

Follow-up to Hyogo Framework in the Latin American Region – Priorities for Action & Initiatives

Based on Doc “Compilation of Regional and Sub-Regional Strategies of National Implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Latin American & the Caribbean”

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Priority 1: Ensure that Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) is a national and local priority with a strong institutional basis for implementation

Name of Initiative & Countries involved	Objective	Regional framework for Action for LAC / Political Relevance	Status & level of commitment	Timeframe & implementation modalities, including resourcing	Source of relevant documents
<p>a)- National workshops to design and harmonize national plans and policies for disaster risk management in Andean countries, in accordance to the Andean Strategy and Hyogo Framework for Action priorities. <i>(Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela)</i></p>	<p>Contribution to HF implementation: national workshops provide first step towards the establishing and strengthening of national platforms for disaster reduction</p>	<p>PREDECAN (Support to Disaster Prevention in the Andean Community Project), a project from the Andean Community and the European Union.</p>	<p>Selection process to hire the consultants is undergoing. Meeting with PREDECAN to discuss UN/ISDR regional unit engagement in this activity is scheduled for November</p>	<p>Funds from PREDECAN cover team of consultants. Countries provide funds for organization of the workshops. Compilation of information should began in 2005, first national workshop scheduled for Bolivia in February 2006.</p>	<p>http://www.comunidadandina.org/quienes/predecan.htm</p>
<p>b) National Fora to follow up on HF <i>(Costa Rica, Panamá and Perú)</i></p>	<p>Costa Rica: strengthening of the inter-sectoral coordination of disaster risk reduction efforts</p> <p>Perú: identification of national priorities under HF</p> <p>Panamá: establishment of a multisectoral national platform for implementation of HF</p>	<p>Concrete commitment towards the follow and implementation of HF in these countries</p>	<p>Costa Rica organized a two-days national forum in September.</p> <p>Panamá and Perú had preparatory meeting involving public sector and private sector, civil society and academic institutions</p>	<p>Panamá and Peru national fora will take in December 2005</p> <p>Government and cooperation agencies have allocated funds to organize these fora</p>	
<p>c) Inter-Agency RED-LAC group: creation of a Disaster Risk Management group</p>	<p>To contribute in an inter-agency coordinated effort to: establishment/strengthening of national platforms in LAC; facilitate incorporation of CCA-UNDAF countries that will enter in the process in 2006; c) Harmonize and validate education material on</p>	<p>The Inter-Agency Group led by OCHA (RED-LAC) has managed to gathered the interests of the regional agencies based in Panamá around the preparedness and response activities in the region. The creation of a</p>	<p>Draft of the Inter-agency biannual completed and to be finally approved before the end of November 2005.</p> <p>Consensus among UN/ISDR, UNDP/BCPR, PAHO, UNICEF and IFRC foster the four priority</p>	<p>Biannual planning 2006-2007. Resource allocation from agencies regular budgets</p>	<p>(final planning to be released soon)</p>

