

Afghanistan

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Strategic goals

Strategic Goal Area 1

The more effective integration of disaster risk considerations into sustainable development policies, planning and programming at all levels, with a special emphasis on disaster prevention, mitigation, preparedness and vulnerability reduction.

Strategic Goal Statement:

Disaster and environmental risk management policies are being integrated into development plans at the national, sub national and local levels (through existing public policies, mechanisms for coordinating DRR actions at various levels, budgetary assignations or others).

Strategic Goal Area 2

The development and strengthening of institutions, mechanisms and capacities at all levels, in particular at the community level, that can systematically contribute to building resilience to hazards.

Strategic Goal Statement:

Strengthened institutions with adequate capacities at national and sub-national level for coordinated and coherent action in reducing risk and building sectoral resilience

Strategic Goal Area 3

The systematic incorporation of risk reduction approaches into the design and implementation of emergency preparedness, response and recovery programmes in the reconstruction of affected communities.

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Afghanistan is a disaster prone country and regularly hit by disasters such as earthquakes, floods, landslides, avalanches, droughts, insect infestations, etc. causing losses of lives, livelihoods and property. In recent decades, this has led to massive problems of food insecurity and population exodus from the worst hit areas. In 2013, 450 people were killed and more than 432,000 families, and in 2014, 738 people were killed and more than 4 hundred thousand families were affected by natural disasters particularly due to floods, landslide and earthquake. Vulnerability to disaster risk has increased significantly as coping capacities have been eroded due to prolonged conflict and lack of capacity.

Despite of these challenges, the Government of Afghanistan with its limited resources both technical and financial and with the strong support from donors, UN agencies, I/NGOs were able to achieve following significant activities among others:

HFA priority 1: Achievements:

- National DRR platform developed and all DRR relevant activities organized accordingly,
- Sectorial Disaster Management Plan has been initiated by 8 key ministries,
- National DRR Capacity Need Assessment for disaster management in Afghanistan,
- National level training organized on Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM), training manual and guidelines developed to implement large scale of CBDRM activities in the country with the support from UNDP. Similarly, many I/NGOs have been implementing CBDRM activities in different disaster prone communities.
- Standard Operational Procedure (SOP) for response developed,
- Community Development Councils are mobilized through a comprehensive model,
- Review of Disaster Management National Plan at the end of 2012.
- In cooperation with ICRC and IFRC made guidelines for facilitating and empowering Humanitarian International assistances for Afghanistan
- For 70 district response mechanism developed
- Disaster management private academic centre established
 In general the achievement level is 2.9

HFA Priority 2:

Achievements:

- At national level 31 training on disaster risk assessment organized.
- With the support from SAARC Disaster Management Centre, we organized regional workshop on Landslide and avelanch Management;
- 11 training and Mock drill in school for emergency preparedness

- Disaster Management information centre was established and the data is being shared with regular bases with partner organizations
- Common Rapid Assessment Form (RAF) developed,
- Establishment of Emergency account in the DE Afghanistan Bank and this fund should used for disaster response,
- Activation of secondary communication system,
- Installation of three avalanche detecting centre,
- Five other metrological centres developed,
- Implementation of 50 programs for disaster risk public awareness,
- Maintained to have three years contingency plane for winter and flood season,

Achievement level is 2.4

HFA priority 3: Achievements:

- Afghanistan was linked with SADKAN(South Asia Disaster Knowledge Network).
- More than 2,300 government officials, faculty members of academic institutions and NGO representatives were trained in last two years alone on different DRR subjects.
- School Safety programmes have been implemented in few selected disaster prone schools in the country.
- Several public awareness materials like massages, TV spots, drama and brochures were developed, published and circulated.
- Trained 10 local government about public education awareness risk.
- Close linkages with SAARC disaster management centre and economic cooperation.

Achievement level: 3.4

HFA Priority 4:

Achievements:

- DRR as a part of the rural development initiative, initiated by MRRD;
- MoPH has developed Health Sector Emergency Management Plan with the support from WHO;
- Guidelines for the transparent and effective use of the National Emergency Fund developed,
- Disaster risk reduction is an integral part of environment, related policies and plan which include land use and water resource management and adoption of climate changes.
- Rebuilding of 65 school and hospitals in the whole country.
- Reconstruction of 3800 shelters in the seven provinces.
- Training of masons on safe construction technology,
- Establishment of mutual understanding and cooperation of disaster risk reduction between MRRD, MoPH in developmental activities and construction in 2013-2014.
- Awareness books on land mine risk, published and distributed for school children.

Achievement level: 2.4

HFA Priority 5:

Achievements

- Provision of the National Emergency Fund under the Chairmanship of Second Vice President;
- Six other Provinces developed Disaster Management Plan besides other 28 provinces.

- 25 small stock pile supplies made for relief of very vulnerable districts.
- Promotion of linkage between community, district and provincial.
- Preparation of contingency fund for emergency events.
- Information sharing during disaster between stakeholders.
- Promotion of search and rescue.
- Use of proper post disaster assessment methodology with gender consideration.

Achievement level: 2.9