



Program Note

Post Disaster Needs Assessment & Disaster Recovery Frameworks for SAARC Member States

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Location: SAARC Disaster management Centre (IU), Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India.

Background

- The United Nations Development Group (UNDG), the European Union (EU) and the World Bank (WB) signed a joint declaration¹ in 2008 on Post-Crisis Assessments and Recovery Planning committing their Organizations to collaborate and harmonize post-crisis frameworks to support post-disaster needs assessments and recovery planning.
- Since the signature of the agreement, the three partners have jointly prepared the Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) procedural and technical guidelines and the Disaster Recovery Framework (DRF) guide. Both the PDNA Guidelines and the Recovery Framework Guide were presented last September 2014 at the Second World Reconstruction Conference and officially launched at the Sendai Third World Conference on DRR on 14 March 2015.
- The development of the PDNA and DRF guides represents a unique outcome towards a harmonized and standardized approach in Government-led efforts to estimate the needs for recovery after a disastrous event and to plan and implement recovery strategies to help rebuild the physical, social and human capital of disaster affected communities.
- The guidelines now need to be widely disseminated and capacities strengthened among Governments, staff members of the three partner organizations as well as among practitioners, for needs assessment and recovery planning. UNDP anchors the capacity building efforts for PDNA and DRFs in partnership with the EU and World Bank.
- These efforts envisage a systematic approach to develop PDNA and DRF capacities covering different regions around the world. To this end, Intergovernmental Organizations, such as South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) are principal stakeholders to encourage member countries to prepare and undertake recovery processes in a more effective and efficient manner.
- The regional workshop on Post Disaster Needs Assessment and Recovery Frameworks, targets Member States of SAARC, in particular officials from the ministry of disaster

¹ EU, UNDG and World Bank- Joint Declaration on Post-Crisis Assessment and Recovery Planning, 25th September 2008. The UNDP Administrator signed the Declaration on behalf of the UNDG.

management or ministry of planning and finance. The training will be help in collaboration with SAARC Disaster Management Center and UNDP.

- This concept note provides the necessary information to participants to understand the objective, selection criteria and other operational procedures that will be followed in the organization of this event.

Objective

The main purpose of the training on PDNA and DRF is to inform Government officials from the SAARC Member States about the advantages of applying a standardized approach and methodology to conduct post disaster needs assessments, formulate a recovery strategy and plan for its successful implementation.

In addition, a pool of 35 to 40 delegates from member countries will be trained on the use and application of the PDNA and DRF methodology and approach. One of the expected results is to establish a roster of professionals from the member countries to undertake needs assessment and formulate recovery frameworks in the Asian Region.

Regional experts are expected to support in-country trainings and capacity-building within SAARC member countries.

Methodology

The 4-day training methodology includes: a series of interactive lectures, power point presentations, directives for small and large group discussions, practical exercises, role-plays and a standardized case-study analysis. Handouts, flash drives with relevant essential documents for the workshop, and instructions for facilitators and trainees will be shared during the workshop; prior to the workshop, participants are encouraged to: read and familiarize themselves with the PDNA methodology, Vol. A, review the suit of sector chapters Vol. B as well as the Disaster Recovery Framework (DRF).

<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/librarypage/crisis-prevention-and-recovery/pdna.html#>

<https://gfdrr.org/sites/gfdrr/files/publication/DRF-Guide.pdf>

About the Trainers

Experienced professionals in the field of post disaster needs assessments who have been engaged in the development of the PDNA methodology and the formulation of recovery frameworks, with enough practical experience on the ground, have been invited to conduct this workshop.

The core team of trainers is complemented by selected sector experts who will provide their specialized perspective in key areas such as infrastructure, production, socio-economic aspects and will reflect on the cross-cutting issues of PDNA and recovery formulation such as governance, disaster risk reduction, environment, gender, employment and livelihoods.

About the Trainees

The main targets of the training are delegates from the SAARC Member States, in their capacity to support policy and technical issues related to post disaster assessment and recovery planning. Trainees are expected to support future PDNAs and the formulation of DRFs in the aftermath of a disaster. They will be also part of a regional network that expects to contribute to the strengthening of national and regional capacities for recovery. Delegates from the countries are expected to have a strong technical background on development, disaster risk reduction or recovery. Emergency management is not the focus of this training.

Workshop details

The four-day workshop includes a series of interactive lectures, power point presentations, directives for small and large group discussions, practical exercises, role-plays and a standardized case-study analysis. Participants are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the PDNA methodology (Vol. A) and the Sectorial Approach (Vol. B) through links provided on the Methodology Section.

Eligibility Criteria

Participants are invited based on their capacity to influence politically and technically the use and application of the PDNA and DRF. Trained staff will be expected to lead and contribute to post disaster needs assessment activities on the ground, regionally and within their own countries. All the proposed participants are required to fill out the application form attached to this concept note.

SAARC Disaster Management Centre (SDMC-IU), Gujarat

South Asia Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Disaster Management Centre (SDMC-IU) has been set up at Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management (GIDM) Campus, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India in November 2016, with a vision to be a Centre of Excellence for regional cooperation and specialised service delivery to Member States for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), Response and Recovery for Sustainable Development. Eight Member States, i.e. Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka are expected to be served by the SDMC (IU).