



Disaster practitioners and individuals with field experience from Iran understanding the mitigation efforts done after the disaster during a field visit to Gujarat.

An Invitation:

- Interested individuals, trainers and training institutions/civil society organizations with training capacities are invited to share their experience and expertise in Asia through TLC.
- Academic and universities with from across Asia are invited to join efforts with TLC.
- Authorities with interest in promoting learning about risk management are encouraged to join.
- Investors in such action learning projects including donor communities are welcome.

The project will also involve, and seek advice of, existing disaster risk reduction networks such as Duryog Nivaran, Asian Disaster Reduction Center and the Asian Disaster Reduction & Response Network (ADRRN).

Getting involved:

There are number of ways to get involved with the TLC:

- If you are a trainer/training institution or a university working in Asia kindly send an expression of interest to:
 - Center for Disaster Preparedness, or
 - All India Disaster Mitigation Institute.

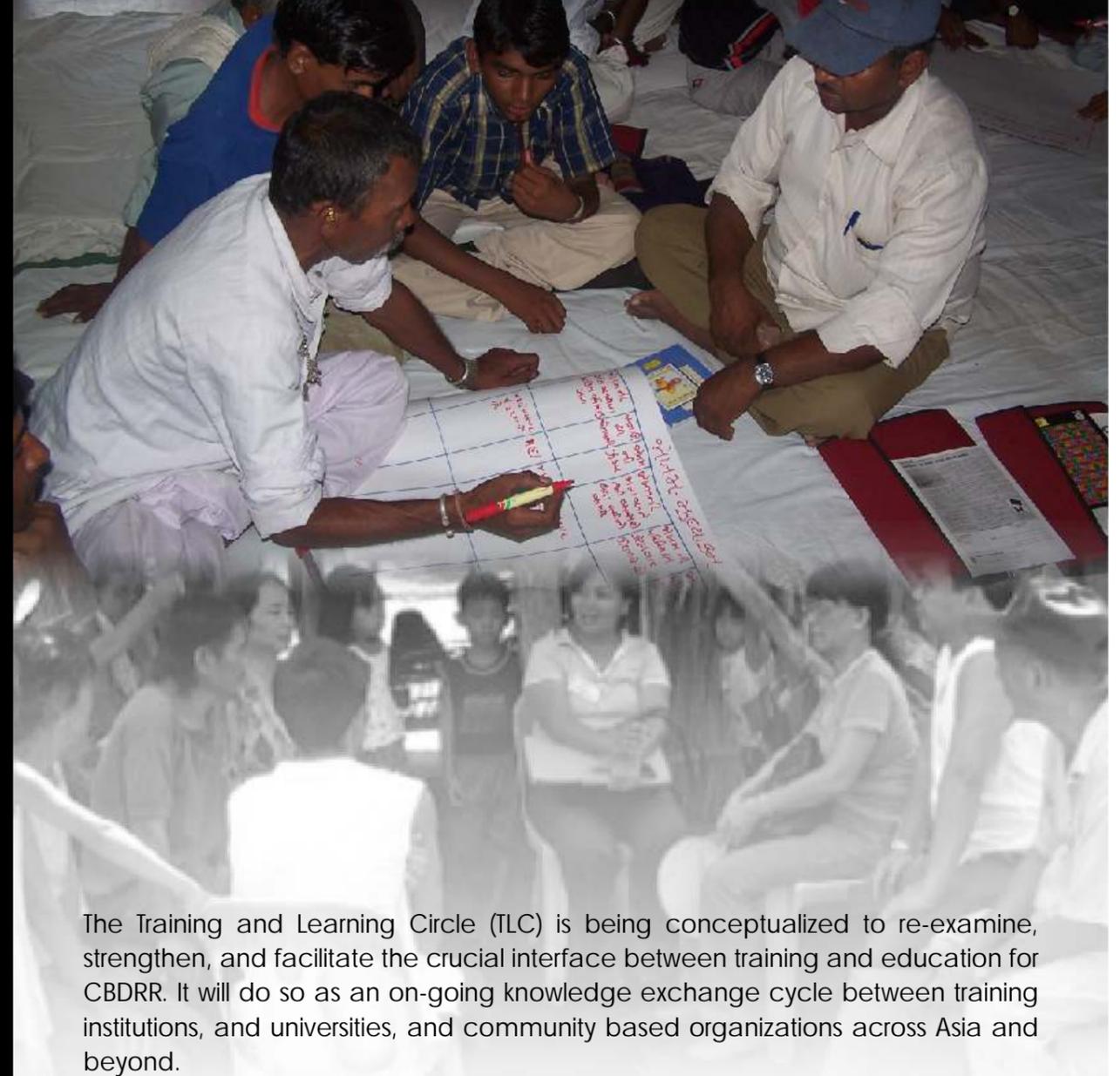
In order to avail full membership/place in the Asia- wide inventory of trainers and training tools/methodology, you may:

- Write a 3000-word paper on innovations on CBDRR training based on your training and its impact, or
- Submit electronic copies of training materials and methods used to train people in CBDRR.



