

# Global Risk Identification Program

## GRIP 2007 Achievements



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### Program-level achievements

The GRIP was officially launched in June by Ms. Kathleen Cravero, Associate Administrator of UNDP. In launching GRIP, Ms. Cravero explained that the Program would be implemented by a multi-stakeholder consortium of institutions. Twelve international organizations and donor agencies constitute the GRIP Steering Committee and over hundred partners designed the fifty program activities. It was pointed out that GRIP is designed to make a major contribution to achieving the goals of the Hyogo Framework of Action (HFA) and strengthen the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR).



Forum members during the GRIP launch

Approximately six and a half million dollars were raised for the program in 2007. This results in an overall capitalisation that covers around thirty-five percent of the current five year program. It also demonstrates a willingness to contribute to GRIP by a large number of stakeholder countries, donors and organizations.

GRIP launched the **GRIP Grants Program** that every year will provide seed money to facilitate the implementation of 3-5 risk assessment projects. Projects in Peru, Nepal and Chile were selected as the Grant Winners of 2007. This program has resulted in the generation of about one million dollars in local funding.

### Specific achievements

GRIP work started in all the program's five outcome areas:

1. **The capacity development platform** to support risk assessment at any level,
2. **Enhanced disaster loss data** to improve learning from past disasters,
3. **Risk analyses in high-risk countries**, to support decision-making processes,
4. **Demonstration projects** in 3 selected priority countries, and
5. **The global risk update.**

**The capacity development platform** has started with the development of the GRIP portal, [www.gripweb.org](http://www.gripweb.org) and the preparation of the GRIP toolbox for risk assessment in collaboration with UN Habitat, ProVention and BCPR-LAC.

The key objective of the **enhanced disaster loss data** is to support the establishment of disaster loss data observatories in thirty high risk countries within the next five years. The National Disaster Loss Data Observatories initiative was launched in Asia, Latin America and Africa. A working group for the development of Disaster Loss data standards was established in collaboration with CRED, Munich Re, La Red, ADRC and ISDR.

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**The National Risk Atlas Initiative** was launched in July 2007 in Bangkok with the Asian Regional Workshop organized in close collaboration with the UNDP regional program for Asia. Workshop participants included representatives from Asia, disaster risk experts from UNDP, governments, national scientific agencies, academic institutions and planning agencies, particularly those involved in implementing the Hyogo Framework for Action.



### Launching of a National Risk Atlas initiative in Asia

The National Risk Atlas initiative in Asia was launched in June 2007 with an event organized by the UNDP's Regional Program for Asia and GRIP with a Workshop on Sharing Risk Knowledge to further the long term goal of integrating clear risk understanding in National Disaster Risk Reduction Strategies.

To promote the achievement of this long-term goal, the objective of the workshop was to analyze the risk assessment efforts done so far in the participating countries, to identify main achievements and challenges, and discuss ways in which the international community can support the local efforts.

This workshop was divided into two events: Experiences in Risk Assessment from the Region, Enhancing Application of Disaster Loss Database and the GRIP Implementing Partners meeting. Workshop participants included representatives from the five most affected tsunami countries, other high risk countries in Asia, disaster risk experts from UNDP and governments, selected national scientific agencies and academic institutions, and planning agencies, particularly those involved in implementing the Hyogo Framework for Action.

Ten countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Pakistan, Indonesia, Maldives, Nepal, Philippines, Thailand and China) presented their country progress in risk assessment: what has been done and what could and needs to be done. Examples were presented of risk assessment at the global, regional and national levels to demonstrate the importance of an evidence base in decision making processes. A draft checklist for risk identification was the departure point for a discussion on the information that should be included in the preparation of a national risk atlas.

The workshop closed with a discussion about the next steps to take: analysis and summary of inputs, identification of immediate actions and the development of a regional plan to support the preparation of the National Risk Atlas in the participating countries

The implementation of **risk analyses in high risk countries** to support decision making processes started in Mexico, Peru, Nepal and Chile. Five major cities in **Baja California** (Mexico) housing ninety percent of the state population will use risk assessment results to prepare city risk reduction action plans that will be integrated to delineate the state risk reduction strategy. In the process, officers of the urban planning departments will be trained to include risk assessment in development plans.

**Peru** is the third most affected country by global climate change. For example fifty-four percent of the glaciers disappeared during the past fifty years. The local governments of five municipalities will collaborate to do an impact assessment on water supply and drought focusing on plans for

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sustainable management of water resources, the incorporation of adaptability and risk management in development and economic plans and the development of methodologies applicable to other regions of Peru.

**Nepal** has recurrent earthquakes and GRIP builds upon the work by local organizations by supporting an earthquake risk assessment for fifteen cities with the participation of national, local authorities, institutions. This will result in local risk reduction action plans, a National disaster reduction strategy and inputs in the Global Risk Update.

In **Chile** the municipal authorities of five cities will equally do a study of seismic and tsunami risk with the aim of improving the local risk reduction strategies. Some of these projects are supported through the GRIP grant programme that provides seed money to facilitate the implementation risk assessment projects.

In collaboration with the Emergency Response Cluster, a global initiative was initiated to utilize Risk Mapping for Pre-Disaster Shelter Planning. Pilot projects started in Mozambique, Nepal, and Mexico. The project will produce methodologies and training modules for Pre-disaster Shelter Planning that will be implemented worldwide through the national chapters of the Red Cross.

**Demonstration Projects** have started in Mozambique to establish a National Disaster Loss Data Observatory, prepare a National Disaster Risk Information System and use risk assessment to enhance the utilisation of these products to delineate a National Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy.

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The production by GRIP of the **Global Risk Update** (GRU) was announced by Ms. Kathleen Cravero at the First Global Platform Forum held in Geneva last June. The GRU is one of the pillars of the Global Assessment Report (GAR) being prepared by the ISDR Secretariat, in close collaboration with whom the production of the GRU is coordinated. The work plan, funding, institutional framework and implementing partnerships with the World Bank, UNEP, Columbia University and the Norwegian Geological Institute were prepared and work has started to produce the first publication of the Global Risk Update by June 2009. The analysis of Extensive Risk, one of the components of the Global Assessment Report, has started in six countries in Asia and ten countries in Latin America. The results of the Extensive Risk analysis are being utilized to produce a thematic study on the relation of disasters impact and poverty reduction, one of the Millennium Development Goals.

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### **Governance**

The GRIP is steered by representatives of international organizations and governments that provide direction, guidance and advice to the program coordinating team. The programme steering committee is composed of the following members:

- United Nations Development Program
- ProVention Consortium
- Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation
- UK Department for International Development
- Norwegian Ministry for Foreign Affairs
- U.S. Agency for International Development
- Cabinet Office, Government of Japan
- World Bank
- Inter-American Development Bank
- Munich Reinsurance Foundation
- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
- Secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

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