

# Integration of DRR into Development Programs: UNDP Certification Experience

Disaster Risk Management Program  
UNDP Tajikistan

# Why DRR as part of Development?

- Development is intended to improve lives and livelihoods
- If development is damaged by disaster it fails to achieve goals
- Poorly designed development can contribute to disasters
- In other words: DRR is development

# DRR Integration

- Policy of many donors
- Can improve impact, reduce costs by avoiding damage from disasters
- Better to prevent or minimize disasters than fund relief and recovery
- Strengthens overall sustainability and social resilience

## *Learning by Doing*

- Focused first on UNDP
- Assessed DRR links and options in UNDP portfolio
- Developed process to assess project-DRR links and integrate DRR options into projects
- Considered operations and assistance provided

1. Training (5-7 hrs)
2. Assess hazards, vulnerability and risks
3. Development Project Disaster Management Plan & Office Safety Checklist
4. **Risk issues addressed**
5. Field level risk management checklists completed on a routine basis.
6. Natural Hazard Assessment Report – Infrastructure Projects reports completed on a routine basis.
7. Certification documentation submitted for approval
8. **Disaster Risk Reduction Certification or Recertification approved**

# Challenges

- Another thing to do!
- Where does it say DRR is an institutional priority?
- Show me the benefits!
- Better done during design than in middle of a project
- Some specialists help needed to guide process
- Who is responsible?
- Can an organization sustain the process?

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## Questions?

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*DRR Integration Process  
Materials Available on Request*