Ice breaker exercise for Community Participants in Barangay Mangin, Dagupan for Community Based Disaster Risk Management and Participatory Risk Assessment Training for PROMISE Philippines Project of Center for Disaster Preparedness.

Training and Learning Circle Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction



The Training and Learning Circle (TLC) is being conceptualized to re-examine, strengthen, and facilitate the crucial interface between training and education for CBDRR. It will do so as an on-going knowledge exchange cycle between training institutions, and universities, and community based organizations across Asia and beyond.



Introduction:

There is an ongoing demand for evidence based, context specific, up-to-date, and applied Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction (CBDRR) tools/resources for mainstreaming and institutionalizing DRR through training and education in Asia. However, the lack of interface between training and education often leads to uneven quality of training inputs and scarcity of relevant educational resources. As a result, the multi-faceted demand for tools and resources remains partially unmet.

Although, practitioners and trainers from small and medium sized community organizations are the 'original owners' of the CBDRR approaches in Asia, their innovations in training and education too often starve and die/dismantle without additional learning inputs and appropriate incentives for being innovative. This is true for academics and institutions that capture, develop, and disseminate knowledge on CBDRR. The concept of a Training and Learning Circle (TLC) is organized to address this persistent challenge.

Purpose:

The overall purpose of setting up TLC on CBDRR



The Technical Working Group (TWG) of PROMISE Philippines and community members engaged in animated discussions as part of their capacity building for the community sectoral leaders.

is to enhance learning through South-South knowledge and solution exchanges by focusing on addressing systemic gaps and topics in training and education that would benefit from a sector-wide approach as opposed to a single agency approach.

Key Objectives:

- Review content, method, and impact of key training initiatives by TLC partners and other leading training institutions to identify gaps and address emerging need for developing new training materials for wider use and practice.
- Organize and create a circle of selected training practitioners to develop and host a web-based inventory of trainers, training institutions, and training-related tools and resources such as training manuals, needs assessments, and impact studies.
- Promote CBDRR among selected universities, learning centers and training institutes for adoption as one of the regular courses they are offering.
- Facilitate interactive learning mechanisms and exchanges/sharing of experiences, practices, research, concepts, methodologies and tools in training and education for application of community-centered disaster risk reduction.



Leading women's organisations are learning ways of incorporating Disaster Risk Reduction in earthquake recovery in Pakistan, National Institute of Special Education, Islamabad, Pakistan, November 2006.



The Training and Learning Circle team gathered to discuss on the scope of TLC. Bangkok, January 2007.

Key Activities:

- Conduct a review/impact study of CBDRR trainings and develop learning material to address gaps.
- Encircle a pool of key Trainers in Asia and link them with a web-based multi-hazard, multi-level, and multi-method training resource inventory for Asia.
- Set up a Working Group of selected universities, conduct a scoping study, and develop guidelines for universities to institutionalize CBDRR.
- Organize Trainers' Pool Forum in the Philippines and Sri Lanka and organize a regional workshop for universities.

Key Outcomes:

- Results of the review/impact study of CBDRM training are made available to all the relevant stakeholders and two publications disseminated.
- Pool of trainers organized to continue discourses and sharing of tools and techniques in facilitation and to contribute to the development of training material in a collaborative way.

- Web-based training resource inventory of Asia is launched and is made available to trainers and learners to use.
- Working group of universities in Asia is formed and a guideline for institutionalizing CBDRM in universities is produced.
- Forums and workshops organized for promotion and application of CBDRR and for interactive South-South learning exchange

among institutions, centers and individual trainers.

Promoters of TLC:

- ProVention Consortium Secretariat,
- Asian Disaster Preparedness Center,
- The Special Unit for South-South Cooperation in UNDP Regional Centre in Bangkok, Thailand (lead),
- Center for Disaster Preparedness in the Philippines,
- All India Disaster Mitigation Institute.



Trainers of SHRDC in Sri Lanka are learning how to share coordination concepts with others during the Gender and Disaster Risk Reduction training, Galle, Sri Lanka, October 2006.