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The Asia Pacific Gateway for Disaster Risk Reduction and Development is a regional hub that provides quick and easy access to networks and organizations that are mainstreaming DRR into development planning in the region. It identifies a range of disaster management services available to governments in the region and provides a number of online services that will support existing networks doing their work.

As an ESCAP lead initiative the Gateway has been designed in such a way to facilitate regional level analysis of DRR trends, it supports information sharing among member States by providing a multilingual networking environment. The primary intended users of the Gateway are National Disaster Management Authorities who play a pivotal role promoting disaster management and disaster risk reduction nationally as well as in the region. Among other responsibilities, ...

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Agriculture

What is the link between Agriculture and DRR?

Agriculture is a key sector where DRR mainstreaming activities are being focused. FAO estimates that, globally, "There are still over 850 million undernourished people, of which 820 million are in developing countries. These 820 million people in developing countries tend to be poor, live in rural areas, are dependent on agriculture and/or agriculture-related activities for their livelihood, and are among the most vulnerable to disasters." Since 1993 natural causes have become the principal reason for food crises. The IPCC 4th assessment report points to a future where climate induced hazards and disasters will further increase. Communities heavily dependant on agriculture will be increasingly vulnerable to floods, droughts and severe weather. Severe disasters can provide the opportunity to make societies and farmers more aware about their risk and what they could do to reduce their exposure on the impacts of future natural hazards.

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Building Standards & Codes

What is link between building codes and standards and DRR?

Building codes provide the basis for the design and construction of buildings that can resist the loads imposed by winds, seismic events, or other natural disasters. They also provide restrictions in some places as to the placement of structures when those loads exceed what the buildings can reasonably be designed for, such as flooding or storm surges.

The enforcement of effective building codes has proven to improve both the quality of construction and how well these structures withstand the forces of nature. Consider the differences in impact to communities from earthquakes that struck the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince on January 12, 2010 (7.3 on the Richter scale) and the September 5, 2010 earthquake that hit New Zealands capital, Christchurch (7.4 on the Richter Scale). In Haiti approximately 250,000 people, 200,000 were injured and 1 million were made homeless. In New Zealand no lives were lost. New Zealand's building codes set a world standard in seismic building regulations and are incorporated into the building codes of several countries, including the Caribbean Uniform Building Code. Haiti, on the other hand, had no known building regulations.

The successful implementation of building codes and guidelines takes most countries many years to establish. The technical documents making up building regulations are normally subject to continual revision, correction and expansion. The degree to which national building codes and standards are enforced by law varies from country to country. In some countries, like India, the national building code is taken by the courts of law as a measure of good practice.

What actors are usually involved at the national level?

National ministries are responsible for the development of National Building Codes and guidelines, as well as Town and Country Planning Acts while state/provincial and



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