Building Networks and Partnerships for Mainstreaming Urban Disaster Risk Reduction

Drawing on lessons learned from Asian Urban Disaster Mitigation Program

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1995 - 2004
USAID Support
Bangladesh flood
Cambodia flood
Thailand flood
India earthquakes & technological hazard
Indonesia earthquake
Sri Lanka multiple hazards
Philippines flood & multiple hazards
Lao PDR urban fire
Nepal earthquake
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Role of Urban Local Bodies in RR

- DM not primary responsibility, limited capacity, no accountability in a disaster event

- Key emergency response services
  - Fire fighting
  - Ambulance services

- Related tasks
  - Enforcement of Building codes
  - Land Use Planning
  - Monitoring of Environmental hazards through regulating industries
Roles that ULBs can play

- More active involvement in Risk Reduction, prevention, preparedness and mitigation
- Mainstreaming disaster risk reduction
  - Safer construction practices in Housing and urban services
  - Disaster Risk Communication in Municipal schools
  - Enhanced safety features in public places
- Ability to mobilize emergency response teams
- Requires appropriate legislative framework
Why Network?

- Network at local level
  - Sharing of cross-sectoral responsibilities
  - Enhanced coordination

- Network between ULBs
  - Sharing human and material resources
  - Engaging in policy level dialogue

- International network
  - Sharing lessons
  - Adapt successful experiences into different context
Need for Legislative Framework

- Provides mandate for local authorities to act accordingly in the time of crisis
- Facilitates allocation of essential resources for relief & response in the immediate aftermath of a disaster
Examples of Urban Networks

- Metro Naga – Consortium of Municipalities
- Sister Cities Program
- LOGOTRI
- CITYNET
ADPC’s Strategy

• Supports local and national organizations to enhance their capacities and effectively discharge assigned roles;
• Provides access to technical specialists worldwide to enable adoption of relevant technology and strategy;
• Provides linkages to other similarly mandated organizations in the region/country with good practice while operating under similar constraints;
• Facilitates dialogue/partnership between scientific community and policy, decision makers and end users for more effective use of scientific information;
• Works with regional and national networks of sectoral specialists to promote linkage with wider disaster management community.
Invitation to found three new “Post WCDR” Partnerships

- Basic Safer Recovery
- Habitat: Kobe Urban Damps
- Bonn Civic Cab
Post WCDR Partnerships

- Barangays and Sister Cities for Safer Recovery (*Basic Safer Recovery*)
- Urban Development Authorities and Ministries for Public Safety (*Urban Damps*)
- Cities Affected by Climate Variability and Change (*Civic Cab*)
Thank You