

Workshop Agenda

Climate Change Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Development

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Back ground

According to the World Bank, Vietnam will be one of the five countries worst affected by sea level rise and more intense and frequent extreme weather. Even before the water rise, Vietnam is vulnerable to natural disasters, particularly typhoons, floods, inundation, droughts, saltwater intrusion. The climate change issues and extreme disasters present high risks to setback development efforts and impacts. Mainstreaming disaster risk reduction and climate change into development is of great concern and being increasingly discussed in the NGOs and Government policy makers. Vietnam has a long history of responding to disasters and a number of NGOs in Vietnam have good expertise and experienced in disaster risk reduction in the disaster prone areas. Climate change adaptation is getting increasing priority of the Government and NGOs. Adapting to climate change requires action at all levels in relation to increasing risk, frequency and scale of disasters and to the long term changes of increasing drought, unpredictable changes in rainfall patterns and agriculture seasons. CC responses cannot be uniform across Vietnam and require locally determined responses tailored to local vulnerabilities and the socio-economic and ecological situation.

Objective: To help the Climate Change and Disaster Management practitioners to understand the synergies of Disaster Risk Reduction management and Climate Change Response and the efforts of mainstreaming DRR and CC adaptation into sustainable development in Vietnam.

Expected outputs

- (i) CC & DM practitioners improve understanding of the synergies of DRR and CC and the link with sustainable development
- (ii) practical experience and plan of mainstreaming can be shared and learnt by CC & DM practitioners
- (iii) The possibility of joint efforts on mainstreaming guideline is considered

Participants: CCWG members, DMWG members, NDMP, MARD, MONRE, MPI

Venue: E2, La Thanh hotel

Activity	Time	Responsibility
Registration	8.00- 8.30	CARE
Introduction	8.30 - 8.45	CARE
Opening	8.45 - 9.00	Fiona Percy/CARE

Presentation on the sustainable livelihood framework (including interaction with hazards, trends and shocks)	9.00-9.20	Koos Neefjes
Coping to the climate relating disasters	9.20 – 9.40	Dr. PS Low/NDMP Consultant
Q + A	9.40-10.00	Facilitator
Tea break	10.00 –10.20	
Experience of integrating CC in CBDRM and livelihood	10.20-10.40	Ms. Hoa Ex- CECI
Experience of Mangrove project to reduce risks of disaster and improve livelihoods	10.40-11.00	CARE
Experience of Oxfam with CC and DRR	11.00-11.15	Provash Mondal/ Oxfam
Plenary Q& A and discussion on all the presentations and experience	11.15-12.00	Oxfam, CECI, World Vision, Action Aid, NRC, Dr. Pak
Lunch	12.00 – 13.30	
Presentation and Plenary discussion on mainstreaming and current approaches in Vietnam	13.30 – 14.30	Fiona Percy
Introduction of group work	14.30 – 14.45	Facilitator
Tea break		
Group work: Developing our Capacity for Mainstreaming	15.00 – 16.00	Facilitator
Group work presentation	16.00 – 16.50	Facilitator
Discussion on the possibility of joint efforts	16.50-17.15	Fiona Percy
Closing	17.15	Fiona Percy