Turning Practice into Policy:

Community Based Disaster Preparedness (CBDP)

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GoI-UNDP Disaster Risk Management Programme
CBDP in the National Framework-

- Empowering and capacity building of communities in multi-hazard prone States and districts to respond effectively to disasters
- Setting-up and training village/ Panchayat/Block level DM Committees and Teams
- Community-level DM Plans made integral to annual development plans of local bodies
- Such plans to receive priority under various rural development schemes
- Village/Panchayat plans to reflect into the Block DM Plan --- Block Plan to reflect into the District Plan and District Plans in turn to feed into the State DM Plan.
Priority areas in the National Framework ---

• Identification of safe shelters and management
• Stockpiling and distribution of relief materials and rehabilitation assistance
• early warning dissemination
• assist in search and rescue and evacuation
• first-aid and counselling
Institutional arrangements ---

- **VILLAGE**
- **PANCHAYAT**
- **BLOCK**
- **DISTRICT**
- **STATE**
- **NATIONAL**

**VILLAGE DISASTER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**GP DISASTER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**BLOCK DISASTER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**STATE STEERING COMMITTEE**

**PROJECT MANAGEMENT BOARD**
Why the Community? ---

- The community knows best
- First responder – in real-time and locational context
- First sufferer in every disaster
- Vulnerability mapper ‘by default’
- Institutional knowledge about traditional coping mechanisms
- Sine qua non for sustainable risk reduction – mutual help the best help
GoI-UNDP Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Programme --

Programme goal:
• Sustainable disaster risk reduction in 169 most multi-hazard prone districts in 17 States with a population of over 300m
• Emphasis on most multi-hazard prone districts
• Strengthening the capacities of the communities, local self governments and District Administration

Programme Strategy:
• Support establishment of administrative, institutional, financial and legal mechanisms
• Development of multi-hazard preparedness and mitigation plans at village, GP, Block, District and State levels
• Awareness Generation
• Training and capacity Building
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Objectives ---

- Sustainable reduction in disaster risk leading to rapid disaster recovery
- Disasters mitigated and development gains protected
- Disaster risk considerations mainstreamed in development
- Capacity building activities for all stakeholders from Village to State level in various aspects of DM
- Dissemination of cost effective alternate technologies for hazard resistant housing
- Awareness generation on DM and Training and Capacity Building for preparedness at all levels
A stitch in time …

- **Raising awareness levels:**
  - **Objective:** - to build knowledge, aptitude and skills for effective and holistic disaster management
  - to develop a ‘culture’ of safety
  - shifting from a relief-centric mindset to disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness
  - to prevent re-building of risks by adopting safer living and livelihood patterns
  - shedding fatalistic attitude towards disasters viz. ‘the hand of God’
  - **Medium:** - including DM into public education
  - rallies, community meetings, wall paintings, traditional fairs, mass media etc.
  - regular and sustained approach
Training and capacity building –

- Training at State, district and block levels to enhance the capacity of disaster management committees and prepare a core group of trainers
- Training of village volunteers/DMTs to develop village contingency plans
- Training of PRIs/ NGOs for facilitating implementation of the programme
- Specialized skill enhancement training to DMTs to carry out disaster response functions (training in first aid, shelter management, search and rescue, warning dissemination, trauma counseling etc.)
- Exposure visits of Government officials, PRIs and DMTs
- Training through involvement of ATIs and SIRDs.
Key outputs ---

- **District:**
  1. DMCs formed  
  2. DMC members trained  
  3. DM Plans finalized

- **Block:**
  1. DMC formed
  2. DMC members trained
  3. DM plans finalized
Key outputs ... contd.

- **Gram Panchayat:**
  1. DMCs formed 8068
  2. DMC members trained 41760
  3. DM plans finalized 1776

- **Village:**
  1. DMCs formed 30601
  2. DMC members trained 127706
  3. DM plans finalized 10464
  4. Sensitization meetings held 81847
  5. DMT members trained 17066
The hallmark ---

- **Institutionalization** – integrated into the three-tier decentralized administrative system
- **Sustainability** –
  - DM plans approved by Gram Sabha
  - DM activities to be undertaken by the villagers themselves
  - disaster preparedness becoming part of ‘psyche’ of people
- **Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Management** –
  - inalienable part of development planning at village level
  - all rural development schemes of National and Provincial Governments to integrate DRM features
Promotion of volunteerism for prevention, mitigation and preparedness

Strengthening community action for risk reduction and sustainable recovery
Thank You

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