







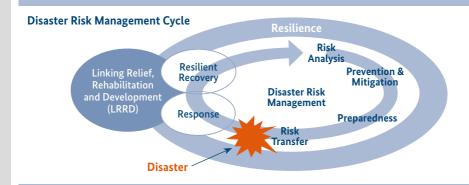
# Fostering Practical Coherence for Resilience

#### What is Disaster Risk Management?

Disaster risk management (DRM) is a continuous process that involves physical and non-physical measures and takes account of the underlying risk factors within a society. Disaster risk management aims to avoid the generation of new risks, improves resilience to the effects of natural events and contri-

butes to sustainable development. (BMZ, based on IPCC 2012)

This diagram illustrates the stages of DRM, not necessarily in succession as they can overlap and merge. Yet, correctly implemented, DRM improves resilience and promotes sustainable development.



#### What is Coherence?

Agenda coherence refers to coordinated action by state and non-state actors at all levels and in all sectors for the purposes of implementing the post-2015 global agendas' individual or joint goals more

efficiently and effectively. In the context of DRM, agenda coherence thus means a united promotion of resilience via the implementation of all post-2015 agendas.



## **Context of the Project**

#### Resilience as the common goal

All post-2015 agendas are united in striving for resilience in order to reduce the negative effects of disasters and climate change for people, ecosystems and infrastructure.

## Climate and disaster risks at the core of several global agendas

Disaster risk management (DRM) is at the heart of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. It is also a cross-sectoral topic and therefore included in the Paris Agreement on Climate Change (article 8), the New Urban Agenda (chapter on Environmentally sustainable and resilient urban development), and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDGs 1, 9, 11 and 13).

Thus, the importance of DRM is recognized by all major international post-2015 agendas and its implementation is a globally accepted requirement for all nations.

#### Limited alignment and agenda silos

The parallel development of these post-2015 global agendas only led to limited alignment. The agendas are a result of silos of different specialist communities with their selective perception of global problems, focusing on either sustainability, climate change or urbanization and their own prioritization and terminology.

# Incoherence leads to additional burden on governments

Due to a lack of coherence, transaction costs increase when responsibilities in planning, implementation and reporting are overlapping or unclear. Opportunity costs arise when DRM is not considered in a country's national climate adaptation, urban development or economic and social development plans and policies.

## How the project fosters Practical Coherence

The GIDRM is addressing the lack of coherence from the bottom-up using a three-step approach:

- National and sub-national examples of successful agenda-coherence are supported and documented in two pilot countries within the regions Asia / Pacific and Latin America / Caribbean.
- 2) At regional level, these coherence practices are discussed and promoted as good practices and then presented at regional platforms in Asia¹ and Latin America².
- 3) Equipped with a regional mandate, these examples are then introduced at international conferences<sup>3</sup> in order to deepen the understanding of coherence at the global level.
- 1 Regional Consultative Committee on Disaster Management; Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction
- 2 Network of National Public Investment Authorities (RED Snip)
- 3 such as the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction

#### FOSTERING PRACTICAL COHERENCE FOR RESILIENCE

Commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the Global Initiative on Disaster Risk Management is strengthening international and national, governmental and non-governmental stakeholders in their effort to achieve

coherence with regard to planning, implementing and reporting disaster risk management in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Paris Agreement and other international agendas, such as the 2030 Agenda and the New Urban Agenda.

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