

15th Regional Training Course on Community Based Disaster Risk Management

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BACKGROUND

The CBDRM course provides an opportunity for practitioners to learn essential skills and knowledge in community based disaster risk management to address implementation challenges in a systematic manner. CBDRM participants 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 participants practice risk assessment and risk management planning.

The participants will have a chance to learn about globally acknowledged programs and projects on community based disaster risk management from leaders of these initiatives, with a particular focus on examples from South and South East Asian and Pacific regions. The CBDRM course tackles the issues in disaster risk management from a developmental perspective, discusses the issues and problems concerning sustainability, replication/adaptation of CBDRM practice and integration of risk management plans with government and non-government development plans.

OBJECTIVES

The course will train participants to be able to:

- Examine various models of 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 & understand how to integrate it into development activities;
- Analyze problems in the implementation of community based risk reduction plans;
- Describe areas of professional development to become a good CBDRM practitioner;

CONTENTS

The course is extended over 10 workdays with one weekend off. It is structured around the following modules.

1. Context of community based disaster risk management:

Analyze the risks and impact of disasters on communities in their countries and internationally.

2. Framework for CBDRM:

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

3. 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.

4. Risk Reduction Planning:

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

5. 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.

6. Future Directions:

Participants' self-review synthesis of learning log and re-entry plan, integration of CBDRM into the organizations of the participants.

TRAINING METHODOLOGY

CBDRM provides the participants' fun filled learning through exercises, simulations, videos, discussion forums and interactive lectures.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The course challenges each participant to:

- Work in a multicultural class with diverse individual experience levels
- Complete group work on selected themes and case studies
- Participate in exercises and simulation
- Develop an individual plan for their organisation or environment
- Participate in active learning events

Certificates will be awarded to participants who complete all of the course components.

PARTICIPANTS

CBDRM is a specialized course catering to the competency and knowledge needs of operation level people who are or would be involved in designing and implementing CBDRM projects and programs in their organizations. Participants come from many sectors including, local government departments, NGOs, INGOs, UN, IFRC, emergency response agencies and the private sector. Participants from policy and senior management levels of government, UN, donor organizations and INGOs are welcome if they are interested in learning to learn about how CBDRM is operationalised.

As course participants come from a diverse range of countries and organizations, and the class size is limited to thirty persons, ADPC accepts nominations from Asia and the Pacific on a "first come, first served" basis, provided the applicant meets the requirements. A limited number of participants from other regions will also be accepted, on a case by case and "first come first served" basis.

LANGUAGE

All teaching and course materials are in English, so it is essential that participants are fully conversant in English.

RESOURCE PERSONS

Internationally experienced practitioners and experts from APDC and its partner organizations conduct and facilitate the CBDRM course.

COURSE FEE

The course fee is US \$ 2,000 per participant, which includes the cost of tuition, course materials (books, CD, handouts), break refreshments and study visit. Participants can access ADPC library containing over 6000 entries including 500 videos on disaster management. The course fee does not include board and lodging which are the responsibilities of the participants, although these

can be arranged by ADPC. Travel is to be arranged and paid directly by participants.

GROUP DISCOUNT

Organizations that send five participants to this course are entitled to send a sixth person without paying the course fee. ADPC has established this arrangement in recognition of the special needs of sponsoring organizations who wish to send large groups to the course.

PAYMENT

The course fee should be paid by bank transfer or international demand draft (DD) at least one month prior to course commencement. The course fee must be received by ADPC by 22nd of December 2006. Otherwise, the participation will be cancelled. Please add US \$ 40 for admission fee when you transfer the course fees. A Personal cheque is not acceptable. Please provide details of how you intend to make payment with your application.

BOARD AND LODGING EXPENSES

Food is reasonably priced in Thailand at about US\$ 5-10 per meal. The hotel room rate is approximately US\$ 45-50 per night for single room and US\$ 25-30 per person for shared accommodation. Participants who prefer to stay in single rooms should inform ADPC in advance so that reservations can be made accordingly.

REGISTRATION

Interested persons can register as individuals although preference will be given to those sponsored by their employer organization. Applicants sponsored by an organization should provide a letter of endorsement/sponsorship from their organization. Please register using the **ADPC Application Form**, which can be submitted by mail, fax or email; the relevant contact information is provided later in this brochure.

On-line application can also be made through the ADPC website at: <http://www.adpc.net/training/form.html>. Pre-course information will be provided once your registration for the course is confirmed.

CANCELLATION

If you are unable to attend, a substitute applicant is welcome to attend in your place. Cancellation of attendance should be notified at least 3 weeks prior to course commencement; in which case, a full refund less 15% of course fee for banking charges and administrative costs will be made. No refunds are available for cancellation within 3 weeks prior to course commencement.

ADPC ALUMNI LEAGUE

ADPC Alumni occupy leadership positions across numerous sectors in at least 50 countries of the Asia-Pacific Region. Many of them play pioneering and institution-building roles, and have contributed significantly to the enhancement of disaster management capabilities in the region. They retain their links with ADPC and many are actively involved in partnerships facilitated by ADPC at the regional and national levels. Successful completion of this course will qualify you to join in this distinguished and rich heritage, which is continually enriched by new inductees. We look forward to welcoming you to this league!

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Established in 1986, ADPC is the lead regional resource center dedicated to disaster risk reduction in Asia and the Pacific. ADPC works with governments, NGOs and communities of the Asia and Pacific region to strengthen their capacities in disaster preparedness, mitigation and response through professional training, technical assistance, regional program management and information and research.

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