

CAPACITY FOR DISASTER REDUCTION INITIATIVE

This Programme Summary outlines how UN agencies and other members of the ISDR system will work in partnership to support Governments build and implement national frameworks for developing capacities to reduce the risk from and prepare for disasters, including those arising from climate variability and change. This partnership is articulated through a global programme entitled “Capacity for Disaster Reduction Initiative (CADRI)”. The partners are UNDP, OCHA, UNICEF, WFP, FAO and WHO, with UNITAR, UNOPS, WMO, IFRC and GFDRR as observers.



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What we do

The CADRI Partner Agencies crowd in resources, experience and expertise to deliver customized capacity development services in disaster risk reduction, including preparedness for emergency response, to countries at risk.

CADRI helps UN and non-UN actors at national and at regional levels to leverage existing partnerships across the development and humanitarian spectrum aiming at achieving resilient development results.

CADRI sets out to achieve this objective through two outcomes: (1) Facilitating system coherence on capacity development for disaster risk reduction at country level in selected countries and (2) Providing access to tools, methodologies and expertise for delivering capacity development services.

The first outcome is achieved through selective country engagement in the context of national ownership and leadership, and in coordination with other development and

humanitarian partners at national, regional and global levels. Country-level support is provided through CADRI Partner Agencies' on-going programmes.

The second outcome is achieved through evidence-based knowledge production and dissemination as a basis for customized service delivery. The knowledge base consists of capacity development tools, guidelines, methodologies, learning and training products.

Meeting the challenge

Global trends in disaster and climate risks underscore the need for enhanced solutions and capacities for risk reduction and preparedness for disaster response.

While Governments have an increasing awareness and understanding of risk reduction as an essential component of sustainable development, many countries at risk have limited capacities to integrate disaster risk reduction into development planning.

Established in 2007, CADRI was set up as one of the many mechanisms aimed at respon-

ding to the need for a coordinated and coherent UN-wide effort to support Governments develop their capacities to prevent, manage and recover from the impacts of disasters.

CADRI's objective was to advance knowledge and practice for the development of capacities for disaster risk reduction in line with the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) 2005-2015, the internationally endorsed strategic and operational framework for reducing disaster risk.

As outlined in the 2013-2017 Programme Strategy, CADRI

continues to assist countries through the UN Country Teams to implement the HFA (and its successor agreement).

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

Responding to country demands

The new Programme Strategy builds on a strong foundation. From 2007 to 2012, CADRI supported UN Country Teams to assist Governments and other national stakeholders to develop National Plans of Action for Capacity Development in Disaster Risk Reduction based on an assessment of existing and required capacities.

Up to present, CADRI supported 18 countries to undertake **National Disaster Risk Reduction Capacity Assessments**: Armenia, Serbia, Kosovo (as per UN resolution 1244), Montenegro, Albania, FYR of Macedonia, Turkey, Ghana, Mali, The Gambia, Nigeria, Madagascar, Niger,

Chad, Georgia, Burkina Faso, Mauritania and Burundi.

Out of these, 9 countries have **National Plans of Action in Capacity Development for Disaster Risk Reduction** established with CADRI support which are undergoing implementation (Ghana, Kosovo, The Gambia, Niger, Georgia, Chad, Madagascar, Mauritania and Burundi), while others have developed or are in the process of developing their own National Plans.

Based on the 2013-2017 Programme Strategy, CADRI aims strengthen its selective country engagement and dee-

pen its collaboration with existing UN and non-UN coordination mechanisms at global and regional levels to ensure a better alignment of support in capacity development in disaster risk reduction offered to countries.

The service package available to countries is designed as a three stage approach (see Box below). However, service delivery is customized to the needs, priorities and specificity of the country.

CADRI is applying an evidence-based and selective country engagement model whereby requests of support are reviewed and approved by the CADRI Programme go-

CADRI Country-level Service Package

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

Working in partnership

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.

At global and regional levels, CADRI delivers training and advisory services to UN and non-UN stakeholders to enable them to better support their respective country programmes. CADRI's track record showed that from 2007 to 2012, approximately 40

UNCTs have received customized training which resulted in an improved understanding of the importance of disaster reduction and how it is mainstreamed when implementing development plans and programmes, including UNDAF activities.

Similarly, more than 70 training workshops were organized by CADRI and partners at national, regional and global levels from 2009 to 2012, targeting UN Country Team staff and national stakeholders. In 2012 alone, institutional DRR capacity assessments were completed for three African

Regional Communities (ECOWAS; ECCAS; SADC) with CADRI support.

The 2013-2017 Programme Strategy provides for strengthened engagement with partners at the regional level. CADRI is set to provide technical support in capacity development to existing networks of UN and non-UN institutions, practitioners and experts in order to capacitate them to better serve their own institutions and respective beneficiaries. This also helps capacitate CADRI Partner Agencies to deliver country-level support.

