

# National Alliance on Disaster Risk Reduction

-Concept –  
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# Genesis

- June, 07: Informal Discussions on the need of alliance
- July – September, '07 : Background Work, Preparatory Meetings
- 16<sup>th</sup> October: Stage 1 - Planning Meeting for the formation of National Alliance
- **Formal Launch TODAY !**

# Need for an alliance!

- Development perpetrating disasters
- We are not learning from past disasters
- Climate change is happening *now!*
- People and Policy not linked

# Challenges and Barriers

*expressed in this workshop*

- Hostility and distrust between NGOs and Government.
- Corruption and lack of accountability to communities
- Government and NGO interventions overlook local wisdom
- Communities often have solutions but no resources to implement them. NGOs and govt don't trust communities enough to resource their efforts.
- Competition among civil society organizations
- NGOs and Government tend to impose their own analysis of problems on communities.
- Damage assessments are not community owned
- Development projects and policies leave communities more vulnerable to natural disasters. Government, bilateral and multilateral organizations who initiate good practices in DRR often don't assess their development projects in terms of risks and vulnerabilities they may create. Local markets are disappearing
- DRR has mostly meant emergency response and early warning.
- Maximum effort goes into relief. There is no one left to address the long term issues.

# Why an alliance?

- Influencing policies through community driven practices & partnerships
- National think tank on disaster resilient development
- Building knowledge and skills on DRR
- Benchmarking DRR practice, showcase “models”
- Platform for engagement

# Expectations stated in this workshop

- Grassroots initiatives need to be made visible and formally recognized.  
How can community actors engage with government and other institutions?
- How do we educate people on risk and risk reduction?
- How do we scale up and create synergies through the Alliance.
- How do we identify the roles of different stakeholders involved in DRR, keeping community priorities at the center?

# The Alliance would

*Learn*

*Share*

*Guide*

*Advocate*

*Partner*

*For disaster resilient programmes and policies to enhance capacities of vulnerable communities*

# What will work...

- Reality check not rhetoric
- Strong & Committed Core Group
- Volunteering time and efforts for the network
- Action on the ground not just talkshop
- Complementing not competing each other's roles
- Regular communication, meetings, website etc

# Challenges for the Alliance!

- Credibility
- Creating positive synergies members
- Sustainability

# **Vision**

*Disaster resilient communities*

# **Mission**

Communities enhancing resilience by  
influencing policies and practices

# Proposed Structure

- Core Group
  - with a focal point, secretariat
- Thematic Working Groups on
  - Sectors, Communities, Issues....
  - capacity building and training

# Activities

- Core Group
  - *Tenure: 2 years, Maximum: 7 members*
  - Will be the voice of the alliance
  - Organize activities and events from time to time
  - Generate knowledge tools and resources
  - Identify areas where capacity building is needed.

# Activities

- Thematic Working Groups
  - *Tenure : 1 year. Members : Open with a convener*
  - Collect “intelligence”
  - Prepare policy & programme critiques/briefs and engage with policy makers

# Membership

- Membership to the Alliance is open to all – *NGOs, CBOs, Private bodies, Foundations, Universities, Research Scholars, Interested individuals....*
- Membership for one year at a time. (Open for a fixed period in a year)
- Membership application procedure – Application to state his/her contribution. (time, knowledge, resources)- Application to be endorsed by “Core Group”

# National Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction (NADRR)

Join the  
alliance ...



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