

Facilitating Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction Course (CMDRR)



Over 40% of the population in the horn of Africa lives in drought prone arid and semi arid areas. Other widespread challenges in the continent such as; floods, conflict, HIVAIDS, disease epidemics, and environmental degradation continue to impoverish the different communities.

Your frustration

The continuous destruction of the economy and the gains realized from many years of development work due to drought, conflicts, floods and other hazards.

IIRR in collaboration with CORDAID has documented good community practices on coping with drought and has developed several resources including a toolkit, that are proving to be very useful to the organizations working in the drought prone areas. In 2008, IIRR and Cordaid developed a trainer's manual on CMDRR which is the guide for the popular CMDRR course. IIRR is providing capacity building support in DRR to Cordaid partners. This gives us the realities which we share with our course participants. It has also provided

CMDRR support to other development organizations region such as UNOCHA, Oxfam International, Save the Children, World Vision, FAO among others. The CMDRR course addresses the need of enabling communities to increase their capacity to reduce risk and vulnerability and to build resilience to withstand and cope with the impact of hazards..

In this course, you will learn...

- To apply the philosophy, concepts and principles of community managed disaster risk reduction
- To analyze various disaster risk reduction frameworks and models with special focus on common hazards in the horn of Africa.
- To identify and analyze different types of hazards and examine community managed approaches to reduce disaster risks
- Facilitate the process of participatory risk analysis and assess the impact of major hazards like drought, floods, disease epidemics, conflict, HIV/AIDS and other common hazards.

- Apply the community planning process in the context of disaster risk reduction efforts and adapt participatory tools for doing so.
- Develop an action plan to support community managed disaster risk reduction efforts taking into consideration the major hazards in the region

Highlights of the workshop

- Completed simulated community disaster risk assessment to deal with specific hazards
- Undertake field practicum in a local community
- Sharing experiences with other managers from the region

Who should attend?

The course targets key staff of development, relief and Government departments that need to sharpen their skills in facilitating communities and organizations to mainstream disaster risk reduction into ongoing development strategies and programs.

Venue and dates

IIRR offers the CMDRR course twice a year.

VENUE	DATE
ETHIOPIA	11 MAY – 22 MAY 2009
UGANDA	19 SEP – 30 SEP 2009

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