Thirteenth Regional Training Course on Community Based Disaster Risk Management

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BACKGROUND

The CBDRM course was initiated in order to provide an opportunity for practitioners to learn essential skills and knowledge to address implementation challenges in a systematic manner. The CBDRM curriculum is regularly reviewed in order to keep up with the latest development.

The CBDRM-13 will provide an opportunity for learners to acquire tools and obtain knowledge on "how to" design and implement programs for reducing disaster risks and vulnerability and building community capacity to promote a 'culture of safety.' Through exercises and simulations, they will practice risk assessment and risk management planning.

The learners will have a chance to know about globally acknowledged programs and projects on community based disaster risk management from leaders of these initiatives. In particular the cases would include examples from South and South East Asian and Pacific regions.

CBDRM course will tackle the issue in disaster risk management from a developmental perspective. There will be also discussions on issues and problems concerning sustainability, replication/adaptation of CBDRM practice and integration of risk management plans with government and non-government development plans. The bulk of discussions would be in the Asian context.

However, learners from other regions are welcome to attend the course.

OBJECTIVES

At the end of the course the learners are expected to:

- Examine various models on disaster risk management;
- Design and conduct community based disaster risk assessment;
- Identify measures for hazard & vulnerability reduction & community capacity building;
- Prepare a risk reduction plan & how to integrate it in development activities;
- Analysis problems in implementation of community based risk reduction plans;
- Describe areas of professional development to become a good CBDRM practitioner;

CONTENTS

The course is extended over 11 workdays with one Sunday off. It is structured around following modules.

Context of community based disaster risk management: In this module learners and resource persons will analyze risks and impact of disasters on communities in their countries and internationally.

Framework for CBDRM: The place of CBDRM in overall disaster risk management, definitions of terms, analysis of different models, and importance of community based approach and the process in different contexts.

Community risk assessment: Perceptions of risk, hazard, vulnerability and capacity assessment, orientation on participatory risk assessment tools, and practice and application of tools followed by debriefing and discussions on ethics of CBDRM practice.

Risk Reduction Planning: Identification of risk reduction measures, prioritization, preparation of risk reduction plan, stakeholder analysis, organizational mechanism for plan implementation, examples on integration of risk reduction into development activities and planning facilitation skills.

CBDRM Implementation: Topical presentations and sharing on issues and problems related to implementation of CBDRM projects; e.g. hazard (structural) mitigation, early warning, public awareness, community organizing, livelihoods strengthening, community health, training, community preparedness, emergency response and sustainability and replication.

Future Directions: Learners self-review synthesis of learning log and re-entry plan, integration of CBDRM into the organizations of the learners.

TRAINING METHODOLOGY

CBDRM 13 provides the learners fun filled learning through exercises, simulations, video showing, discussion forums and interactive lectures.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The course challenges each learner to comply with the following requirements:

- Work in a multicultural class with diverse individual experience levels
- Group work on selected themes and case studies
- Participation in exercises and simulation
- Individual re-entry or back home plan
- Active facilitation of learning events

Certificates will only be awarded to learners upon completion of all the course requirements.

PARTICIPANTS

CBDRM is a specialized course. It will cater to the competency and knowledge needs of operation level people, who are or would be involved in designing and implementation of CBDRM projects and programs in their organizations. Be they local government departments, NGOs, INGOs, UN, IFRC, emergency response agencies and or private sector.

Participants from policy and senior management levels of government, UN, donor organizations and INGOs would be welcome, if they were interested to learn about how CBDRM is operationalised.

RESOURCE PERSONS

CBDRM practitioners and experts from globally reputed international and national NGOs, UN agencies, technical organizations, resource centers, networks and a number of others will complement ADPC faculty in conducting the course.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

All teaching and course materials are in English. It is essential that learners have good command of English. The resource persons come from different countries and use diverse accents.

SPECIAL DISCOUNT

For employer/sponsoring organizations: Send 5 learners and enjoy the privilege of sending sixth learner, full course fee waived.

COURSE FEE

The course fee is US $ 2000, per participant. This includes the cost of course materials (books, CD ROM, handouts, bags, and optional copy of course related videos) and morning and afternoon break refreshments. Throughout the course the learners will have access to Internet and email. They could access ADPC library with over 6000 entries including 500 videos on disaster management.

PAYMENT

As participants to the course come from diverse countries and organizations and the number of the class is limited to 30, ADPC accepts learners on a *"first come, first serve"* basis.

The course fee is paid in advance by bank transfer to ADPC account or deposited at the time of course registration in cash or check payable to ADPC. Kindly confirm your mode of payment. The fee does not cover the cost of food and hotel accommodation.

FOOD & HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Food is reasonably priced in Thailand at about US $ 15 per day.

All learners will be lodged at the AIT Conference Center. The room rate is US $ 32 per night for single room and US $ 19 per person for shared accommodation. Learners who prefer to stay in single rooms should inform ADPC in advance so that reservations can be made accordingly.

Travel is to be arranged and paid directly by learners.

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