



WCDR: Capacity Building and Disaster Reduction

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Session Overview

- **Review of the DMTP in the context of the Yokohama Strategy**
- **Key changes in the disaster training field, 1990-2004**
- **Observations on challenges ahead**
- **DMTP's post-Kobe role**



Why a UN Disaster Training Program?

- **1990 – initiated as a joint program by UNDP and OCHA**
- **Two pronged focus:**
 - **enhance the UN's internal capacity and collaboration for disasters,**
 - **improve disaster risk management capacities of national and local partners for disaster risk management.**



DMTP's Influence

- **First global, system wide UN programme for disaster management training**
- **Resource materials and training tools**
- **National disaster focal points and coordination mechanisms**
- **Forum for dialogue and action on common disaster issues and concerns**
- **Catalyst for disaster training**
- **Information resource.**



How has the disaster training field changed?

- Increase in number and quality of training programs
- Proliferation of regional and national mechanisms for capacity building and competency development
- Evolution and expansion of training content
- Increased emphasis on concepts of learning training, knowledge and information.



Changes cont...

- **Recognition of the need for multi-level training**
- **Evolution & expansion of training delivery options**
- **Greater understanding of what constitutes good training and effective performance**
- **Increased professionalism on part of training providers and as training as a field of work.**



Challenges cont...

- **Lack of shared standards for competencies, curricula, qualifications, and principles of practice**
- **How to promote a more systems approach to training**
- **How to create more opportunities for cooperative learning, exchange and networking,**
- **Training resources/financing, results and impact, management issues.**



Observations on the Challenges

- How to make DRM learning and training an essential, integral cross-cutting component of the WCDR Plan of Action, national programs, regional initiatives.
- Inadequate supply of curricula, practical tools, materials, tested methodologies on DRM – recovery, integrating disasters w/development
- Need for frameworks (legal, risk) as the basis for risk management/reduction training.



DMTP in the future

- **2004 – DMTP Review undertaken**
- **Kobe Outcome Document**
- **Inter-agency Learning Resource Center for Disaster Risk Management:**
 - **internal UN system enhancement for comprehensive and integrated DRM,**
 - **external focus- national capacity building**
- **Work in partnership w/other UN agencies, private sector, regional organizations, academia, etc.**



Possible Service Line #1

Enhancement of UN system for disaster risk management:

- **Norms, Standards, Policies**
- **Competency Mapping**
- **Capacity building for UN country offices**
- **Materials production, adaptation & dissemination**
- **Information Clearinghouse**
- **Training support for UN projects**



Possible Service Line #2


Collaboration with existing organizations, forums, associations, networks:

- **Promotion of relevance of DRM training as a core function**
- **Prioritization of DRM Training Needs**
- **Training Consistency: Recovery, Disasters and Development, Governance for DRR**
- **Opportunities for information, exchange and coordination**



Norms and Standards Setting

- Application of policy frameworks, risk and scientific data, learning and change theory as the basis for training
- DRM role definition for specific sectors and groups
- DRM qualification standards –experience and expertise
- DRM learning/certification requirements



Building National Systems and Self-Sufficiency for DRM Training

- **DRM Curricula –definition, development**
- **National Training System Frameworks**
- **Training Program Strategy Formulation**
- **Managing & Evaluating the Training Function**
- **Training of Trainers' Strategies**
- **Institutional Strengthening**



Information & Resources Exchange

- **Support for info/training clearing houses**
- **Learning networks/communities of practice of training providers**
- **Joint research to help develop the field of disaster risk management training**
- **Referral services**



Learning Linkages

- **Links to UN and other resources**
- **Joint resource mobilization**
- **Joint training initiatives/meetings**
- **Exchanges, peer learning, action learning**
- **Replication, adaptation of what works**



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