

GoI-UNDP Disaster Risk Reduction Project(2009-2012)

The GoI-UNDP Disaster Risk Management Programme which was implemented across 17 States in India was evaluated by the National Institute of Disaster Management and the Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre, Bangkok.

Some observations of the evaluation were that the programme created an excellent awareness about Disaster Risk Management, enhanced capacity for preparedness for response, had wide geographic spread and led to a paradigm shift in public's attitude towards disasters. However, it was weak in mitigation and risk reduction activities, was not effectively mainstreamed into development, new institutions created under the DM Act need to be strengthened and there was the need to focus on multi- hazards even in urban areas.

It is on the basis of the foundation laid in the DRM Programme and the suggestions of the evaluation reports that the new Disaster Risk Reduction programme was proposed.

The **main focus** of the new programme are :

- Strengthening institutions for disaster risk reduction
- Develop capacities for Risk and Vulnerability Assessment
- Build capacities of stakeholders for early recovery
- Risk reduction in urban areas

This focus would be addressed through two projects:

I. **Institutional strengthening & Capacity building for Disaster Risk Reduction**
(Implementing Partner: NDMA): Under this project, it is proposed to-

- Strengthen DM institutions as per DM Act 2005
- Training institutions strengthened
- Post-disaster damage and needs assessments guidance notes/tool kits for recovery, and capacity building of stakeholders
- Capacity development of CSOs, NGOs and private sector for DM
- Risk and vulnerability assessments for strengthening capacities for DRR
- Risk Transfer mechanisms developed
- Improved peoples' resilience and coping mechanisms, especially women and excluded groups
- DRR-mainstreamed in National Development Programmes
- Knowledge Management

II. **Urban Risk Management** (Implementing Partner: MHA): Under this project, the key deliverables are-

- Hazard Risk Assessment and integration of disaster risk reduction for urban development programmes
- Capacity building in Urban Risk Reduction
- Institutional strengthening for Urban Risk Management
- Urban Community based DRR