



Disaster situation and Disaster Risk Management in Cambodia

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I. Major Natural Hazards

1. Floods:

A. Flash Flood: from one week rainfall in Mountainous region, West + North West of Phnom Penh Capital
- Cases of 1991-2000, 2001, 2006, 2007 → serious impacts on crop production, socio-economic sectors.



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Flash flood pictures 2007 ,3 provinces were impacted
caused by heavy rainfall in north-west part,



B.River Flood:

Every year occurrence of Mekong river flood that affects provinces along Mekong River (6 provinces) and provinces around Tonle Sap Great Lake (6 provinces)

- Big floods occurred in 2000 & 2001 which seriously impacts on socio-economic, crop production and infrastructure across the country.



2. Drought: Occurred every year in a number of districts throughout the country, especially in Eastern, Western and North Western provinces.

- Prolonged drought experiences in 1997, 1998, 2002 and 2004 that seriously impacted on crop production
- A short dry period of 20 to 30 days during the rainy season results to extensive damage of crops

Field assessment of Prime Minister HUN SEN in drought stricken areas (2004)



Fig.5 Cultivation areas damaged by drought in wet season 2004

II-Capacity Building



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1-Cooperation on Training and Simulation Exercise Programs

- ADPC under ECHO fund Provided technical assistant on disaster preparedness plan to the Provincial and District officials through practical training in three provinces.
- Conducted the ASEAN simulation exercises on flood emergency response 2006.
- Pilot program on mainstreaming DRR in to Education sectors are joined activities by NCDM, Ministry of education and Action Aid with technical support by ADPC (2007-2008)
- NCDM itself with the collaboration among NGO partners such as (CWS, LWS,OXFAM, Action Aid, ZOA,CARE, World Vision, Plan International) under ECHO funded have conducting training courses on CBDRM for local authority.
- ADRC-ASEAN Project on capacity building for local authority.

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2-Legal Framework Improvement on Disaster risk Management

1-Establishment the Commune Committee for Disaster Management (2006)

2-Going to finalize and launching the National Strategic Action Plan SNAP (UNISDR-ADPC-OXFAM America) funded by ECHO

3-From the out put of the National workshop in July 2007 especially the recommendations from the Prime Minister, Head of the NCDM, required for improvement and strengthening the capacity at all level on role and responsibility in term of disaster risk reduction. Now disaster law are on going drafted.

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III. Possible Priority Areas for Regional Cooperation

- * NCDM needs regional cooperation to exchange experiences and information in terms of Disaster Risk Reduction
- * NCDM Core Team of Trainers need to have specific training for improving the capacity
- * Needs to improve the National capacity on disaster information and data based management.

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Thank you very much

For your kind attention!