Recommended targets to be incorporated into the WCDR Programme Outcome Document

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Thematic Discussion Paper Cluster 1 on Governance recommends: Demonstrate stronger political ownership of the disaster risk reduction agenda by setting specific, time-bound targets, establishing commitments and responsibilities (section 3.1, p.15).

In this context, we propose the following specific, time-bound targets:

1. Proposed target relating to the expected WCDR outcome:

   Achieve a 50% reduction of disaster losses, in lives and in the social, economic and environmental assets of communities and countries by 2015.

   This should be an indicator of progress towards attaining the Millennium Development Goals.

2. Proposed target relating to WCDR Strategic Goal A (and to the suggested target within the governance discussion paper, section 3.1, p.15):

   Every disaster-prone country and supporting institution to:
   - adopt a policy and strategic plan for disaster risk management by end of 2006
   - integrate disaster risk reduction explicitly into its poverty reduction and other mainstream sectoral policies and programmes by the end of 2007

3. Proposed targets relating to WCDR Strategic Goal B:

   *Education*: Incorporate easily understandable information on disaster risks and protection options in education curriculums of primary and secondary schools in disaster-prone developing countries by 2010.

   *Public awareness*: Implement nation-wide public awareness and education campaigns on disaster risks and protection options to all citizens in high-risk areas by 2010.

4. Proposed target relating to WCDR Strategic Goal C (and to key activity 4, (ii), (h) in the current Programme Outcome Document):

   By the end of 2006, develop an appropriate government and inter-governmental policy framework to ensure disaster risk reduction approaches are incorporated into the design and implementation of emergency response, recovery and rehabilitation processes to reduce vulnerability to future disasters.

5. Proposed target relating to Early Warning Systems:


6. Proposed target relating to Resource Mobilization, para. 31 (e) currently bracketed in the current Programme Outcome Document:

   By the end of 2005, create a global fund to assist disaster-prone developing countries (prioritizing the most disaster-prone first) to set up national strategies and plans of action and programmes for disaster risk reduction and to develop their institutional and technical capacities in the field of disaster risk reduction, as identified in the priorities in this Framework for Action.