

# Enhancing Country Level Capacity for Disaster Risk Reduction

## Country Support Guidelines



The Capacity for Disaster Reduction Initiative (CADRI) was launched in 2007 as an inter-agency initiative of UNDP, OCHA and UNISDR. For the new implementation phase from 2013 to 2017, the Programme Board and the Programme Assurance Group composed of UNDP, OCHA, UNICEF, WFP, FAO and WHO (with UNITAR, UNOPS, WMO, IFRC and GFDRR as observers) provides the management oversight of CADRI.



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Through this initiative, CADRI Partner Agencies aim to strengthen existing capacity development programmes at all levels (national, regional and global) and work in collaboration with existing UN and non-UN coordination mechanisms to ensure a better alignment of support in capacity development in disaster risk reduction offered to countries. CADRI is designed in such a way that it takes into account the comparative advantage of each partner to support capacity development through a coordinated, coherent and partnership-based approach which avoids duplications and maximizes resources.

### What CADRI is

The objective of CADRI is to enable the UN and other members of the ISDR system to support Governments build and implement a coherent framework for developing national capacities for disaster risk reduction, including preparedness for response.

To achieve this objective, CADRI:

1. Provides technical support to UN Resident Coordinators/ Humanitarian Coordinators, UN Country Teams and various existing coordination mechanisms to reinforce their capacities in assisting the Governments and other national stakeholders to develop frameworks for capacity development in a coordinated and coherent manner;
2. Develops and disseminates training, learning and knowledge products, tools and methodologies in capacity development for disaster risk reduction at the national, regional and global levels.



CADRI assists countries through the UN Country Teams to implement the Hyogo Framework for Action (2005-2015) and provides a mechanism for the implementation of the UN Plan of Action on Disaster Risk Reduction for Resilience (2013); UNDG Strategic Priorities 2013-2016; IASC, UNDG, and UNISDR Common Framework for Capacity Development for Preparedness (2013); and global frameworks on resilience (Political Champions Group, Global Alliance for Drought Resilience, AGIR).



CADRI support is prioritized to situations where technical capacity is not sufficient at the country or regional levels. Service provision by CADRI Partner Agencies is flexible and adaptable to each country and region. In addition, experience has shown the benefit of locating a DRR Adviser in the Office of the UN Resident Coordinator to facilitate the process and support the implementation of the National Plan of Action (see below). CADRI Partner Agencies can assist in sourcing this expertise through existing mechanisms, such as the Norwegian Refugee Council DRM Standing Capacity initiative, DFID deployments, OCHA and UNDP National Disaster Risk Advisors, etc.



### CADRI Country Support Services

- STEP 1.** Undertake a Disaster Risk Reduction Capacity Assessment under Government and UN Country Team leadership through a multi-stakeholder process
- STEP 2.** Support the Government and UN Country Team to develop a National Plan of Action for Capacity Development in Disaster Risk Reduction
- STEP 3.** Provide, where appropriate, technical support and monitoring of the implementation of selected capacity development activities of the National Plan of Action

## Formulating the request for CADRI support

- ✓ Agreement at the national level among the Government, UN Resident Coordinator and the UN Country Team on the scope of technical support required from CADRI.
- ✓ Review and evaluation of requests for assistance and determination of CADRI support to countries.
- ✓ Depending on the complexity of the country request, a scoping mission might be required in advance of the assessment mission to ascertain the nature of CADRI support and assist in country-level planning.
- ✓ Agreement at global and regional levels among CADRI Partner Agencies on modalities, timing and scope of technical support to be provided.
- ✓ Formal request by UN Resident Coordinator to CADRI Programme Board based on agreement at national level addressed to: Neil Buhne (neil.buhne@undp.org) and Ted Chaiban (tchaiban@unicef.org), CADRI co-chairs, and Hachim Badji, CADRI Coordinator (hachim.badji@undp.org).

## STEP 1. Disaster Risk Reduction Capacity Assessment

- ✓ The purpose of the capacity assessment is to identify country capacity strengths and gaps related to disaster risk reduction, understand required capacities and propose recommendations on how these capacities can be achieved.
- ✓ The country capacity assessment team is composed of representatives of Government (i.e. national disaster management agency, DRR National Platform members) which is supported by representatives from the UN Country Team (including the National DRR Advisors if in place), and staff from CADRI Partner Agencies based at global and regional levels.
- ✓ The national team will benefit from training in the application of the capacity assessment methodology. CADRI offers a capacity assessment tool which covers the five priorities in the Hyogo Framework for Action. The capacity assessment process normally includes interviews with Government representatives, UN agencies, donors and other national stakeholders, and an analysis of programmatic and policy documents, as well as available information on disaster risk.
- ✓ The output of the assessment is a National Disaster Risk Reduction Capacity Assessment Report which is validated by the Government and national stakeholders with the support of the UN Country Team.
- ✓ The Report is submitted by the national team to the Government and national stakeholders, UN Resident Coordinator, UN Country Team, including regional mechanisms, CADRI Partner Agencies, observers and UNISDR.
- ✓ A national workshop is organized by the Government to validate the findings and recommendations of the report with all stakeholders involved.
- ✓ CADRI Partner Agencies provide in-country support for the capacity assessment, which typically requires two missions: (1) mission for the capacity assessment; and (2) mission for the validation of the Report.
- ✓ Depending on the complexity of the country request, a scoping mission might be required in advance of the assessment mission.

## STEP 2. National Plan of Action for Capacity Development in Disaster Risk Reduction

- ✓ The National Plan of Action for Capacity Development in Disaster Risk Reduction addresses the priority actions to build capacities for reducing disaster risks as identified in the Capacity Assessment Report.
- ✓ The National Plan can either provide a basis for, or reflect, how DRR is incorporated in the UN Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF).
- ✓ The National Plan takes the form of a logical framework, including outcomes and outputs, planned activities, responsible parties, resources required, and timeframe for implementation.
- ✓ The National Plan provides a basis for alignment of the UN Country Team's and other international partners' programmes into a comprehensive framework of support to Government.
- ✓ Implementation is the responsibility of national stakeholders according to the roles and responsibilities laid out in the National Plan, with support from regional and global support mechanisms as appropriate.
- ✓ The development of the National Plan is carried out by the same team as in the case of the capacity assessment process, to ensure consistency and sustainability.
- ✓ CADRI Partner Agencies provide in-country support for the development of the National Plan typically through two missions: (1) mission to support the development of the National Plan based on meetings with key national stakeholders; and (2) mission to support the validation of the National Plan through a national workshop.

## STEP 3. Technical Support and Monitoring of the Implementation of the National Plan of Action

- ✓ Once the National Plan of Action for Capacity Development in Disaster Risk Reduction is validated by the Government and national stakeholders, the UN Country Team and other in-country stakeholders' provide support for the implementation of the National Plan through on-going programmes.
- ✓ CADRI offers a set of tools, methods and expert networks to support the capacity development aspects of these programmes. Access to these materials promotes further coherence in, and enhances the quality of, the capacity support provided by the partner country programmes during service delivery.
- ✓ Additional direct technical support required from CADRI may include organisation and facilitation of training and awareness raising workshops aimed at enabling the Government, UN Country Team and national stakeholders acquire a clear conceptual and operational understanding of disaster risk reduction.
- ✓ CADRI monitors the impact of capacity development measures and actions as implemented through the Pan.