Promoting sustainable, active community participation in DM

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Overview

- The challenge
 - Creating demand for security
 - Establishing a culture of prevention
- Involving all stakeholders
- Informing the community
- Generating local funding
- Promoting cultural change
- A proposal

The challenge

Current situation

- Short-lived projects
- Isolated efforts
- Carried out by sectors of the community
- Dependent on external funding

What is needed

- Long-term processes
- Inclusive and comprehensive
- Locally funded
- Locally supported

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No sustainable Ineffective

Sustainable Effective

The challenge

GOAL

Sustainable, effective RM Processes Everybody's participation

Needs

Demand for security



Triggers start

Value demonstration

Evaluation

"Marketing"

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Cost, benefits, clients

Well-established culture of prevention

Ensures continuity, sustainability

Education

Formal Informal

How

Involving all stakeholders

The RADIUS Project (IDNDR)

 Seismic scenarios and Risk Reduction Action Plans for 9 cities worldwide (50 institutions, 200 people per city)



RADIUS-TIJUANA Group

- 60 members
- 45 organizations
- 63 regular monthly meetings
- Coordinated RADIUS, GESI, UNESCO-CCT
- Official status as Advisors to the City Council (legislation)

Informing the community



Close collaboration with mass media

Antofagasta

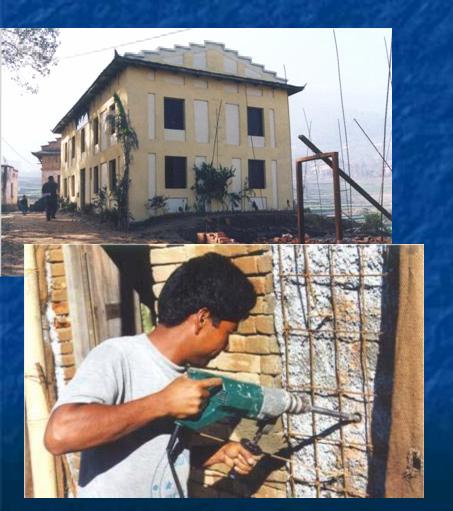
- Municipality hired journalists to write reports
- Coordinated other initiatives (GESI. CCT)
- Became university associate researchers

Tijuana

There is a regular weekly radio program called RADIUS

Mass media set trends, form opinion

Generating local funding



Masons training in Kathmandu

- Training on seismic resistant construction techniques
- Certification of trained masons
- Visibility and recognition



Microfinance to help them start construction companies

Create new economic activities whose byproduct is safer communities

Creating a culture of prevention

UNESCO Program for Disaster Reduction in Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean

Short term

 Promote introduction of risk reduction and management in school education

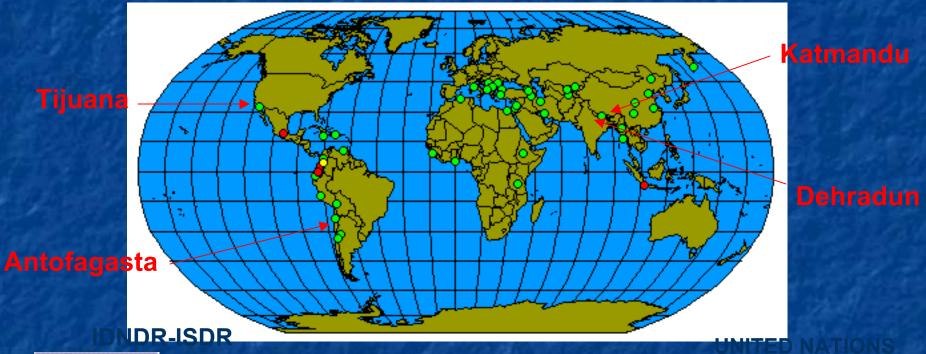
Long term

- Establish a culture of prevention and proper planning
- Generate community demand for safety

Ensure sustainability of risk reduction processes

Participant cities

RADIUS





Building a Culture of Prevention

A Project of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (IDNDR)



Participants

- Elementary schools Riskland
 - Board game developed by UNICEF ISDR
 - 3 pilot schools in Antofagasta
 - Nepali Version of Riskland
- High Schools Building for the Big One
 - Developed by the Tech Museum of San Jose, CA
 - Schools in Mexico, Nepal, Chile
 - High school (DCP) in San Jose and the Tech Museum

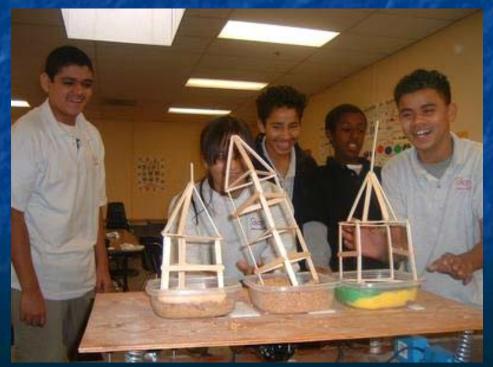
Riskland





Building for the Big One

Trying different "soil types"





Using a "shaking table" to test the structure

Sharing Experiences

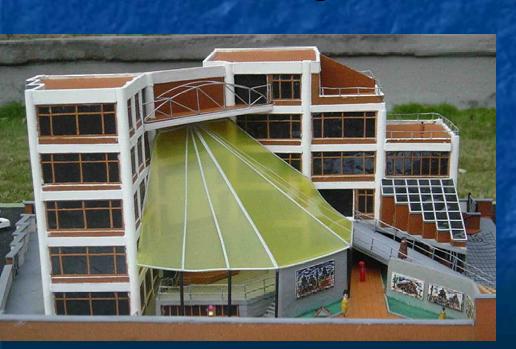






The future

- Extend this pilot program to the entire educational system in each city
- Promote the creation of local museums of technology and disaster mitigation





Earthquake Museum of Kathmandu

Technological Museum-Antofagasta

A concrete proposal

Partner Cities

(Antofagasta, Ensenada, Kathmandu, Managua, Leon, Tijuana)

> Science Museums

(Tech Museum of San Jose, Science Museum of Kobe) Global federation of Science Museums For Disaster Reduction International Organizations (UNCRD, ISDR, UNESCO, ADRC)

Local Institutions

(Universities, NGOs, public agencies)

Incorporate risk management into community's daily life activities







Thank you!