Country Report of Cambodia
Disaster Risk Reduction

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I. About Cambodia

- **Country Name:** Kingdom of Cambodia
- **Population:** About 15 Million (NIS, 2013)
  - Urban: 19.5%
  - Rural: 80.5%
  - Growth Rate: 1.35% (2010)
  - Density: 83 Per. Sq. Km
  - Capital: Phnom Penh
  - Area: **181,035 Sq Km**
  - Province/Capital: 25
  - Major Language: Khmer
  - Major Religion: Buddhism
  - Currency: Cambodian Riel
- **Bordered by:**
  - Thailand to the West
  - Lao PDR to the North
  - Viet Nam to the East
  - Gulf of Thailand to the South
2. Overview of Main Natural Disasters Hazards & Impacts

- Cambodia is considered as the 8th Country the most prone to natural disasters in the world.

- Flood

- Storm

- Drought
3. Current Status: Mainstreaming DRR in Sustainable Development Planning

3.1 National Mechanism Structure

- Ministerial level agency, chaired by the Prime Minister that formed to assist the Royal Government in:
  - **Mission:**
    - "To lead the Disaster Management in the Kingdom of Cambodia".
  - **Functions and Responsibilities:**
    - Manage data of disaster risk and develop report on the disaster situation;
    - Proposal on reserves of resources for Disaster intervention in Emergency Response;
    - Capacity Building and human resource development on disaster management;
    - Coordination in implementation of disaster management policies;
    - Exchange and sharing information
    - Coordination and mobilization or resources for disaster response;

Disaster Management in Cambodia

- **President,** Prime Minister
- **Vice President (s)**
- **Member (Ministries)**

National Level
3.1 National Mechanism Structure (Cont’....)
3.2 Sub-National Mechanism Structure

NCDM Mechanism Structure

National level

National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM)

Sub-national

DM Working Team of Ministries/Institutions*

Provincial Committee for Disaster Management (PCDM)

District Committee for Disaster Management (DCDM)

Commune Committee for Disaster Management (CCDM)

Village Disaster Management Group (VDMG)

Secretariat General

PCDM Secretariat

DCDM Secretariat

CCDM Secretariat

VDMG Secretariat

Cabinet

* To boast the spirit of self-reliance in participating and solving disaster. It is responsible for coordinating all activities involving Disaster Preparedness, Response and Rehabilitation.
3.2 Sub-National Mechanism Structure (Cont’…..)
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DCDM Mechanism Structure

- District Committee for Disaster Management (DCDM)
- District Permanent Secretariat
  - Exploring-Discovering & Security Group
  - Health & Water Sanitation Group
  - Communication & Information Group
  - Response & Emergency Relief Group
3.2 Sub-National Mechanism Structure (Cont’…..)

Commune Emergency Coordination Mechanism

Commune Committee for Disaster Management (CCDM)
- Commune Chief: CCDM Chairman
- First Deputy of Commune: Vice of CCDM Chairman
- Commune Clerk: Secretary of CCDM

Commune Council (members)

Security and Rescue Team
- Commune Police Chief
- School Principal Vice Chief
- Commune Police Member
- Volunteers Member

Village Disaster Management Group (VDMG)
- Village Headman Chief
- Village Assistant (Female) Deputy Chief
- Village Health Support Team Member
- Village veterinarian Member
- Village Cambodian Red Cross Volunteer Member
- Other two members base upon the village deemed necessary

Health and Hygiene Team
- Health Center Chief
- Animal Health Agent Vice Chief
- Focal Points in Charge of Child and Woman’s Affairs

Information and Response Team
- CRC Volunteers Chief
- Senior People in Village Member
- Volunteers Member
3.3 DRR Plan, Policy, Strategy and Action Plan

- Sub-decree No. 30 ANKR.BK, dated April 09, 2002 on the Organization and Functioning of the National and Sub-National Committees for Disaster Management;
- Sub-decree No. 61 ANKR.BK, dated June 29, 2006 on the establishment of the Commune Committee for Disaster Management (CCDM);
- Direction No. 315 NCDM, dated July 21, 2010 on the establishment of the Village Disaster Management Team (VDMT) for the implementation of Community Based Disaster Risk Management;
- Law on Disaster Management has been enacted by National Assembly on the 30th of June 2015.
- Strategic National Action Plan for Disaster Risk Reduction (SNAP) 2008-2013
- National Action Plan for Disaster Risk Reduction (NAP) 2014-2018
- Cambodia endorsed the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) in 2005 that provides a systematic and strategic approach to reduction of vulnerability and risk to disasters.
3.4. Mainstreaming the DRR in development of planning and investment program.

• DRR has been mainstreamed into guidelines, the process, development plan and investment program at 3 tiers of sub-national administration including City/Province, Municipality/District/Khan, Commune/Sangkat.

1. Development Plan and Investment Program for city/province planning process and guideline 2014

2. Development Plan and Investment Program for Municipality/District/Khan planning process and guideline 2014

4. Efforts to mainstream DRR in sustainable development planning

4.1 Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM)

- Is a strategy that builds upon existing capacities and coping mechanisms of communities to collectively design and implement appropriate and doable long-term risk reduction and disaster preparedness plans.
- Involves the participation of local actors, particularly vulnerable communities, who actively work to identify causes of vulnerability and actions to mitigate the impact of vulnerability from these natural disasters.
- Empowers communities towards long-term capacity to adapt. With recurrent drought and flooding and threats from other natural disasters in Cambodia.
- Seen as the way forward in minimizing enormous loss of life, property and livelihood.

- In Cambodia, the government considers CBDRM as an integral part of its rural development program to alleviate poverty

4.2 Recent major projects on disaster risk reduction

- Project Implementation and Bird Flu Prevention (Avian and Human Influenza Control and Preparedness Emergency Project - AHICPEP)
- Implementation of Post-Ketsana Reconstruction Project
- Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation Cooperation for 2013-2015 between NCDM and Caritas Cambodia
- Strengthening National and Sub-national Capacity to Implement Disaster Management towards Increased Community Resilience
- Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Forum
5. Challenges in mainstreaming DRR in development planning

What are the key challenges?

• Lack of appreciation on disaster risk management institutions;
• Lack of understanding of the importance of database/information based decision making of the decision maker;
• Lack of appreciation and commitment to database and disaster information management promotion and use;
• Inadequate resources, manpower, professions and skills;
• Understanding of different level stakeholders (politician, technical planner and workers) database;
• Very limitation of resource allocation for Disaster Management Information System, (lack of human and financing resource).
• According to access to data collection and very limitation of data available on-time, and NCDM’s capacity is limited in disseminating disaster information across all levels.
• The forecasting and early warning information from national level could only reached the provincial, but very slow to commune level.
• The disaster preparedness plan and multi-hazards map have not been entirely developed in the country.
• Systematic procedures and cooperation among NCDM, all line agencies and NGOs in implementation of DRM are not compatible and really critical.
• Lack of international collaboration and networking
6. Support required for mainstreaming DRR in sustainable development

- Donor Commitment to the development of national capacity on disaster information management and database;
- Supports from national and regional institutions on the process of capacity building; TA, hardware and software;
- Support country level building strong Government’s institution for disaster information management and databases;
- Advocate to decision maker to use database and reliable disaster information for decision making;
- Capacity Building to National and Sub-National level. (Training of Trainer, National to Sub-National level, in particular, Planning Development and Investment Program).
- Looking for any projects: Pilot projects on Geo-referenced Information System for DRM, Drought Monitoring, and Climate Change Pilot Project.
- Necessary equipments
Wonderful for your kind attention!