

Concept Note

Development of the Sendai Framework “Words into Action” Implementation Guide for Sendai Framework Target 5 – Substantially Increase the Number of Countries with National and Local Disaster Risk Reduction Strategies by 2020

Topic	Sendai Framework Target 5 - Substantially increase the number of countries with national and local disaster risk reduction strategies by 2020
Proposed Target stakeholder	Local Government Leaders, Mayors, City Managers
Proposed Priority Focus	<p>The Sendai Framework calls for adoption and implementation of national and local disaster risk reduction strategies and plans, across different timescales, with targets, indicators and time frames. The aim is to prevent the creation of risk, reduce existing risk and strengthen economic, social, health and environmental resilience.</p> <p>Existing and new local disaster risk reduction and resilience strategies need to take into account current and future risk scenarios. While these strategies should provide high-level guidance to local governments on reducing risks from natural hazards, they should also support leaders and stakeholders in the identification of key priority areas that need immediate and long term action.</p> <p>This guide will advise local government on the mechanisms for developing and implementing a holistic strategy that addresses risks and builds resilience. The Ten Essentials for Making Cities Resilient will form the basis for the strategies, supported by indicators and examples to monitor progress and implement them.</p>
Reason for priority	Local governments and city managers are at the forefront of tackling risks and impacts of frequently-occurring and at times severe events. With growing urbanisation and the necessity to address multiple priorities, city managers with limited capacities and authority need to identify priority areas that not only address current issues but also future events. The disaster risk reduction and resilience strategies would support the protection of development gains of local governments through risk-sensitive investments.
Proposed schedule and deadline	First draft by March 2016
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