

Disaster Risk Management



Background

Papua New Guinea has been struck recently by a series of natural disasters that have tested the country's ability to provide emergency aid and relief to the population in times of crisis. The country is prone to cyclones, earthquakes, landslides, tidal surges and volcanic eruptions. The isolation of much of the population, lack of infrastructure and lack of communications networks makes the situation on the ground even worse for ordinary people when disaster strikes. The National Disaster Centre, already suffering from low capacity and resources, has a more difficult time dealing with disasters than in many other countries.

Purpose of project

The National Disaster Centre (NDC) and UNOCHA have worked closely to improve disaster preparedness for two years. This work will continue through 2009, focusing on improving capacity at the NDC. The project is working to make the NDC better at preparing for and responding to natural disasters, including better prediction tools, better strategies for providing emergency relief and better assessment of damage and injury.

Key results and Reports

1. Improved capacity of the NDC to prepare for and respond to natural disasters
2. Coordination plans in place at the national level
3. Provinces that are more at risk of natural disaster have improved management plans

Main activities

1. Early recovery training
2. Mapping, DRM planning training
3. Risk and hazard assessment training

Contributing donor(s)

UNDP, UNOCHA

Duration

2008 - 2012

Total budget

USD 948,000

Project Partners

Implementing Partner:

UNDP

UNOCHA

Responsible Parties:

National Disaster Centre

Other Partners:

N/A

Location

National

Thematic Area

Corporate Thematic Area: Crisis Prevention and Recovery

Millennium Development Goal

Goal 1: Reduce poverty by one half

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