

Concept Note

Development of the Sendai Framework “Words into Action” Implementation Guide for Local Authorities

Topic	Local authorities
Proposed Target stakeholder	1. Local Government Leaders, Mayors, City Managers 2. Central Government – Urban Development, Planning, & Finance Ministries
Proposed Priority Focus	<p>Capacity Development (Institutional/Financial/Technical and Knowledge-Based), identifying mechanisms of implementation and accountability are the proposed priority areas.</p> <p>This version of the guide will identify mechanisms to facilitate implementation of disaster risk reduction actions at local level. It will discuss the significance of participatory actions that can do so. It will also identify mechanisms for accountability. Furthermore, it will identify financial mechanisms, delve into technical and knowledge-based capacity development, examining areas for implementation such as education and training programs, as well as partnerships (for example, city-to-city exchange and other multi-stakeholder groups such as academia and the private sector) that can increase such capacity.</p>
Reason for priority	<p>Increasing awareness and identifying a responsible institution/organization is the first step to address risk management and resilience at all levels of government. Even though many national and local governments have increased their institutional and legal authority and mandate in disaster risk reduction during the 2005-2015 Hyogo Framework for Action era, they have made less progress in implementation. Most local governments lack financial, technical and knowledge-based capacity to integrate disaster risk reduction into development/urban development measures and implementing them.</p> <p>It is important to integrate disaster risk reduction into the planning and development process. This begins with risk assessments and integrating such knowledge into planning process. While the first part of this risk-sensitive urban planning and development process relies on scientific data and technical knowledge to initiate planning, the second depends on effective implementation.</p>
Proposed schedule and deadline	First draft by December 2015
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