

National disaster loss and damage databases – UNDP's experience and lessons learned

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Why disaster loss and damage databases? (2005)



- Losses and damages from disasters are not systemically recorded
- Poor understanding of emerging patterns and trends of disaster risks resulting in lack of targeted action
- Climate change and variability posing threats to development
- Intensities and frequencies of disasters changing

Types of data captured by the databases



- Data captured at high resolution sub-district level
- Information about occurrences and impacts are captured over a long period of time (20-30 years)
- Direct impacts of an event
 - Event details (date, location, intensity)
 - Population affected (death, injured, affected, ...)
 - Damages and losses to sectors (education, road, health, etc.)
- Analysis undertaken at provincial, district and sub-district levels to derive emerging trends and patterns of events and impacts to feed into national and sub-national planning

Disaster Loss Database for Cambodia (example)

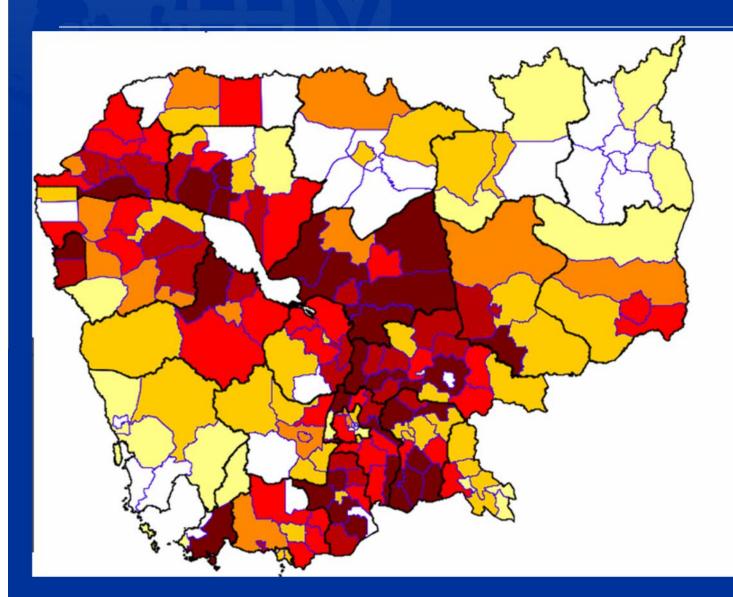


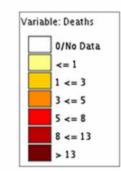


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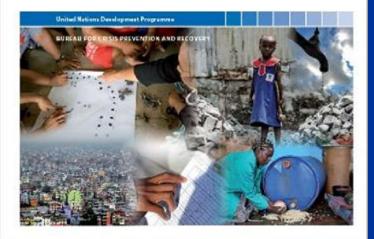
UNDP's work on disaster loss and damage databases

A comparative review of *Country-level and regional disaster loss and damage databases*





A COMPARATIVE REVIEW OF COUNTRY-LEVEL AND REGIONAL DISASTER LOSS AND DAMAGE DATABASES



Analysis of databases by

- Database characteristics
- Database content profile
- Quality assurance
- Accessibility
- Database uses

Available online at:

http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/librarypage/ crisis-prevention-and-recovery/loss-and-damage-database/

Global



- Out of 60 national disaster loss and damage databases globally, UNDP has supported the development of **31** databases and more are under development
- Of 57 regional, country and sub-national loss and damage databases, 45 use a common format (DesInventar)
- Globally, most databases hosted by governments

Regional: Disaster databases in Asia

- In Asia, UNDP started supporting pilot implementation in 2002 in Odisha state of India
 - Sri Lanka
 - Nepal
 - Iran
 - Indonesia (more than 10 provinces)
 - India (Orissa, Tamil Nadu and other States)
 - Lao PDR
 - Timor-Leste
 - Cambodia
- Several ongoing databases
 - Vietnam, Myanmar, Philippines, Pakistan and Bhutan
- Database highly configurable to country specific needs







220,000 records First event in **1815** AD **15** countries

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Applications

- GAR 2009, 2011 and 2013
- Extensive and intensive risk analysis
- Disaster risk and poverty analysis
- Poverty monitoring
- Allocation of funds based of levels of risks
- Local disaster management plans



Guiding principles for disaster loss databases

- Developing national capacities
- Establishment of database is guided by institutional and legal context
- Establishing and sustaining nationally led processes to create ownership and relevance
- The database should address the needs and priorities of the country
- Sharing of database and analysis with all stakeholders



Lessons and challenges



- National DRR focal organizations in the region are relatively young (5-10 yrs old)
- Consistency in the definitions of terms and data fields is to be established
- Typically countries capture disaster occurrences and impacts in their national languages which are at times different from their standard English equivalents
- Processes for capturing and validating data need to be streamlined to ensure consistency and quality 14

Partnership with Japan



 UNDP has been collaborating with the International Research Institute of Disaster Science, Tohoku University to promote developing more coherent way of collecting disaster-related damage and loss data and statistics to meet with requirement at the global level, in particular monitoring Post 2015 DRR Framework and SDGs to be adopted in 2015.

Why common minimum standards for disaster data?



- Regional and sub-regional analysis (ASEAN) can be undertaken to better understand the impacts of disasters
- Variety of analyses can be undertaken urban/ rural, gender, ecosystem based, river basin (Mekong river), impact on sectors (agriculture), climatic zones
- Common minimum disaster data standards required given the context of climate change

Data and Information to support research



- Improvements in data collection, compilation, dissemination, analysis tools & methodologies
- Modelling of risks at national and local levels for guiding public investments
- Strengthening risk governance for efficient and effective management and reduction of risks
- Integration of disaster data with development data to derive new insights for development planning

Input to WCDRR:



- Governments should have stronger capacity in disaster statistics and analysis of impact to poor people
- Governments should have stronger capacity for setting loss reduction (SDG/HFA) targets and indicators as well as in monitoring, reporting and analysis
- Government should have increased risk informed public investments in DRR and Development
- Governments should have stronger capacity for preparedness for resilient recovery



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Thank you very much

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