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INTRODUCTION:

Stakeholders in disaster management include national government, local and sub-national government, private sector and professional organizations, NGOs, educational and research organizations, individuals and households and the media. The roles and responsibilities of each stakeholder are described below:

National Government

- Develop or support the development of a national strategy that will guide the planning and implementation of capacity development for disaster risk reduction across all stakeholder groups and at all levels.
- Coordinate national-level capacity development efforts, and support mechanisms that provide coordination at the sub-national and local levels (including support for stakeholder community engagement and provision of monitoring and evaluation measures and standards).
- Actively support the capacity development enabling environment through legislation, policies, procedures, budgeting, and strategic planning.
- Fund and incentivize innovation through research and development and provision of financial support for development of technologies and other resources that improve planning, assessment, communications, information sharing, and other programmatic needs.
- Coordinate capacity assessment data and information to enable cross-community, sub-national, and national awareness of capacity resources and needs.
- Take action to integrate national-level capacity development efforts that address disaster risk reduction, sustainable development, and climate change adaptation pursuits, and mainstream each of these throughout all relevant ministries.
- Provide guidance, documentation, and doctrine to support national and subnational capacity development efforts.
- Create, improve, or otherwise support platforms and fora by which government and other relevant stakeholders (e.g. private sector, academia.) may work collaboratively to promote and/or invest in DRR as an innovative, practical, affordable, and localized pursuit.

Local and Sub-national Government

- Assert and assume local ownership and leadership of capacity development efforts.

- Convene community stakeholders and lead or coordinate locally-based capacity development efforts.
- Coordinate and communicate the results of community-wide capacity needs assessments.
- Support the enabling environment for capacity development through legislation, policies, procedures, budgeting, and strategic planning.
- Support the enabling environment by providing standards, accreditation, technologies, and resources that guide and support planning, assessment, communications, information sharing, and other programmatic needs.
- Integrate capacity development for disaster risk reduction, sustainable development, and climate change adaptation pursuits, and mainstream each throughout all relevant government offices.
- Provide or otherwise support training and education programmes that address locally-relevant capacity needs.
- Encourage and empower leadership and staff to understand their role in disaster risk reduction and associated capacity needs and provide mechanisms to address those needs.
- Facilitate community-based capacity development initiatives and activities.
- Work directly with citizens or support engagement through nongovernmental and private sector organizations to understand and address capacity gaps and/or invest in DRR as an innovative, practical, affordable, and localized pursuit.

Private Sector and Professional Organizations

- Participate in and complement locally-based and government-led capacity development strategic planning, including capacity assessments.
- Work with government and other stakeholders to identify where research and development needs are greatest.
- Provide products and services that support capacity development, including those that support the capacity development process.
- Coordinate with other private sector entities either in general or by sector and/or geographic area to address common capacity development needs.
- Support community-wide capacity development efforts through corporate social responsibility and fundraising, mentorship, training, secondment, and other programmes and initiatives.
- Build disaster resilient infrastructure.
- Establish sector-specific training, accreditation, and credentialing programmes.
- Encourage new and existing staff to participate in individual and job-related capacity development training.
- Work together as a block to encourage disaster risk reduction activities (e.g., land use policies, safety practices, building codes, regulation).

NGOs and CSOs

- Participate in and complement locally- and nationally-based capacity development strategic planning efforts, including capacity assessments.
- Work with communities of care (especially marginalized and vulnerable groups), government counterparts, the private sector, and other stakeholders to identify capacity development research and development needs.
- Design service-based programmes and other support to address capacity development needs of target populations.
- Support community-wide capacity development efforts through mentorship, training, secondment, and other programmes and initiatives, especially for special groups such as indigenous, youth, migrant, disability groups.
- Identify and establish competency-based requirements in job descriptions to encourage individual and academic-based development of capacity development resources.
- Work with target communities to understand needs and to elevate the importance of capacity development.
- Ensure that capacity development interventions are demand-driven and impact-based.
- Provide technical assistance and training.

Education and Research Institutions

- Elevate awareness of capacity development needs both internal and external to the academic community.
- Encourage faculty to pursue research that supports disaster risk reduction knowledge and practice.
- Provide curriculum and course offerings that prepare the next generation of disaster risk reduction experts, ensuring that the skills that are taught match the skills that are required.
- Incorporate the disaster risk reduction curriculum beyond traditional disaster risk management courses to include finance, financial risk management, development, planning, public policy, public health, and others.
- Develop and provide reliable and audience-appropriate access to courses that serve audiences that fall outside the traditional academic community, including courses with short timeframes, courses utilizing non-technical terminology and concepts, courses that are locally-tailored, and other distinctions that increase interest in courses or otherwise motivate participants to enrol in them.
- Organize, convene, and participate in conferences, symposia, round-table discussions, and other information exchanges.
- Develop localized learning materials and provide capacity development trainings.

- Educate and disseminate disaster risk reduction information to students, staff, and faculty.
- Support basic, primary and secondary schools in developing curriculum-based training for students and staff.

Individuals and Households

- Commit to lifelong learning by staying informed not only for alerts but also about new developments.
- Build and support a culture of resilience that considers risk management to be every citizen's responsibility.
- Learn what to do as an individual, whether at home, at work, or within the community, to address community-wide risk drivers, and find the time to address capacity gaps through education, training, or other means.
- Encourage family, friends, and neighbours to increase their capacity to address risk drivers.
- Remain active in local disaster risk reduction efforts through schools, religious organizations, social networks, professional associations and other means.
- Understand risk and vulnerability drivers that impact the community, and demand responsible action to address them by local elected leaders and businesses.

Media

- Raising awareness, advocacy and motivation of society on DRR
- Extend special programmes for Media staff
- Introduce innovative products for risk information
- Collecting, analysing and sharing information
- Maintain a link to academia
- Set the tone for regional action on capacity development.
- Coordinate regional efforts to conduct strategic planning on disaster risk reduction capacity development.
- Establish standards and benchmarks to guide regional action.
- Encourage inter-regional cooperation among member countries where similar capacity development needs arise between them and provide implementation support.
- Create an enabling environment through policies, agreements, and regional partnerships.
- Increase integration of capacity development with other related policy goals including sustainable development, climate change adaptation, and others.
- Organize and fund regional meetings and regional capacity development initiatives.

