

# BUILDING DISASTER RESILIENT COMMUNITIES – COMMUNITIES CANNOT BE RESILIENT IN ISOLATION

It takes people to support people



## PEACE BOAT Disaster Relief Volunteer Center



### STRATEGIC GOALS

- 1** Strengthen the capability and capacity of community and volunteer organisations through management and coordination of volunteers.
- 2** Strengthen the strategic role of the community and volunteers in all phases of DRR
- 3** Building disaster resilient communities – Communities cannot be resilient in isolation



### STRENGTHEN THE CAPABILITY AND CAPACITY OF COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER ORGANISATIONS THROUGH IMPROVING THE MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF VOLUNTEERS

#### 1.1 Develop and implement systematic training programmes in management, leadership skills and DRR for community members and volunteers

- 1.1.1 Strengthen leadership skills required to effectively coordinate volunteers
- 1.1.2 Build an organisational structure that enables the effective coordination of community members and volunteers
- 1.1.3 Build skills on all levels to ensure the most effective relief possible

#### 1.2 Recognise the importance of accountability towards volunteers

- 1.2.1 Build a system that enables individuals to contribute to their full potential
  - 1.2.1.1 Ensure transparency of the organisation objectives and of the goal and rationale for each activity
  - 1.2.1.2 Ensure transparency of the decision making process and enable volunteers to participate in that process
- 1.2.2 Establish standards to ensure that volunteers and activities do not burden the people we seek to assist
  - 1.2.2.1 Volunteer organisations to establish and follow a code of conduct in line with international standards
  - 1.2.2.2 Volunteers to prepare resources to ensure that they are self-sufficient

#### 1.3 Establish safety as a priority of the organisation

- 1.3.1 Develop a culture and system that assesses risk and puts in place safety standards to ensure the wellbeing of all involved in activities
- 1.3.2 Pre-train volunteers in the safety standards to ensure all participate without injury or illness

#### 1.4 Develop a mechanism to ensure that all motivated individuals can be an active part of a response

- 1.4.1 Build a culture within the community and volunteer organisations to be prepared and ready to accept assistance from volunteers
- 1.4.2 Establish understanding that many response tasks can be fulfilled by those without disaster-specific skills



## STRENGTHEN THE STRATEGIC ROLE OF THE COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEERS IN ALL PHASES OF DRR

### 2.1 Recognise the strategic role of coordinated volunteers, including non-disaster related community groups

- 2.1.1 Ensure all stakeholders recognise volunteer organisations as an equal stakeholder with defined roles in all phases of DRR
- 2.1.2 Leverage community knowledge, resources and networks to deal with disasters
- 2.1.3 Promote multi-stakeholder awareness and engagement to formulate effective plans and roles

### 2.2 Define the responsibility and activities of volunteer organisations in all phases of DRR

- 2.2.1 Volunteer organisations are to clearly define their responsibility, capability and capacity and ensure they maintain the stated level of commitment
- 2.2.2 Gain commitment from all stakeholders to provide the necessary resources and funds to strengthen and maintain a strong volunteer sector

### 2.3 Establish pre-determined roles for community members and volunteers

- 2.3.1 Establish pre-determined roles to ensure the most effective deployment of resources
- 2.3.2 Build and strengthen pre-arranged agreements to receive emergency supplies and equipment used in response activities



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### 3.1 Resiliency of communities can be strengthened through ensuring that communities help communities

- 3.1.1 During non-emergency phases, communities to foster an awareness of the need for cross-community, multi-stakeholder co-operation in both DRR and disaster response, and take steps to establish formal and informal links of cooperation with other communities
- 3.1.2 Each community to work on their own DRR plan as well as preparedness to provide response for other communities in times of emergency
- 3.1.3 Build a system to aid in the flow of resources between communities
- 3.1.4 Build a culture and infrastructure that strengthens the ability to accept and work with volunteers coming from outside the community in times of emergency

### 3.2 Encourage and enable the whole community, including those most vulnerable, to participate in all phases of DRR

- 3.2.1 Strengthen leadership skills to actively increase inclusion and participation of the whole community
- 3.2.2 Develop a method for individual community members to increasingly participate in volunteer activities
- 3.2.3 Encourage existing community groups to participate in the DRR process and as volunteers in a response
- 3.2.4 People, community groups and volunteers to take steps to anticipate disasters and reduce the vulnerabilities that they and the community face.

#### PEACE BOAT "ACTION POINTS"

1. Work towards developing "How to make YOUR community more resilient – a handbook for community members" inspired by the UN "How to make cities more resilient – A handbook for local government leaders"
2. Develop and implement a training programme for community members and volunteers that gives them the skills to strategically manage and coordinate their communities and design their own Disaster Risk Reduction Plan (DRRP) and Disaster Response Plan (DRP)
3. Bring community and volunteer groups together to facilitate better understanding and cooperation in DRR, through networking, exchange programmes, conferences etc.
4. Build a resource pool to enable a quick pre-planned response in time of need

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