

## DISASTER RISK REDUCTION WORKSHOP

*Bangkok, Thailand: June 26-28, 2006*

### SUMMARY

The December 2004 tsunami and other recent natural disasters in Asia highlighted the need to integrate risk-reduction into on-going programming within and beyond the UN system. As part of its mandate to support UN country offices to integrate risk management in a holistic and integrated manner, the UNDP Regional Programme for Capacity Building for Sustainable Recovery and Risk Reduction (RPCB) will conduct a three-day Disaster Risk Reduction Workshop for 30 UN Country Team members. The workshop will be held in Thailand from June 26-28, 2006. This workshop is among the learning initiatives the Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (BCPR) has successfully implemented in several regions throughout the world, and is now being brought to Asia.



UN recovery efforts in Aceh

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### TOPICS, METHODOLOGY AND MATERIALS

This Workshop will be interactive, based on clearly defined session objectives. Diverse methods will be used including presentations by both facilitators and participants, panel discussions, exercises and facilitated discussions. During the Workshop you develop and present a draft of DRR Action Plan for your country of responsibility.

MONDAY, JUNE 26	TUESDAY, JUNE 27	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28
<b>Session 1: Introduction</b> <b>Session 2: Natural Hazard Context</b>	<b>Session 4: Applying Lessons Learnt</b>	<b>Session 6: Recovery Tools and Resources</b>
<b>Session 3: Principles and Applications of Disaster Risk Reduction</b>	<b>Session 5: Preparedness and Response Tools and Resources</b>	<b>Session 7: Design &amp; Presentation of Actions Plans; Workshop Conclusion</b>

### DISASTER RISK REDUCTION WORKSHOP CONTENT

#### Session 1: Introduction

Introduction of the resource team and, participants, and overview of workshop schedule and content, administrative and logistical matters, and expected outcome.

#### Session 2: Natural Hazards Context

This session will analyze the natural hazard context of Asian development, paying particular attention to the evolution of risk, trends, and social and economic impact. Links with climate change will be suggested, and the significance of gender considerations and poverty reduction integrated.



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**Session 3: Principles and Applications of Disaster Risk Reduction**

Presentation of the principles of Disaster Risk Reduction, defining the elements as they relate to “before, during and after” an event. Discussion of the interrelationship of disaster and development and the need for mainstreaming DRR in keeping with the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR), the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005, and the Millennium Development Goals. Tools and Resources for capacity building in DRR will be described.

**Session 4: Applying Lessons Learnt**

A Case study approach to a thematic discussion on lessons learnt with respect to leadership, strategic use of resources and coordination. Application of lessons with respect to the requirements for Programming (Before an event) Emergency Procedures – Preparedness and Response (During an event) and Recovery (After an event). A review of knowledge of and access to resources will be included.

**Session 5: Preparedness and Response Tools and Resources for the UN System**

Principles, tools, and resources applicable to preparedness and response. Case studies of UNDAC deployment and discussion of planning, organizing, leading and coordinating in the context of key actions required to transform challenges into opportunity.

**Session 6: Recovery Tools and Resources for the UN System**

Case study approach to Recovery, Principles, Guidelines, Tools & Resources.

**Session 7: Action Plans**

Formulation and presentation of Action Plans. Consideration of collaboration with national authorities, mobilization of resources, preparation/update of contingency plans, application of Hyogo framework at national level, application of lessons learnt, recovery principles, and DRR activities.

**INFORMATION ABOUT THE REGIONAL PROGRAMME**

The Tsunami RPCB was developed by UNDP in response to the stated needs of tsunami affected countries for greater coherence in regional recovery efforts and risk reduction. The programme’s main goals are to increase the capacity of countries affected by the Indian Ocean Tsunami in undertaking post-disaster recovery and disaster risk reduction for any future events. The strategic areas of support thus include increasing capacity and integrating risk reduction into development projects.

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