	<p>prevention and mitigation produced by group members d) promotion of safe hospitals and schools with Health and Education Ministries;</p>	<p>new thematic group, led by led UN/ISDR Regional Unit, and integrated by UNDP/BCPR, PAHO, UNICEF, IFRC, supposes a new strategic niche to foster inter-agency coordination for the implementation of HF in LAC</p>	<p>activities identified for the thematic group during 2006/7.</p>		
<p>d)- Incorporation of risk analysis in planning and public sector investment processes in Latin American and the Caribbean <i>(In Lima's workshop participated Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Peru and Venezuela).</i></p>	<p>a) promote the exchange of experiences and the use of tools for incorporation of disaster risk analysis in planning and public accounts processes among finances and planning ministers; b) a produce a proposal for an action plan to foster the use of these instruments in Latin American countries.</p>	<p>General Secretary of Andean Community – SGCAN-, the Andean Committee for Disaster Prevention and Relief - CAPRADE- ; PREDECAN –European Union and Andean Community project; and General Secretary of the Organization of Amazon Cooperation Treaty (OTCA). With support from UN/ISDR; GTZ; ECLAC; IDB; EU and Swiss Cooperation (COSUDE).</p>	<p>First regional workshop took place in September 2005 in Lima. Report and compilation of experiences brought by countries are being systematized and will be used to formulate an “action plan” to foster the incorporation of risk analysis into planning and public investment processes.</p>	<p>A new workshop in Central America is being planned by CEPREDENAC, ISDR, ECLAC and GTZ for first half of 2006.</p>	<p>(workshop report to be released soon)</p>
<p>e)- Engagement of the Red Cross National Societies into the establishing and strengthening of national platforms process in the region. <i>(Target countries for 2005/2006 are: Costa Rica, Panama, Ecuador and Jamaica).</i></p>	<p>To include civil society and local community's perspectives in the work of national platforms through the involvement of National Societies as an active stakeholder in national platforms.</p> <p>IFRC Regional Delegation in Panama; National Societies; UN/ISDR regional unit</p>	<p>A group of target countries to further the engagement of National Societies has been identified in close consultation with UN/ISDR regional unit. The regional delegation of the IFRC has incorporated this initiative as a priority activity within its Regional Strategy, Preparedness Programme (2004-2005).</p>	<p>First target country is Costa Rica and there is already a planning meeting arranged among the Costa Rican Red Cross, Costa Rica National Platform for Disaster Reduction, IFRC regional delegation and UN/ISDR regional unit.</p>	<p>This activity is included as part of the Regional Strategy, Preparedness Programme that goes until 2007. IFRC regional delegation has hired a consultant to develop an advocacy document for National Societies that will include guidelines that will include the role of National Societies in relation to national platforms for disaster reduction.</p>	<p>Not available at this stage.</p>

Priority 2: Identify, assess and monitor disaster risks and enhance early warning

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Central American countries and Mexico	To build an “Interactive Risk Atlas”	This activity has been promoted under the Puebla-Panamá Framework	Part of national commitment under the “Plan Puebla-Panamá”		

Priority 3: Use knowledge, innovation and education to build a culture of safety and resilience at all levels

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Management of Municipal Disaster Prevention Information for Latin American and the Caribbean. <i>(To be identified)</i>	Strengthening municipal capacities throughout Latin America and the Caribbean in the management of disaster prevention related to information	Regional Disaster Information Center for LAC (CRID), UN/ISDR regional unit; UN/Habitat; International Development Research Centre (IDRC).	Project proposal recently approved	In-kind contributions from CRID and additional funding by IDRC for a total of US\$ 163,900. This is a 12 months project.	(to be provided later)

Priority 4: Reduce the underlying risk factors

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a)- Safer hospitals in disaster situations, a collective responsibility, a global measure of disaster	To have hospitals safe by the 2015	Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), IFRC and Health Ministers from Andean countries.	Development of practical guidelines for making hospitals safe by the end of 2005. Ministers of health of	Among the priority actions for 2005 are: preparing inventory of hospital that have conducted vulnerability studies; conducting an internal assessment of	(To be provided later)

<p>risk reduction (<i>Andean countries</i>).</p> <hr/> <p>b)- Disaster Recovery Lessons Learned in Latin American and the Caribbean. (<i>Pilot countries: Bolivia, Colombia and Venezuela. Field testing currently undergoing in El Salvador</i>)</p>	<p>To orient governments in recovery processes and to facilitate a window of opportunity for reducing risk in support to governments and communities in recovery processes.</p>	<p>UNDP/BCPR, UNDP country offices, DIPECHO.</p>	<p>the Andean countries (Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela) adopted this strategic plan as an Andean risk reduction policy.</p> <hr/> <p>National workshops in Colombia, Venezuela and Bolivia and case studies reports available for these countries. Reviews initiated in 2005 and used to update and enhance the Draft Post-Recovery Guidelines document produced by UNDP/BCPR in 2004. The outcome of this project will provide the basis for the development of recovery training materials for the Country Offices in high risk areas.</p>	<p>the safety of their health facilities and stepping up training in the SUMA system and in health damage.</p> <hr/> <p>Project financed by UNDP/BCPR and DIPECHO.</p>	<hr/> <p>(To be provided later)</p>
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Priority 5: Strengthen disaster preparedness for effective response at all levels

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Inter-Agency Group RED-LAC: Thematic Group on Response	Improve the inter-agency impact of humanitarian activities in the region	IASC	OCHA, IFRC, UNICEF, WFP and PAHO agreed upon working in the areas , including the planning of joint missions for early assessments of emerging crisis.	Biannual plan 2006-2007	(plan to be released soon)