme attempted to demonstrate a sustainable model to institutionalize systems for disaster risk management at all levels (village/GP/Block/ Ward/ULB/District/State) with focus on community based disaster preparedness and response. This programme concluded in June 2009. However the implementation of the sub component of the GOI-UNDP DRM Programme i.e. Urban Earthquake Vulnerability Reduction Project which covered 38 earthquake prone cities across the country continued till 31st December, 2009.

Based on these experiences gained during the implementation of the GOI-UNDP DRM Programme, the enactment of Disaster Management Act 2005, and the various efforts undertaken by NDMA it was felt necessary to take up more programmes to enhance the capacity of the DM institutions set up at various levels for disaster risk reduction. Hence after the successful implementation of the GOI-UNDP Disaster Risk Management Programme (2002-2009), Government of India with support from UNDP is now implementing the GOI-UNDP Disaster Risk Reduction Programme(DRR) from 2009 to 2012. The GOI-UNDP DRR programme is envisaged to support Central and State Government programmes and initiatives by providing critical inputs that would enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the efforts in Disaster Risk Reduction. The programme strives to strengthen the institutional structure to undertake Disaster Risk Reduction activities at various levels including risks being enhanced due to climate change and develop preparedness for recovery.

GOI-UNDP DRR Programme will have two outputs.

- I. Institutional strengthening & capacity building for Disaster Risk Reduction to be implemented by NDMA
- II. Urban Risk Management to be implemented by Ministry of Home Affairs

The output “**Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building**” aims at **strengthening capacities of existing SDMAs and selected DDMA in the country to perform various functions as mandated under the DM Act, 2005. The project will be hereafter referred as DRR Project.**

Coverage: The GOI-UNDP DRR project at present aims to cover all the states in India country with 3-6 districts in each state.

The key deliverables of the project are as follows:

Deliverable 1.1-Strengthening and capacity building of Disaster Management Institutions for performing some of the key functions as envisaged under the DM Act.

a) Human Resource Support:

b) Conducting Risk Assessment and Vulnerability Analysis in select States and districts.

c) Mainstream Disaster Risk reduction in local area development programmes by incorporating risk reduction features into sector specific development programmes and schemes.

d) Assess training requirement of the States and facilitate training of key personnel in consultation with NIDM/ATI.

- i. **Capacity-building of PRIs in DRM at the District level through ATIs and SIRDs.**

- ii. **Strengthen training institutions in DM-**
- iii. **Capacity-building of specialized institutions (Fire Brigade, Home Guards, other institutions and volunteer based organizations) for disaster risk management.**
- iv. **Technical Assistance for capacity-building of specialized institutions.**
- v. **Capacity-building of CSOs, NGOs and the private sector for disaster risk management.**
- vi. **Capacity-building for Recovery.**
- vii. **Training and Capacity Building on Post Disaster Management and Needs Assessment.**
- viii. **Enhancing capacity of various stakeholders on Disaster preparedness, response, mitigation and disaster risk reduction planning**

Some of the key training subjects will be:

- Training of Doctors on Hospital Preparedness and Mass Casualty Care.
- Training of engineers, architects and masons on hazard resistant technology.
- Training of State and District level officials on post disaster response and recovery.
- Training of various line department officials and district level officials on implementation of DM plans at various levels.
- Training on incorporation of DRR measures in building byelaws' and land use development regulations for ensuring structural safety in hazard prone areas.
- Training of State and District level Search and Rescue Force.

- ix. **Inter agency coordination mechanisms established between NGOs, CSOs and other stakeholders for effective recovery.**

Deliverable 1.2-Building resilience for people from the Scheduled castes and scheduled tribes groups considering their specific vulnerabilities

Deliverable 1.3 - Taking up focused activities to identify specific vulnerabilities of women to hazards and develop strategies to enhance their coping capacities

Deliverable 1.4 - Integrate disaster risk management with national development programs -

Deliverable 1.5 - Knowledge Management -

- i. **The Knowledge networking would also be**
Some of the areas identified for extensive research are as follows:
 - 1) Assessment of existing compliance mechanism to structural safety norms in the housing sector.
 - 2) Development of engineer's bill to ensure higher level of accountability of the construction fraternity towards structural safety.
 - 3) Capacity assessment of fire and police services in the state.
 - 4) Assessment of the early warning communication system.
 - 5) Study on how to mainstream disaster management as a subject in higher education in various streams.
 - 6) How to integrate Disaster Risk Reduction into the district level development planning.
 - 7) Assessment of the various poverty alleviation schemes in the states.
- ii. **Knowledge Management Centre**
- iii. **Promoting public-private-partnerships for knowledge management.**
- iv. **Public awareness campaigns rolled out.**

Project Implementation and Monitoring arrangements:

National Disaster Management Authority being the implementing partner has set up a Project Steering Committee under the chairmanship of Secretary NDMA with representatives from NDMA, MHA, State Governments, UNDP and other relevant stakeholders including representatives from various departments of central and state governments. Joint Secretary (Policy, Planning and Capacity Building) NDMA is the National Project Director.

State Steering Committee (SSC) will be constituted under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary of the Department of Disaster Management. The State level programme will be implemented, monitored and reviewed by the State Steering Committee which will have the National Project Director or his nominee as the member. SSC will include officers from NDMA; the relevant departments at the state level, representative from the State Disaster Management Authority, representatives from DDMA's and UNDP. Management arrangements below the state level will be determined at the discretion of the SSC in consultation with NPD.

A Monitoring and Evaluation system will be established at national and state level to track the progress of the project. State governments along with NDMA will have the overall responsibility of monitoring the project, through regular monitoring visits and quarterly review meetings by the PSC.
