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International Strategy for Disaster Reduction



Partnership between the World Bank and the secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR)

Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery - Track I

The International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR) is a global movement to engage with a wide range of actors to join forces to reduce risk to disasters and to build “a culture of prevention” in society. The ISDR is a **system** made up of governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, international financial institutions and technical bodies and networks as well as civil society and the private sector, all of which have essential roles to play in disaster risk reduction at global, regional, national and local levels. The ***Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters*** serves to guide the system as a whole on what needs to be done to reduce disaster risks. The United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs provides oversight and ensures coherence of the system, with the support of the ISDR secretariat.

In the context of the new ISDR system, and in response to Governments’ call for better integration of disaster risk reduction and poverty reduction strategies, the World Bank has established a Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR). The Global Facility represents a major initiative designed to help meet the global demand for increased investment in disaster prevention and mitigation. It aims to boost national, regional and global capacities to reduce disaster risks in low and moderate-income countries.

It also seeks to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of national and international relief and reconstruction in post-disaster situations. The GFDRR therefore represents an important new component of the architecture of the ISDR system.

The GFDRR places an emphasis on work at the national level through anticipated major investments under its “Tracks II and III”. Although much more modest in size, GFDRR is also making a critical multi-year commitment under “Track I” to support the ISDR system as a whole to strengthen regional and global partnerships for the implementation of the Hyogo Framework. With this sustained financial support from the GFDRR, the newly reinforced ISDR system will undertake a set of targeted actions in an effort to achieve the following two objectives:

1. Enhance global and regional advocacy, partnerships and knowledge management for mainstreaming hazard risk management in low and middle income countries.
2. Promote and advance the standardization and harmonization of hazard risk management tools, methodologies and practices.

The Track I will prioritize regional deliverables by allocating 75 per cent of resources to regional activities in partnership with regional intergovernmental organizations.



Results of Track I at Regional and Global Levels (2006-2007):

The investment in Track I will contribute to the following concrete results at regional and global levels:

Regional

- Development of regional disaster risk maps in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Establishment of knowledge networks in Africa, and Latin America for exchange of information, good practices and experiences in key thematic areas.
- Development of a joint regional cooperation programme framework on drought risk reduction in Africa.
- Preparation of a feasibility study in 10 countries of South-East Europe on regional cooperation in weather forecasting and early warning; disaster response coordination; a regional risk transfer pool.
- Preparation of a region-wide study on risk exposure and financial response capacity in Central America.

Global

- Development of a web portal for the ISDR system – the first step to a Global Information Platform for the ISDR system, including the PreventionWeb.
- Establishment and strengthening of global networks of institutions engaged in disaster risk reduction to facilitate exchange of knowledge and good practice.
- Establishment and strengthening of major global partnerships to support implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action, including with media and the private sector.
- Development of strategic information on progress towards implementation of the Hyogo Framework and risk bench-marking and analysis of disaster risks and emerging risks.
- Guidance documents for partners at all levels on practical measures needed to implement the Hyogo Framework.

The efforts undertaken under Track I will not only provide clear benefits to the countries concerned, but will also contribute to further consolidation of the ISDR System through provision of predictable and sustained funding.



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