

Capacity Building in disaster Risk Reduction- Level-I for Rural Development Managers

Introduction

Although it is certain that the impact of disasters is greater in poor countries, especially those with a low Human Development Index, the responsibility for risk reduction and also generation does not lie just at local or national level it also lies at supranational and even global level, as is the case with global economic policies, global warming of the Earth, climate change, desertification and environmental degradation. The repercussions of many of these measures are felt far from the area where the decisions were taken or where the actions were carried out, affecting, in the first instance, developing countries or target groups at the greatest risk of economic and social exclusion. Risk reduction is everybody's responsibility and, due to ethics and the basic principles of humanism and solidarity, is mainly the mission of those who possess the necessary knowledge, resources and instruments and have the best opportunities to conduct the fight against disasters.

Disaster risk reduction is a cross-cutting issue that needs to be mainstreamed into development sectors, especially at the community level. Building resilience to disasters cannot be done without the active participation of NGOs, which often work with poor communities vulnerable to the impact of disasters. The role of NGOs in DRR has been very crucial such as advocating policy changes to mainstream DRR into development, increasing public awareness in communities at risk, building capacity and knowledge transfer of good DRR practices.

Objectives

- To provide awareness on hazards pertaining to the locality.
- To impart knowledge on disaster risk reduction
- To train rural Development managers to develop disaster management plan for mitigation plan, preparedness plan and response plan.
- To make them as master trainers, capable of training the facilitators and the community at large.
- To spread the culture of disaster preparedness

Contents

- Disaster Management Basic Concepts
- Sustainable local development
- Disasters, Risks and local risk reduction
- Strategic planning at the local level
- Project design with a risk reduction approach
- Preparation and emergency management
- Reconstruction for transformation and convergence

Methods

Interactive Lectures, group work, case study analysis.

Outcomes

Better understanding by the participants on the need, relevance of Planning and developing risk reduction and risk free strategies in DRR in their respective regions and will be able to efficiently deal with & managing future emergency situations.

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Venue

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