Building capacities through knowledge

Knowledge creation and dissemination are key enablers of capacity development. The systematic collection and analysis of capacity development practice plays an important role in advancing knowledge about what works in disaster risk reduction.

Acknowledging the importance of knowledge in capacity development, CADRI Partner Agencies are developing tools, guidelines, methodologies, learning and training products, and providing timely access to these products for partners and beneficiaries through existing online platforms.

To date, CADRI spearheaded the design and operationalization of the “Disaster Risk Reduction Capacity Assessment Tool” and developed 20 thematic training and learning packages in collaboration with partners.

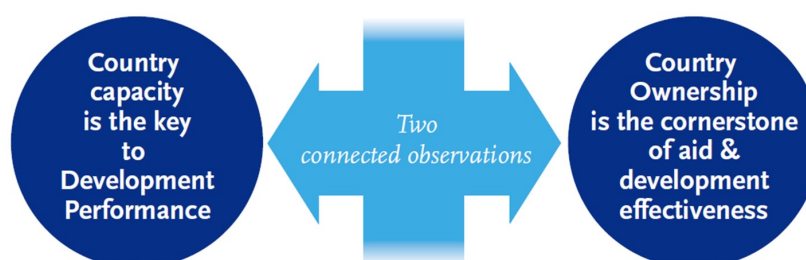
The 2013-2017 Programme Strategy provides for the setup of a CADRI Knowledge Management and Communication Strategy, and a quality assurance mechanism for training, learning and knowledge products, tools and capacity development methodologies.

In order to sustain and enhance the quality of its ser-

vices, CADRI will upgrade the existing set of DRR training and awareness raising packages, diversify the topics by including materials from other agencies and integrate cutting-edge development practices into its knowledge base.

Through its in-country engagement and strengthened regional collaboration, CADRI also aims to encourage knowledge sharing and peer-to-peer learning among national, regional and global institutions, practitioners and experts, as well as to enhance CADRI Partner Agencies’ own capacity to deliver country-level support.

Importance of Capacity Development



Ensuring optimal programme performance

The CADRI Programme oversight structure is composed of a Programme Board and a Programme Assurance Group.

The Programme Board provides a mechanism for consultation and consensus to inform management decisions for programme implementation. It is composed of senior representatives of CADRI Partner Agencies. The Programme Board has one permanent Chair (UNDP) and one rotating Chair elected annually (UNICEF, 2013-2014).

The Programme Assurance Group is tasked to ensure

efficient programme management and implementation, and reports regularly to the Programme Board. The Programme Assurance Group consists of senior technical representatives of CADRI Partner Agencies and CADRI Coordinator.

The operational team delivering capacity development support is composed of staff from CADRI Partner Agencies based in Geneva who work in close collaboration with Partner Agencies’ staff at regional and national levels (e.g. DRR/Preparedness Officers, Regional Advisors, National Advisors, etc.).

In providing technical support at country level, CADRI will also establish working relationships with other key players. These include major I/NGOs, other agencies and donors who support DRR at country level and/or deploy DRR expertise at country level (such as Norwegian Refugee Council with the Disaster Risk Management Standing Capacity Initiative, the Swedish Contingency Organisation, Swiss Development Cooperation, UK Department for International Development, etc.).

CADRI Programme Strategy 2013-2017

As an inter-agency initiative, the objective the CADRI Programme 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.

COUNTRY-LEVEL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT DELIVERED THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

Technical support in capacity development for disaster risk reduction provided 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

EFFECTIVENESS OF INTER-AGENCY PARTNERSHIP

The inter-agency CADRI partnership is effective in supporting DRR capacity development

SUPPORT TO UN RCs/HCs AND UN COUNTRY TEAMS

UN Resident Coordinators, Humanitarian Coordinators and UN Country Teams are aware of DRR concepts and able to strategically lead and coordinate the national DRR agenda

NATIONAL AGREEMENT ON PRIORITIES

National agreement on short to medium-term DRR capacity development priorities established in selected high risk countries

EXISTING NETWORKS MOBILIZED

A network of existing institutions, practitioners and experts on DRR mobilized in support of DRR capacity development priorities

IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL PRIORITIES

DRR capacity development advisory services provided in support of the implementation of agreed national DRR capacity development priorities with sound monitoring and evaluation of progress

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT PRODUCTS AND TOOLS ACCESSIBLE

Quality training, learning and knowledge products, tools and methodologies on disaster risk reduction developed and disseminated at the global, regional and national levels in line with a knowledge management and communication strategy

QUALITY OF PRODUCTS AND TOOLS

Quality assurance applied to tools, standards, and methods in capacity development for DRR which CADRI Partner Agencies develop, customize and update

ACCESS TO PRODUCTS AND TOOLS

A knowledge management strategy established and a repository of tools, standards, and methods on DRR capacity development accessible through existing on-line platforms.

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