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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