



## The International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

# Connect<sup>and</sup> Convince

To save lives and reduce  
disaster impacts

On average 80,000 people are killed and a further 200 million are affected annually by disasters, of which 80% are weather and climate related.



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# WHO WE ARE

The International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR) is a strategic framework adopted by United Nations Member States in 2000. The ISDR guides and coordinates the efforts of a wide range of partners to achieve a substantive reduction in disaster losses. It aims to build resilient nations and communities as an essential condition for sustainable development.

The United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) is the secretariat of the ISDR system. The ISDR system comprises numerous organizations, States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, financial institutions, technical bodies and civil society, which work together and share information to reduce disaster risk.

UNISDR serves as the focal point for the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) – a ten year plan of action adopted in 2005 by 168 governments to protect lives and livelihoods against disasters.



## WHAT WE DO

# CONNECT

### **We coordinate**

international efforts in disaster risk reduction and provide guidance for the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action. We also monitor its implementation and report regularly on progress.

### **We advocate**

for greater investment in disaster risk reduction actions to protect people's lives and assets.

### **We campaign**

to build global awareness of disaster risk reduction benefits and empower people to reduce community vulnerabilities to hazard impacts. Our current campaigns focus on safer schools and hospitals and more resilient cities.

### **We inform**

and connect people by providing services and practical tools – such as the disaster risk reduction community website PreventionWeb, publications on good practices, country profiles and policy advice.

## INVEST TODAY FOR A SAFER TOMORROW

# CONVINCE

## **We organize**

a Global Platform session every two years, bringing together all relevant parties involved in disaster risk reduction to assess progress on policy implementation.

## **We promote**

the effective reduction of climate risks through the integration of disaster risk reduction into policies and programmes for climate change adaptation.

## **We encourage**

the establishment of regional and national platforms for disaster risk reduction, comprising multi-stakeholder committees or mechanisms as well as thematic platforms on key topics like early warning, recovery, capacity development, education, environment and others.

## **We provide**

a biennial Global Assessment Report, an authoritative analysis of global disaster risk and progress in disaster risk reduction. The 2009 report included a special focus on how and why disaster risk is concentrated in poor communities.

## The Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015:

# Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters

The Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) is the key instrument and global blueprint for implementing disaster risk reduction. Its overarching goal is to build the resilience of nations and communities to disasters by achieving substantive reduction of disaster losses by 2015.

**The HFA sets out five priorities for action:**

- **Make disaster risk reduction a priority**
- **Know the risks and take action**
- **Build understanding and awareness**
- **Reduce risks**
- **Be prepared and ready to act**



**WORKING TOGETHER TO REDUCE DISASTER RISK**

# HOW TO GET INVOLVED

If you are...

**A government:** Make reducing risk a priority in your most vulnerable areas and ensure funds for disaster risk reduction policies are in your national budget.

**A practitioner or expert:** Share your knowledge, join community networks and contribute to information resources to reduce disaster risk.

**An international organization:** Ensure that your programmes and activities are risk sensitive.

**A donor:** Review your policies and provide for disaster risk reduction budgets in development programmes, humanitarian and disaster recovery projects.

**A citizen:** Learn about risk in your own environment and join a social network to reduce and prevent your local risks.



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