



TRAINING REPORT DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

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INTRODUCTION

This report provides a summary of the five-day workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction which took place at the Sun and Moon Hotel in Phnom Penh, Cambodia from the 18th to 22nd of May 2018. The event was organized by Risalat Consultants International LLC and conducted by Hamza Syed and Sofie Herbstreit.

TRAINING AUDIENCE

Staff of Nepal Red Cross Society with capacities of Junior Engineer and Field Coordinator.

TRAINING DELIVERY

The training was a five-day event taking place between the 18th and 22nd of May 2018.

A pre-test was conducted at the beginning of the session aiming to provide an information about the trainees' prior knowledge and experience in DRR, specifically about the topics covered during the workshop.

The training started with short elaboration of the training objectives made by the consultant and elaboration provided by the participants about their expectations of the content of the training. The participants' expectations are summarised below:

- How can we manage resources in communities?
- How do we create a planning to involve all local clusters and municipalities?
- How do we register and allocate resources? What tools exist?
- How can we engage communities and individuals (in risk reduction and emergency response)?
- How are different stakeholders working in different contexts and situations?
- Need-based approach!
- How to share experiences and learnings on global and regional level?
- How to organise and access platforms and knowledge sharing
- Which tools exist?

Additionally, comments made during daily oral feedback sessions were taken into account for the planning of the remainder of the workshop.

On the final day, there was a post-training test containing the same questions to check the improvements made by trainees after finishing the five-day training.

During the entire training session the participants were encouraged to work on various numerous tasks, case studies, analyses and debates to deepen their knowledge on specific DRR-related topics.

PROGRAM INTRODUCTION

Disaster risk reduction is the concept and practice of reducing disaster risks through systematic efforts to analyse and reduce the causal factors of disasters. Reducing exposure to hazards, lessening the vulnerability of people and property, wise management of land and the environment, and improving preparedness and early warning for adverse events are all examples of disaster risk reduction. Disaster risk reduction (DRR) aims to reduce socio-economic vulnerabilities to disaster as well as dealing with the environmental and other hazards that trigger them.

TOPICS COVERED IN THE WORKSHOP

- Basic disaster management terms and concepts
- Sendai Framework
- Targeted DRR program options
- Introduction to hazard, vulnerability and capacity assessment (HVCA)
- Introduction to community participatory tools and techniques
- Organizing and conducting a participatory risk assessment
- Planning DRR strategies appropriate to the context
- Monitoring and evaluating the impact of DRR strategies
- Inclusive DRR concepts and how to apply them in practice
- Knowledge management and its purpose
- How to incorporate DRR into various humanitarian sectors

WORKSHOP IMPACT

Although the real impact will be visible only in the long run and in the personal development of the attendees, awareness of newly introduced topics was immediately evident in the participants.

The pre-and post-training assessment of both participants can be found in the Annex. The chart below shows a comparison of their pre- and post-training scores in the assessment on DRR:

Question	Pre-Training Score	Post-Training Score
Q1. What do you know about hazards and their impact on communities?	★★★	★★★★★
Q2: Name two hazards (one man-made and one natural) and which steps you can take to manage the risk of losses cause by that hazard.	★★	★★★★★
Q3. Which factors does a loss/impact analysis consider?	★★	★★★★★
Q4. Which steps can you take to actively involve the community and local stakeholders in your DRR strategy?	★★★★	★★★★★
Q5. Why is the implementation of an M&E strategy important to conduct effective disaster risk management?	★★	★★★★★

WORKSHOP EVALUATION

A comprehensive evaluation of the training program in order to analyse problems the trainees may be facing or issues that may be causing hindrances in the successful execution of the workshop was done at the end of the workshop. This also helps improve the quality of future programs and deliver workshops that meet higher quality standards.

A summary of the responses for the end of the program comprehensive evaluation is provided below:

Overall Quality Assessment	85%
Quality of Materials	90%
Future Benefits of the Program	85%
Quality of Practical Tasks	75%
Quality Ideas and Tools	85%
Knowledge and Conduct of the Trainers	95%
Quality of Training Facility	90%
Training Was Worth the Money	80%

PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK

- More stakeholders from different countries and positions should be invited to exchange international experiences
- Co-facilitation of two trainers per session may enhance the overall experience
- Risalat should provide information on the country's customs, climate, etc. beforehand to the participants as part of the preparation for an international workshop
- Detailed information on the workshop (agenda, timing, participants, etc.) should be shared in advance
- A practical excursion to a site of implementation should be added to give an impression of how DRR programmes are being applied in the host country.

PHOTOS



