

## TRAINING SCHEDULE

September 5 – 16, 2011

### Participatory Learning and Action: A Course for Senior Managers and Facilitators

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. Indeed climate change is happening and felt by communities. If the capacities of communities are limited, the risk is not reduced and they are not able to cope, the impact of the disaster is intensified. Therefore, an approach that would safeguard the accumulated years of development gains is relevant. Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction (CMDRR) is an approach that shows the relationship between disaster and development and offers solutions.

CMDRR refers to building people's capacity to prevent and mitigate the impact of hazards and reduce the degree of vulnerability of communities at risk through increased individual survivability and community readiness. Building resilient communities therefore means strengthening the foundation of safety and also enhancing disaster risk reduction measures to fully attain resilience against any impending hazards. Disaster solely happens when the foundation of safety is weak and disaster risk reduction measures are not in place.

### Course content

This course is designed for senior managers and facilitators to learn the CMDRR framework which establishes the relationship between disaster and development.



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

This module tackles the link between disaster and development and explains the concept, process and approach to CMDRR. It discusses the role of facilitation, clarifying basic conceptual foundations of both content and process.

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

This module introduces participants to the principles and techniques of conducting disaster risk assessment premised on the following disaster risk formula:

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

It discusses the key principles and practical steps in undertaking hazard, vulnerability and capacity assessment in order to come up with a disaster risk assessment. It concludes with the other key considerations in disaster risk assessment, namely perception of risk and gender.

Employing a guided field practicum approach, this module equips participants with the tools and methodologies to facilitate communities to assess and plan for CMDRR. It also equips participants with the skills as well as appropriate methods and tools to facilitate communities to design and conduct self-monitoring and evaluation and learning activities.

### Module 3: Sustaining CMDRR

This module teaches how to facilitate documenting and sharing of CMDRR experiences as part of policy advocacy, resource mobilization, networking, monitoring and evaluation and organizational learning. Participants enhance their understanding on ways to link community organizations with other potential actors active in disaster risk reduction and to access resources for CMDRR. Participants are provided with various ways of mobilizing communities towards influencing policies supportive of CMDRR. The module engages them in clarifying the concepts and use of self-sustainability assessment and action framework, and the integration of these in the CMDRR process.

### Module 4: Action Planning

Synthesizing and applying lessons from Modules 1 and 2, this module guides the participants in developing an action plan for implementation. The

plan, which is based on the realities of the community and implemented in line with organizational, program or project thrusts, is critiqued by course facilitators and other course participants.

### Who should attend?

The course targets key staff (senior managers and facilitators) of local and international NGOs, and state departments to increase their capacities and skills in facilitating community managed disaster risk reduction.

### When and where?

From September 5-16, the two-week course will be held at the James Yen Center of IIRR in Cavite, Philippines. IIRR is an ideal environment for learning and reflection. Courses are held in the 50-hectare IIRR campus which is about an hour's drive from Manila. Facilities include air-conditioned training rooms, open-air centers for outdoor sessions, a dining hall, and participants' hostel and dormitories. It also has recreational facilities and nature trails. Course participants are expected to arrive one day before the start of the course.

### Course fees

The course fee of US\$2,500 covers training costs, course-related local travel, materials, meals and shared double room (with electric fan) accommodation. Other room options are also available with additional charges per day of stay:

- single room with electric fan - additional US\$10
- single room with aircon - additional \$24
- shared double room with aircon - additional \$12

The course fee does not include international airfare, laundry and incidental expenses (a minimum pocket allowance of US\$100 per week is suggested for incidental and personal expenses). Applicants are encouraged to secure financial support from their organizations or donor agencies. Special discounts can be arranged for senior Philippine government officials involved in managing or coordinating disaster councils.

## COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

- Highly participatory methods (simulation exercises, focus group discussion, workshops, role play, video showing, case stories, games, field practicum, etc.)
- Participants as active key resource persons, facilitators and learners
- Field practicum for hands-on practice of participatory community risk assessment
- Action plan of participants

## How and when to Apply?

Application forms can be downloaded from the IIRR website [www.iirr.org](http://www.iirr.org) or sent by email. We encourage early registration to ensure your reservations for this course. For further inquiries please contact:

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