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**Disaster Risk Management  
in East Asia and the Pacific  
Distance Learning Seminar Series 2013**

**SESSION 1**

**Community-based Disaster Risk  
Management (CBDRM)  
Lessons learned and way forward**

**January 17, 2013**

**2:00-5:00pm (Vietnam time)**

**Potential Connecting Sites**

<b>China</b>	<b>(Beijing)</b>
<b>Cambodia</b>	<b>(Vientiane)</b>
<b>Indonesia</b>	<b>(Jakarta)</b>
<b>Japan</b>	<b>(Tokyo)</b>
<b>Lao PDR</b>	<b>(Vientiane)</b>
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<b>Thailand</b>	<b>(Bangkok)</b>
<b>Vietnam</b>	<b>(Hanoi)</b>

**Live web-streaming available at**

[www.jointokyo.org/en/programs/catalogue/drm2011/](http://www.jointokyo.org/en/programs/catalogue/drm2011/)

**Introduction**

Disasters are a main source of risk for the poor, and present a serious obstacle to achieving sustainable social and economic development. Disasters affect the poor most severely; measures taken to manage hazards and reduce their impact provide an effective vehicle to make sustainable advances in the fight against poverty.

The year 2011 was the costliest year on record for natural disasters in the East Asia and Pacific (EAP) region – trans-boundary consequences of flooding in Thailand, earthquake and tsunami (and cascading effects) in Japan, floods in Australia and the Philippines, and earthquake in New Zealand – which recorded about US\$282 billion in economic losses and affected more than 17 million people (CRED-EMDAT, etc.)

Because natural disasters have a disproportionate impact on the poor, disaster mitigation and management programs are becoming integral part of poverty alleviation strategies. In this regard, the East Asia and Pacific (EAP) region is working with clients to sift from post-disaster response to risk reduction and mitigation programs in order to build disaster resilient societies.

**About the Distance Learning Seminar Series**

As part of the Communities of Practice activities in EAP Disaster Risk Management (DRM) team, this Distance-learning seminar series, in collaboration with the Global Development Learning Network (GDLN), is promoting outreach and knowledge-sharing in EAP client countries to build capacity and increase knowledge of all professional who will be involved in DRM activities as well as to help them drive the agenda for DRM activities in their respective countries and empower local partners. This seminar series will highlight the following areas:

- Disaster risk analysis, preparedness, and mitigation
- Building community and local level resilience to disasters
- Post-disaster response and early recovery planning

Within these three areas of focus, this series is comprised of 5 sessions delivered via VC by connecting 5-7 countries in the region as well as by connecting in-country nodes for learning on thematic areas that are particularly important for specific country. Support for this seminar series has been provided by the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR).

**SESSION 1 INFORMATION:**

**Background and Learning Objectives**

The rural poor are particularly vulnerable to disasters. They are more likely to reside in hazardous locations and in substandard housing. They are less able to deal with the impacts of disasters due to lack of financial, material, and technical resources, social networks etc.. Thus effective measures to resist to disasters and recover from their impacts shall be taken to minimize the loss of life, property or assets.

CBDRM is a well-established methodology for building local resilience that has its roots in the good practices developed over several decades through community-focused development and poverty-reduction programs. A holistic approach is taken to DRM that recognizes the links among vulnerability, poverty and socio-economic development. The CBDRM approach seeks to build on existing community coping mechanisms and adaptation capacities. In Vietnam as one of the leading countries on CBDRM, the capacity building approaches under its CBDRM program is combined with structural risk reduction investments both at community and provincial levels. However, as cultures and socio-economic situations are different in each country, methodologies, approaches, and progresses to be adapted are varied in country by country. Therefore, it is urgently needed to share experiences/success and not success cases, etc. then consolidate lessons learned among policy makers and practitioners for reinforcing further scaling-up of CBDRM implementation.

This session will highlight the various innovative CBDRM practices and tools (i.e. monitoring and evaluation, risk analysis, funding mechanism etc.) to draw lessons of their applications and facilitation of community engagement in disaster risk reduction in Vietnam and (the Philippines and/or Indonesia) as well as discuss the way of applying lessons learned to other countries.

After attending the session, participants will be able to:

- i) deepen understanding on CBDRM approaches focusing on essential tools that shall be required for implementing and scaling up CBDRM programs,
- ii) analyze opportunities and challenges in implementation of CBDRM programs, and
- iii) know opportunities for applying lessons learned in contexts of other countries.

## SESSION 1 INFORMATION (Continued):

### Agenda and key issues to present and discuss

- Opening (Introduction of participants and objectives)
- Sharing experiences and lessons learned on various approaches, methodologies, and tools used for implementation of CBDRM program
- Q&A and open discussion
- Conclusions

### Target Audience

Specific group of people who would benefit from this session are working in CBDRM in various types of organizations in EAP countries such as:

- National and sub-national government officials,
- International and local organizations,
- Academics,
- NGOs, civil society groups,
- Practitioners including World Bank staff and other donor staff in country

### Presenters

#### *From Vietnam*

#### **Mr. Minh Quang Dang**

*Deputy Director, Disaster Management Center (DMC),  
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#### **Dr. Ian Wilderspin**

*Technical Specialist (Disaster Risk Management)  
United Nations Development Programme*

#### *From Indonesia*

#### **Mr. Muhtarudin**

*Director for Community Empowerment, National Agency for  
Disaster Management (BNPB)*

#### *From the Philippines*

#### **(Speaker – tbc)**

*The Center for Disaster Preparedness*

### Moderator

#### **Dr. Ian Wilderspin**

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### Language

VC Session uses English. (Simultaneous translation can be arranged if it is requested to TDLC in advance.)

### Delivery of the program

The session will be a 3-hour interactive session using Video Conference technology.

Live Streaming via Internet will be also available. URL:  
[www.jointokyo.org/en/programs/catalogue/drm2011/](http://www.jointokyo.org/en/programs/catalogue/drm2011/)

- To view webcasting, participants will need a PC with internet access, Windows Media Player Version 10.0. and PC speakers.

- Webcasting will start 10 minutes before the session.

### Registration

Please submit your confirmation of participation to local contact person. (In Vietnam please email to Hang Thi Thu Doan at [Hdoan@worldbank.org](mailto:Hdoan@worldbank.org))

**Registration Deadline: 5:00pm January 15, 2013.**

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