

## Disaster Risk Management Programme (DRM)

### The Challenge

With a population of over 1.3 billion, China's high prevalence of disasters affect the lives of millions of citizens. While the country has made progress over the past several decades in establishing much of the required infrastructure for disaster response, the causes and consequences of disasters continue to evolve. One of the future challenges in China will be to develop effective responses to an increasingly complex set of disasters; natural disasters such as earthquake, storm, flood and drought events, emerging social and economic risks from industrial disasters, and potential health risks such as avian influenza. According to government statistics, from 1980 to 2000, the average deaths caused by disasters was 5,800 per year. In the 1990s, the annual average economic loss resulting from disasters in China was over 160 RMB Yuan (about US\$20billion), or 3.8% of GDP.

### The Response

The objectives of the DRM programme is to develop an integrated, holistic and structured approach to disaster management in China, a DRM framework, to improve coordination for risks assessment and policy formulation, and to improve capacities in implementation and information management.

The programme will support improvements in the way risk is identified, assessed, managed, monitored and communicated. A special focus will be placed on community-based DRM approaches where local disaster management committees will be established to help increase awareness and capacity for communities to respond when disaster strikes. The programme will introduce the DRM framework in 5 cities and 10 local communities in various regions of China. Activities will support mainstreaming DRM into cross-disciplinary subjects such as urban-planning, development planning, and community-level campaigns.

UNDP's partners on this project are MOCA, China National Committee for Disaster Reduction (CNCDR), China International Centre for Economic & Technical Exchanges (CICETE) and the United Nations Disaster Management Team (UNDMT).

### Expected Achievements

- Complete DRM Strategic Assessment in China. Findings will be integrated into relevant policies and programmes by CNCDR members as a means to implement the National Eleventh Five-Year Plan on Disaster Reduction
- Establish a National DRM Capacity Development Facility to improve DRM prevention, preparedness and response skills for CNCDR members and partner institutions
- Local Capacity Development Facilities established in 5 cities and 10 communities to increase awareness and capacity for communities to better prepare for and respond to disasters.

### At A Glance

Start Date: June 2006

End Date: June 2008

Implementing Partner(s): Ministry of Civil Affairs and CICETE

Project ID: 00051924

UNDAF Goal: Outcome 1 – Social and economic policies are developed and improved

MDG: Target 9, Goal 7 – Ensure environmental sustainability

CPAP Outcome 7 – Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity is more effective

Website: N/A

Total Budget: US\$ 1,200,000

UNDP: US\$ 400,000

Government: US\$ 800,000

Project location(s): Beijing, Henan, Jiangsu, Zhejiang

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