



Research and Action Grants for Disaster Risk Reduction Announcement: Launch of Third Round of Grants

Please assist us by passing this message on to young disaster risk reduction champions (staff in non-governmental, government and private sector, graduate students, recent graduates) in developing countries!

The **Research and Action Grants for Disaster Risk Reduction** programme is designed to engage enthusiastic young students and professionals in developing countries in creating innovative links between research and action in disaster risk reduction. Applicants are invited to seek ways to cut across professional disciplines and to exchange knowledge and engage stakeholders from scientific and academic, civilian, public and private sectors. Information about previous rounds of grants is available at www.proventionconsortium.org/research_and_action_grants.

If you think that you have a project that will bridge the gap between knowledge and action in disaster risk reduction, and make your country, region, city or district safer - please apply. You may solve an urgent problem or document valuable lessons to be learned in the field; apply and test findings in a new physical, socio-political or cultural context; delve into subjects ignored by researchers in other places; or learn how to scale-up action, change policy, or link disaster risk reduction to other themes like urbanisation or climate adaptation.

A Request for Proposals will be issued on June 1, 2007. Proposals are encouraged in, *but not limited to*, the following thematic focus areas:

- Identifying enabling factors and incentives for disaster risk reduction
- Developing mechanisms to strengthen community resistance and resilience
- Applying local risk analysis and risk management (especially for schools and hospitals)
- Improving education materials and curricula
- Promoting risk reduction in response and recovery activities
- Engaging the private sector in disaster risk reduction (especially micro-enterprises)
- Linking climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction efforts.

Eligibility & Requirements: Applicants and up to 2 additional team members must be under 35 years of age at the time of application, and must be citizens of a developing country (low to middle income: www.worldbank.org/data/countryclass/classgroups.htm). Each project should also have a host organisation and mentor. The team leader, host organisation and mentor should be based in the country where the project will be conducted. Preference will be given to projects involving 2 or 3 team members from different disciplines, engaging different sectors (academic, public, NGO or community, private), and coached by mentors from more than one field or sector.

Timeline:

- Request for Proposals will be available on: June 1, 2007
- Deadlines for proposal submission: July 15th, 2007 (earlier submissions are encouraged)
- Research and Action Grants Award Announcement: September 28th, 2007
- Project Implementation Phase: October 15th, 2007 - July 15th, 2008 (9 months)
- Project Dissemination Phase: July 15th - October 15th, 2008 (3 months)

Grant Amount: \$5,000 maximum per project.

Partners: The Research and Action Grants for Disaster Risk Reduction was launched by the Provention Consortium in 2003, under the name "Applied Research Grants Programme". It is administered in association with the University of Wisconsin Disaster Management Center with regional partners: Asian Disaster Preparedness Center; University of Cape Town Disaster Mitigation for Sustainable Livelihoods Programme; Secretariate General, The Latin American Social Science Faculty; and Bogaziçi University Center for Disaster Management.

To receive an email with the Request for Proposal, following June 1, 2007, please write to: provention@ifrc.org or see and download the request for proposal online at: www.proventionconsortium.org/research_and_action_grants.