



Hyogo Framework for Action 2005 – 2015



Provention Contributions and Related Activities

Provention and its partner organisations participated in the planning and execution of the World Conference on Disaster Reduction in Kobe, Japan in January 2005 and are strong supporters of the ideas and commitments embodied in the Hyogo Framework for Action that was adopted at the World Conference. In addition, Provention continues to support the UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction both through partnering with UN agencies and other organisations on specific initiatives and projects and through participation in the UNISDR system, in particular the Program Advisory Committee.

The following chart outlines key areas of mutual interest and support between the Hyogo Framework for Action and Provention's own strategic focus and activities:

Hyogo Priorities for Action	Provention Contributions
<p>1 Ensure that disaster risk reduction is a national and a local priority with a strong institutional basis for implementation.</p> <hr/> <p>Key components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strengthening <u>national institutional and legislative frameworks</u> for risk reduction ▪ Developing and committing <u>resources</u> for the implementation of risk management policies and programmes ▪ <u>Promoting community participation</u> 	<p>Recognising the critical role of policy decision-makers to effect change in vulnerability to risks, Provention is committed to mainstreaming risk reduction into development policy and planning at international, national, and community levels.</p> <p>Provention is focused on strengthening the case for the effectiveness of risk reduction measures and supporting the creation of clear guidance to policy-makers and practitioners for including risk assessment and risk reduction measures in development and planning tools and practices. The Measuring Mitigation project is applying this approach in developing mainstreaming tools for development planning and evaluation processes, an initiative closely linked to the UNDP/ISDR Global Mainstreaming Project. Provention and UNDP are supporting similar applications to urban master planning through the African Urban Risk Analysis Network (AURAN) project and EMI's Disaster Risk Management in Megacities project.</p> <p>Maintaining effective policy attention to risk reduction is critical as well, and Provention is continuing efforts to build dialogue with key partners in the International Financial Institutions and private sector.</p>
<p>2 Identify, assess and monitor disaster risks and enhance early warning.</p> <hr/> <p>Key components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strengthening <u>national and local risk assessments</u> ▪ Establishing institutional and community capacities for effective <u>early warning</u> ▪ Developing and sustaining technical infrastructure and information management <u>capacities</u> for effective data collection and hazard analysis ▪ Build cooperation mechanisms for analysing <u>regional and emerging risks</u> 	<p>Provention is approaching the challenges of risk identification and analysis from two directions. The first is the creation of global sets of high quality and accurate risk data and the development of frameworks for expanding these data sets at regional and national levels. The Disaster Risks Hotspots Analysis project has made a major contribution in this area and Provention looks forward to further progress with the development of the Global Risk Identification Programme (GRIP) in collaboration with UNDP and other ISDR partners, particularly those active in ISDR Working Group III. The second direction focuses on developing and promoting tools for community level risk assessment and combining sets of local assessments to analyse larger patterns of risk and vulnerability. Provention currently supports several Community Risk Assessment projects with partner NGOs that contribute in this area and two projects – one with OAS and the IFRC in the Americas and the other with the Sudanese Red Crescent Society – to pilot community mitigation and capacity building activities to address critical needs and vulnerabilities raised in local participatory risk assessments.</p> <p>Additionally Provention is working with partner organisations to integrate climate change factors into the analysis of risk accumulation patterns and trends.</p>

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<p>3 Use knowledge, innovation and education to build a culture of safety and resilience at all levels.</p> <p>Key components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strengthening networks and mechanisms for <u>information management and exchange</u> ▪ Promoting inclusion of risk reduction in school and community <u>education and training</u> ▪ Furthering <u>research</u> into risk and hazard analysis and cost-benefit analysis for risk reduction actions ▪ Promoting <u>public awareness</u> to engage media and community interest 	<p>Appreciating the importance of knowledge generation and learning, ProVention strives to incorporate knowledge sharing and the expansion of research and learning dedicated to risk reduction into its full set of activities to forge linkages and partnerships, promote key policies, and encourage innovative practice. ProVention is also critically aware of past challenges in providing broad and easy access to risk information and ensuring relevance and utility in such knowledge sharing efforts.</p> <p>As a first step to addressing these challenges, ProVention regularly highlights the activities of the Consortium and its partners on the ProVention website and sends updates to interested risk reduction partners through the ProVention News e-zine.</p> <p>In addition knowledge sharing is a key component of each ProVention initiative and has led to the creation of regional forums for the ProVention Applied Research Grants programme, the regional network at the heart of the AURAN project, and an evolving community of practice on Community Risk Assessment.</p>
<p>4 Reduce the underlying risk factors.</p> <p>Key components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Integrating <u>environmental and natural resource management</u> with risk reduction ▪ Strengthening safety-nets by improving <u>social and economic development practices</u> in health, food security, livelihoods and other sectors ▪ Incorporating risk management into <u>land-use planning and other technical measures</u> 	<p>Working to strengthen the connection between disaster risk management theory, policy and practice, ProVention seeks to act as a catalyst for new ideas, approaches and initiatives, particularly in support of innovative practice in risk reduction. ProVention activities here focus on innovation and multi-stakeholder participation, including private sector involvement. Current activities include risk transfer and micro-insurance; community risk assessment and action planning for risk reduction; and the integration of risk reduction into development planning at local, metropolitan, and national levels, particularly through the Measuring Mitigation, AURAN and EMI Disaster Risk Management in Megacities projects mentioned above. In addition ProVention's Applied Research Grants programme supports young researchers and professionals in developing countries to explore new areas of risk analysis and practice.</p> <p>Recognising the critical role of the private sector in addressing the underlying risk factors, ProVention is also involved in dialogue with the corporate sector focused on promoting disaster risk management on the corporate social responsibility agenda.</p> <p>Looking further forward, ProVention has also identified a set of issues as challenges for the future that must be appropriately addressed as part of the global disaster reduction effort. These issues include human security and livelihoods, climate change, the expansion of learning networks to include a broader range of risk reduction practitioners and researchers throughout the world, and the role of economic, social, and political incentives in driving practices and behaviours to reduce risks.</p>
<p>5 Strengthen disaster preparedness for effective response at all levels.</p> <p>Key components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strengthening <u>institutional capacities and training</u> and learning mechanisms to include risk reduction in all aspects of disaster management ▪ Strengthening <u>contingency and preparedness planning</u> ▪ Promoting <u>community participation</u> 	<p>To make the best use of opportunities to reduce risks during relief, recovery, and ongoing development activities, ProVention recognises the need for better long-term learning and integration of these lessons into preparedness and planning activities.</p> <p>In addition to the general knowledge sharing activities mentioned above, ProVention has also supported more focused learning initiatives with partner organisations including development of the World Bank's Disaster Risk Management Distance Learning Program. Community-oriented disaster activities, involving local level preparedness, are a key part of ProVention's partnership with IFRC, for example the Reducing Flood Risk in Sudan project and the IFRC/OAS partnership in Central America where community participation and action learning is strengthening through the process of Community-based Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment.</p>

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