Introduction to Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics in Asia and the Pacific
Terms of Reference
Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics in Asia and the Pacific

FUNCTIONS

1. Develop a strategy to establish Disaster Statistics
2. Identify the need for stats in DRM cycle
3. Develop a framework (classification, definitions and standards)
4. Develop guidelines (production and dissemination)
5. Recommend a list of indicators
6. Coordinate with FDES, HFA-2, SDG
7. Report to the Committees (Stats, DRR)

ORGANISATION

UNESCAP COMMISSION

Committee on DRR 2014
Committee on Statistics 2015
Secretariat

Chair, Vice Chair(s)

Expert Group Consultative Group

Government-nominated technical advisors
Regional and international experts
Resource persons / observers
Motivation

Imperatives
• Increases losses
• Disaster – development link

Issues:
• Lack standards
• Insufficient int’l guide
• Fragmentation
• Coordination issue

Problems:
• DRM is peripheral in Dev.
• Data is not comparable
• Lack regional analysis

Asia pacific context
• Historical data /national disaster losses databases: e.g. DesInventar
• Predictive loss and damage: e.g. SREX, IPCC
• Risk Quantification: e.g. Risk index
• Humanitarian assessment: e.g. IRA, MIRA
• Post-Disaster Needs Assessment: e.g. DALA, PDNA
Towards regional standard for coherent, comparable disaster statistics

**The Need**: methodological development to improve coherence, comparability, and inter-operability of disaster statistics

- To enhance evidence-based for policymaking and planning
- To improve cross-country and regional analysis
- To integrate DRM into post-2015 SDG monitoring

**Policy mandates:**
- to establish a basic range of disaster statistics
- to monitor member States’ resilience

To form an Expert Group
To report the results to the 72nd Session
Strategies for consideration
Proposed Strategies

1. **Establishment of regional standard**
   - to formulate framework and implementation guide.
   - to provide inputs to ESCAP in 3rd WCDRR Sendai
   - to establish a pool of expert to include other experts

2. **Strengthening national capacity**
   - to have a high-level regional meeting for decision makers
   - to organize national technical training workshops