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Priority Policy Needs for Decision Making

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Priority Policy Needs for Southern Leyte, Philippines
• Need for mitigation strategies be given more emphasis in the national disaster management frame.
• Gender need to be addressed in disaster planning.
• Hazard mapping must be done for priority areas with results properly disseminated to population at-risk.
• conduct study on identification of gaps in operational implementation of government’s disaster programs.

• review of the policy implication of existing government disaster risk reduction programs as well as streamlining and enhancing strategies on disaster management.
• Need for behavior modification to lessen vulnerability and strengthen resiliency
• Need for integration into the curriculum for all level of education basic disaster courses.
• to enhance and strengthen the communication particularly at the community level – increasing awareness/knowledge on the signs for incoming disaster events.

Priority Policy Needs for Southern Leyte, Philippines
Priority Policy Needs for Vietnam
• Disaster preparedness and mitigation strategies and process follow a top-down approach - need to involve local communities.
• Budget allocation for local governments’ disaster risk management and mitigation strategies.
• Creation of a single authority/body to function on full-time basis dealing with impact of climate change and disasters.
• Establish early warning systems for local communities especially high risk areas.
• Increase local communities' awareness of association of environmental issues, climate changes, health, sanitation and adaptation.
• Conduct hazard mapping, identify/create a dataset of vulnerable groups in disaster prone areas
• Capacity building for local communities thru conduct of short-term training courses (e.g. operation of EWS, alternative livelihood).
• Well-designed plans for land use in both agricultural production and urbanization in association with climate change.
• Construct multi-functional common houses for vulnerable areas is important adaptation option.
• To improve the sanitation and management of solid and liquid waste - in the context of extreme events.

Priority Policy Needs for Vietnam
• Develop and implement adaptation measures e.g. forestation of bald areas, mangroves, etc.
• Need for a comprehensive disaster management framework.
• Integration of health systems response into disaster risk management programs.
• Synchronization of multi-sectoral disaster response and cooperation mechanism.
  • Enhance capacity building for health workers disaster preparedness and response.
  • Need to establish efficient information system for disaster risk management.
  • Conduct more research on natural disasters and its impact on vulnerable population.

Priority Policy Needs for Vietnam
Priority Policy Needs for Bahraich, India
• Need to define flood as differing perceptions exist - thus a gap exists between villagers' needs and official response.
• Conduct alternative livelihood training programs for affected villages to enhance employment opportunities.
• Provide psycho-social support and training to local village workers.
• Creation of self-help community based organizations related to floods and other natural disasters.
• Establish multi-purpose flood shelter in vulnerable villages.
• Ensure efficient, timely and reliable flood forecasting system to high risk areas.
  • Need to develop long-term disaster mitigation strategies (e.g. raising village platform, introduction of crops able to withstand waterlogged for longer time, etc.)
Priority Policy Needs for Bojonegoro, Indonesia
Local Government Level

A. General Sector

• Need to establish legal framework for comprehensive disaster management program.
• Need to align local disaster management policies with the national Disaster Management Regulation to full operationalization.
• Increase people’s awareness on disaster preparedness thru establishment of community participatory programs.

Priority Policy Needs for Bojonegoro, Indonesia
A. General Sector (con’t)

• Strengthen multi-sectoral partnership and communication in disaster management
• Conduct monitoring and evaluation process during emergency period.
B. Health Sector

- The need to establish and integrate comprehensive health system response in disaster management frame.
- District Health Office (DHO) ensures that emergency health responders are adequate in number and training.
- Health personnel needs to conduct regular rapid health assessment (RHA) after disaster event.
- Need to develop and establish a prepared-village program for flood risk management.

Priority Policy Needs for Bojonegoro, Indonesia
Community Level

• Need to change mind set of local folks – flood prevention/disaster mitigation
• Establish community-based disaster risk reduction programs.
• Create village-owned emergency funds for emergency response.
Priority Policy Needs for Morpeth and Tewkesbury, UK
• Gender should be addressed in disaster planning, response and recovery phase.

• Better protection mechanisms for vulnerable people are required in disaster planning, response and recovery.

• Policy makers and local authorities should make use of the ‘window of opportunity’ after a disaster to encourage stakeholder participation in disaster preparedness/planning as well as identify policy gaps.

Priority Policy Needs for Morpeth and Tewkesbury, UK
• ‘the community’ should be encouraged and supported to apply self-help measures (e.g. individual flood defence devices) as well as emphasizing ‘build back better’ policy.
• Awareness raising to improve understanding of the risks by communities should be undertaken.
• Development in disaster risk areas should be further limited - building regulations should incorporate the implementation of resiliency measures as mandatory.

Priority Policy Needs for Morpeth and Tewkesbury, UK
• Psychological support (from the NHS and voluntary organisations) should be more ‘user- and event-oriented’.

• An expressed need for clearer communication from policy makers and emergency services exist - an easily accessible summary document that clearly define risk management approaches and responsibilities is envisioned.

• Overall ownership of disaster risk management by one responsible authority should be considered – decentralized, context-specific

Priority Policy Needs for Morpeth and Tewkesbury, UK
For ASIAN Countries
• Need to establish legal framework to support disaster risk management programs
• Enhance and strengthen awareness of people at community/ village level
• Budget allocation for local government
• Comprehensive health systems response to disaster

Common Priority Needs Across Asian Sites
• Improve multi-sectoral partnership and cooperation in all phases of disaster management
• Establish and improve early warning systems and hazard mapping with results disseminated to community level
• Gender should be addressed in all phases of disaster management
For EUROPEAN Countries
• Gender should to be addressed in disaster planning, response and recovery
• Better protection mechanisms with needs assessment for vulnerable groups are required in disaster planning, response and recovery
• Insurance provision needs a more consistent approach – clear policy guideline for disaster risk areas

Common Priority Needs Across Europe Sites
• Need for national government to formulate long-term strategic approach to management of and investments in disaster risks
• Tailored support measures for self-employed business owners to fast track economic recovery
• Development in disaster risk areas should be further limited - building regulations to incorporate the implementation of resiliency measures as mandatory.

Common Priority Needs Across Europe Sites
Common Priority Needs Across Europe and Asian sites

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• Need to enhance and strengthen awareness of people at different levels particularly for high-risk areas
• Need to actively involve local communities in planning best strategies for disaster preparedness and mitigation
• Gender should be addressed in disaster planning, response and recovery
• Incorporate comprehensive health system response to disaster

Common Priority Policy Needs for Europe and Asian sites
• The need for efficient coordination among stakeholders in all phases of disaster
• Provision of ‘user and event-oriented’ psychological support tailored to different groups
• Encourage and support communities to establish self-help measures (e.g. Flood defence devices, emergency funds)
  • Formulate long-term development strategies and mitigation measures (e.g. Land use, reforestation, etc)

Common Priority Policy Needs for Europe and Asian sites
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