



## ECA Library Alert

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### **The ECA Library Receives the UN “Blue Box” of Information Resources on Disaster Relief and Prevention**

The ECA Library has received and processed 160 books, journals, CD-ROMs and other information sources on disaster reduction and prevention. They were shipped to us in the symbolic UN blue box. The distribution of this collection is part of the information strategy of the UN Inter-Agency International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR), and a response to the Indian Ocean tsunami of December 2004. It is designed to enhance access to information and knowledge on disaster reduction, and to support the creation of a culture of disaster prevention that will result in communities that are better prepared for the effects of natural, technological, environmental and biological hazards. Blue boxes on the same theme have been shipped to other strategic locations around the world.

The items are readily available to staff members of ECA and UN Agencies, as well as the general public. Subject areas covered includes risk reduction; the Indian Ocean disaster of December 2004; disaster policy; risk assessment and risk factors, geological, hydro-meteorological and environmental hazards, vulnerability, early warning systems; public awareness; climate change; and the health and nutrition, poverty, and gender dimension of disasters.

Items of information in the collection can be consulted at the reference desk on the ground floor of the ECA Library.

For a complete list of titles, click [here](#).