

CAMPAIGN "ROAD TO SENDAI" - STATEMENT ABOUT HFA2 IN VIETNAM

In March 2015, the World Conference on DRR in Sendai (Japan) will decide on the Post 2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

The draft has been released in October 2014 (<http://www.wcdrr.org/uploads/1419081E.pdf>) and it will be finalised in January 2015. It includes:

- The expected outcome with global targets: reduce mortality, affected people, economic losses, damage to health & education facilities, and increase number of countries with national and local strategies.
- Guiding principles.
- Priorities for action: Understanding disaster risk; strengthening governance and institutions to manage disaster risk; investing in economic, social, cultural and environmental resilience; enhancing preparedness for effective response and recovery-reconstruction.
- Role of stakeholders.
- Cooperation and partnerships.

Vietnam has accomplished great progress during the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action (2005-2015) at Institutional and Policy level (National Strategy, Law on Disaster Prevention and Control, National Programme for CBDRM, Disaster Fund), and also in Practical actions (Better organisation at all levels, Warning and Preparation before disasters..) and we recognise these very positive evolutions.

Nevertheless, evaluations of HFA implementation in Vietnam at local level has often shown a lack of resources (financial and human) and a lack of recognition of the capacity of Communities, that could otherwise really engage over the long term the most vulnerable sector of the country on the road to better disaster prevention.

We, as Organisation involved in DRR in Vietnam, encourage the Vietnamese Government to contribute strongly to the preparation and implementation of HFA2, and particularly on the following points:

- Consider DRR as an ongoing process, rather than focus on single events following which the priority for DRR once again reduces in the list of priorities for development and poverty reduction, until the next event;
- Recognise the fundamental role of local communities in the progress of DRR, through their active participation to the planning / implementation / monitoring of Action Plans at Commune level;
- Consider the direct links between DRR and CCA, and the need for effective coalition (more than collaboration) between the different Institutions involved in these fields;
- Define realistic targets for reducing the impact of disasters (people affected reduced of 50% in 20 years; losses reduced by 50%) and consider that these targets will be closely monitored by the DRR Community;
- Insist on the priority 3 (Investing in economical, social, cultural and environmental resilience) with especially a commitment to dedicate a defined % of the National - Local Budget to DRR, and that most of resources should be dedicated to actions planned and decided at local level;
- Accelerate the application of the Law on Disaster Prevention (2013), and the implementation of the National Programme on CBDRM (2009), with adequate resources.

We will continue, as in the past, our close cooperation with the Vietnamese authorities at all level, to contribute to create resilient communities and a resilient country.

Hanoi, 23rd January 2014

Signatory: