

Communities around the world, especially in Asia, are facing a serious challenge towards establishing sustained progress due to the changing climate pattern. Farmers and pastoralists in Africa who are experiencing delayed rains are coping to bridge the gaps of food insecurity and adapting new ways to recover for the next season. Increasing frequency of flooding in South Asia and hurricanes in Central America are some of the manifestations of climate variability.

Disaster happens when a community with very low capacity cannot cope on their own when a hazard strikes their community. Over the years, disasters have always demonstrated its link to development. Disasters can automatically wipe out years of development efforts. On the one hand, unsustainable development patterns also expose more people and assets to disaster risk.

The Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction (CMDRR) approach builds people's capacities to prevent and mitigate the impact of hazards of communities at risk. This is achieved by enhancing individual survivability and community readiness. Building resilient communities means strengthening the foundation of safety and enhancing disaster risk reduction measures.

This course is jointly designed and organized by IIRR and Rural Reconstruction Nepal (RRN) with special focus on South Asian country participants (i.e. Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Bhutan, Nepal).

### Who should attend?

The course targets senior managers, development planners, facilitators, trainers, resource persons, coaches/mentors to enable them to learn the ways, hows and ways forward in CMDRR. The ideal maximum number of participants is 25.

### Course content

#### Module 1. Concepts, Principles and Practices in CMDRR

This module tackles the link between disaster and development and explains the concept, process and

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approach to CMDRR. It discusses the role of facilitation, clarifying basic conceptual foundations of both content and process. This module also discusses ecosystems and climate change as important considerations in CMDRR.

#### Module 2. Facilitating CMDRR: Methods and Process

This module introduces the participants to the principles and techniques in conducting participatory disaster risk assessment using participatory learning and action (PLA) tools. The disaster risk assessment process follows the disaster risk formula of:

$$\text{Disaster Risk} = \frac{\text{Hazard} \times \text{Vulnerability}}{\text{Capacity}}$$

This module also demonstrates how the results of the participatory disaster risk assessment will be translated to disaster risk reduction plans, tools for monitoring and evaluation and strategies to strengthen community organizations. A guided field practicum allows participants to interact with community leaders and members and demonstrate the use of the various tools.

#### Module 3: Sustaining CMDRR

This module teaches participants how to facilitate documenting and sharing of CMDRR experiences as part of policy advocacy, resource mobilization, networking, monitoring and evaluation, and

organizational learning. The module will also look into South Asian countries (i.e. Nepal, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Bhutan) disaster risk issues, management, strategy, policy and plan framework to deal with disaster mitigation, adaptation, response, rescue, recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction within the climate resilient development planning. Participants understand how to link community organizations with other actors who are active in disaster risk reduction and how to access resources for CMDRR. Participants are provided with various ways to mobilize communities and influence policies supportive of CMDRR.

The module also introduces approaches to integrate DRR in various development programs and plans such as those related to livelihood development, natural resources management, health systems development and education. Integrating DRR in the wider community development programs ensures the sustainability of DRR practice and principles.

#### **Module 4: Action Planning**

Synthesizing and applying lessons from Modules 1 to 3, Module 4 guides the participants in developing an action plan for implementation. The plans, which are based on the realities of the communities and implemented in line with organizational, program or project thrusts, are critiqued by course facilitators and other course participants.

#### **Training Approach and Trainers**

The course uses a participatory training approach. Short lectures are complemented by group exercises, case study analysis, plenary discussions and field visits to communities. The trainers are experienced IIRR professionals led by IIRR Asia's Program Specialist for Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation Wilson Barbon. Professionals from Nepal will also co-facilitate the training program.

#### **When and where**

The course will be held at Hotel Heritage in Bhaktapur Cultural City of Kathmandu Valley, Nepal from 21-30 May 2013 with field visit at RRN's Regional Training

Centre, Chitwan district near the popular Chitwan National Park. Course participants are expected to arrive one day before the start of the course.

#### **Course Fees and Related Terms**

The training fee of 1,750USD covers course fee, meals and coffee breaks, double occupancy accommodation, course-related materials, field and agency visits, and airport transfers. Single room occupancy is available upon request and at extra cost. Fees do not include international airfare, laundry and incidental expenses. Applicants are encouraged to secure financial support from their organizations or donor agencies.

Course participants are expected to arrive one day before the start of the course. IIRR reserves the right to cancel the course one month before its schedule if the required quorum is not met. This will be immediately conveyed to the applicants. Course fees will be refunded in full.

## **COURSE HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Highly participatory methods: simulation exercises, focus group discussions, workshops, role play, video showing, case stories, games, etc.**
- **Participants are active key resource persons, facilitators and learners**
- **Field practicum for hands-on practice of participatory community risk assessment**
- **Action plan**

## **How and when to Apply?**

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Deadline for payment: April 30, 2013

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