



HFA Progress & Challenges Toward a Post-HFA

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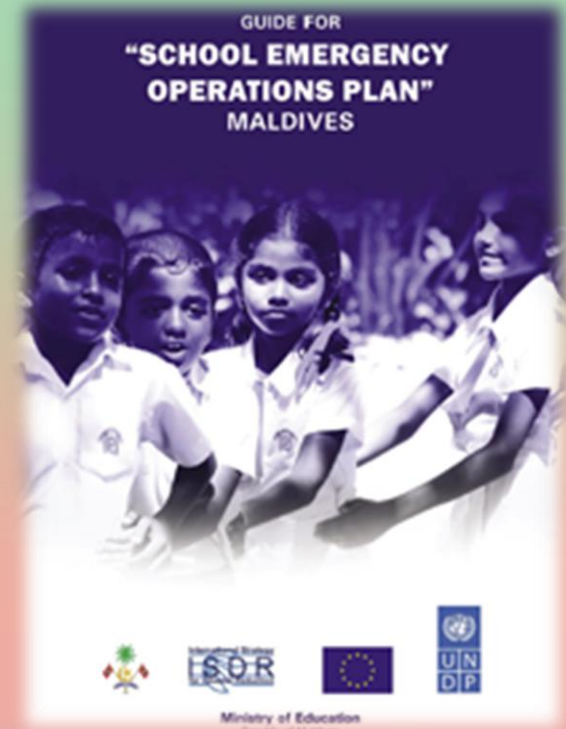
Progress

NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT

- ▶ DM Bill has been submitted to Attorney General's Office
- ▶ A Strategic National Action Plan to integrate DRR and CCA has been endorsed.
- ▶ A multi-sectoral DM working group has been established.
- ▶ Decentralization Act mandates local councils for DM



- ▶ Current existing local level project management tools to develop island level developmental plans are being reviewed to integrate DRR and CCA
- ▶ Horizontal mainstreaming of DRR in some sectors such as Education. School Emergency Operation Plans and Fire Drills conducted in schools.
- ▶ A more holistic CBDRM approach adopted to streamline national and local level CBDRM activities.
- ▶ A public-private partnership program has been initiated on enhancing tourism sector capacity for Disaster preparedness and emergency response



Challenges

- ▶ Lack of DM legal framework
- ▶ Risk assessments not a mandatory for development planning
- ▶ Lack of DRR knowledge among law and policy makers results in isolation of DRR and CCA activities
- ▶ Lack of financial resources to fund and implement DM related activities both at national and local level.





- ▶ Lack of human resources and technical knowledge both at national and local levels
- ▶ No institutionalized mechanism to collect, analyze and utilize proper data on Climate Change related programs or DRR.
- ▶ Poor coordination and communication between stakeholders, and duplication of resources.
- ▶ Lack of DRR sensitive Building code.



Good Practice from the Maldives

- ▶ Tourism is the main economic activity of the country.
- ▶ Government has the responsibility to enhance DM capacity of the tourism
- ▶ Tourism sector has the biggest investments, resources.
- ▶ A public private partnership between resorts and NDMC has been established.
- ▶ NDMC to work with tourists resorts to enhance there DM capacity.
- ▶ Tourists resorts to contribute in-kind to DM capacity building in the country through sponsorship of trainings or equipment.



Good Practice from the Maldives

- ▶ One of the most vulnerable to CC
- ▶ Most Disaster impacts are adverse impacts of climate change
- ▶ Project formulated to enhance DM capacity of the country has a separate component which looks at increasing public awareness on DRR and CCA
- ▶ The target activities are
 - Training of media personnel to broadcast DRR and CCA related information
 - A behavior change campaign through print materials and broadcast media
 - Develop a gender and vulnerable groups and DRR/CCA public awareness module
 - Disseminate DRR and CCA messages, information and knowledge products through public media and social media.



Recommendations for HFA2

- HFA2 could be integrated with Post 2015 Global Development Agenda on Millennium Development Goals
- The accountability framework in HFA2 should make the national government accountable to integrate DRR and CCA into development through setting up of legislation and mechanisms which ensure DRR is built into national and local perspectives
- Risk assessments should be a mandatory element to integrate DRR and CCA into development planning.
- The local level dialogue on DRR and CCA integration needs to be reflected in both CC and DRR international Platforms and a combined effort needs to pave way for a holistic modeling for the future of DRR and CC.



Recommendations for HFA2

- Strategic focus on making HFA2 a driving force for DRR
 - ❑ What incentives and instruments available for governments adhering to the new framework
 - ❑ What follow-up actions and guidance on the national progress could be expected from the HFA secretariat
 - ❑ Clarity on the role of regional bodies and other international technical bodies to guide and uplift nations of slow progress.



Thank You

