





Training Workshop on Coastal Community Resilience (CCR) in Sri Lanka

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CCR Training Workshop Concept Note

1. Background

Coastal communities in Sri Lanka and around the world, large and small, are becoming increasingly vulnerable to a wide range of coastal hazards including severe storm events, tsunamis, shoreline erosion, and coastal resource degradation. Increased vulnerability is partly due to the constantly increasing coastal population. An estimated 23 percent of the world's population (1.2 billion people) and more than 50 percent of the Indian Ocean region's population lives within 100 kilometers of shoreline and 100 meters of sea level. Most of the coastal population lives in rural areas and in small to medium cities, where basic services and disaster warning and response mechanisms are limited. Population density coupled with increasing frequency and duration of storms, sea level rise, and other coastal hazards cause the impacts of disasters to be more severe and recovery to be slower and less sustainable.

While many coastal hazards are beyond the community's capacity to control them, proactive measures can be taken to reduce vulnerability and provide the enabling conditions for communities to absorb and bounce back from disruptions in basic services and economic activity. "Resilient coastal communities" understand coastal hazards, take deliberate and coordinated actions to reduce vulnerability, and have appropriate and practiced contingency plans to respond to disaster events.

2. What is the CCR initiative?

The Coastal Community Resilience (CCR) is a focused initiative that promotes tsunami and other hazard readiness through the active collaboration of national and local emergency management agencies, coastal managers, training institutions, and local communities. Building on local knowledge and needs, this effort supports integrated and more standardized hazard awareness and mitigation efforts that improve public safety during emergencies and builds preparedness against recurring disasters.

CCR provides a holistic framework to address the increasing risks from coastal hazards and vulnerable communities living in coastal areas. Several elements of coastal community resilience have emerged as the basis for integrating disaster management, coastal management, and community development paradigms into an operational framework for increasing resilience. The CCR system was developed in collaboration with international, regional, and national partners throughout the Indian Ocean region committed to reducing risks to coastal hazards and saving lives.

3. Benefits of the CCR implementation in Sri Lanka

Through a coordinated approach CCR implementation in Sri Lanka can set a process and demonstration project that would aims to:

- Create minimum standards for communities to adopt in order to become more resilient to tsunamis and other coastal hazards;
- Increase public awareness, understanding, and preparedness for tsunamis and other coastal hazards;
- · Recognize communities and programs that are adopting CCR guidelines; and
- Promote community development and sustainable livelihoods for increased resilience to unexpected socio-economic, ecological, and governance challenges.

4. Implementation plan of CCR initiative in Sri Lanka

Keeping these issues in mind, under the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) funded and ADPC facilitated "Regional Tsunami Trust Fund phase II program", ADPC has foreseen and incorporated the Coastal Community Resilience program implementation initiative in Sri Lanka.

Since 2006, the CCR initiative has evolved in Sri Lanka. Earlier under the USAID supported Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning System (IOTWS) program the CCR initiative has been initiated and in close collaboration with the Disaster Management Center (DMC) Sri Lanka and other national and international agencies operating in Sri Lanka has agreed to participate in the program and collaborated with great enthusiasm to build capacity for coastal resilience of agencies and professionals working in the coastal areas of Sri Lanka. After the transition of US IOTWS program, ADPC with funding arrangement from UNESCAP has evolved CCR initiative again under the "Regional Tsunami Trust Fund – phase-II (RTTF2)" program.

Under the RTTF2 supported CCR initiative, ADPC has taken a step further and planned to carry out the implementation initiative in three countries including: Sri Lanka, Maldives and Myanmar. In Sri Lanka, ADPC CCR team plan to build on the existing network and CCR partner agencies.

In this perspective, ADPC team has made am initial scoping mission where the team met with existing CCR partners and informed about the recent developments from their account on the coastal resilience. In this trip commitment receive from various agencies for further need and need for collaboration for the implementation of community resilience program in Sri Lanka. Subsequently, ADPC has come up with a work-plan to implement CCR initiative in Sri Lanka with active partnership with Disaster Management Center (DMC). Coastal Conservation Department (CCD) will also be collaborated with for bringing coastal issues on-board.

5. Selection of pilot sites

The coastal community resilience implementation initiative in Sri Lanka is planning to work on two pilot sites. The initial selection of the pilot sites will be done in close consultation with Disaster Management Center of Sri Lanka and brief profile of these two sites are planned to be shared in the workshop to receive more inputs from the workshop participants and develop a collaboration for implementation. As per initial suggestions, two villages will be selected from the Southern part of Sri Lanka.

6. "Coastal Community Resilience Workshop and Working Group Training"

In this respect, the Coastal Community Resilience implementation initiative in Sri Lanka would start with a workshop and will be organized with active collaboration with DMC. The title of the workshop is "Coastal Community Resilience Workshop and Working Group Training" in Sri Lanka. This is planned to be held on 19 September, 2008 (Friday) at Renuka Hotel, Colombo.

Objectives: The objectives of the training workshop are as follows:

- Share the recent "essential elements" of community resilience in the Sri Lanka
- Introduction to the "CCR framework and Tools" and present the work-plan (ADPC expert)
- Share the "agency experiences and activities (projects, programs and initiative)" that each
 agency play in the coastal zone of Sri Lanka (these will be through the agency
 presentations)
- Finalize the selection of the two pilot sites for developing CCR implementation initiative
- Formation of the site working groups an train them on the CCR issues
- Plan a CCR assessment in the selected community
- Discussion and generate dialogue on the disaster risk reduction options (open participation)
- Any other related issues

The workshop will be funded by the UNESCAP Regional Tsunami Trust Fund (phase – II) project and will be implemented by ADPC with technical cooperation from DMC, Sri Lanka as a national partner.

A tentative workshop and working group training agenda is outlined below:

Session	Timing	Activities
Session-1	9:00 – 10:30	 Opening ceremony Traditional Oil Lamp and opening remarks (DMC, ADPC) Overview of CCR and CCR initiative in the region (ADPC) DMC presentation on community resilience building work of government in Sri Lanka (DG, DMC with his permission)
		<u>Tea break</u>
	10:30 – 11:00	 Pilot site overview and selection Brief overview of site -1 (DMC district coordinator)
	11:00 – 12: 30	 Brief overview of site -2 (DMC district coordinator/CCD) Perspectives on resilience (from participants facilitated by ADPC)
	12:30 – 1:30	Lunch break
Session-2	1:30 – 3:30	 Introduction to the elements Element 1: Governance (Ministry of Disaster Management) Element 2: Society and economy (IUCN) Element 3: Coastal Resource Management (CRMP/CCD) Element 4: Land use and structure (NBRO) Element 5: Risk Knowledge and public education (DMC training unit/SLRC/ADPC) Element 6: Early Warning and Evacuation (DMC) Element 7: Disaster Response (ICS-DMC) Element 8: Disaster Recovery (SLRC/NDRSC)
Session-3	3:30 - 4:30	 Training on CCR Assessment: Overview on the assessment tools (ADPC) Brainstorm on local "checklist development" (with the participants) Overview on the "scoring" (ADPC) Workout on the scoring (with the participants)
Session-4	4:30 - 5:00	 Planning session: Identify risk reduction option and prioritize at national level (with the participants) Develop an "action-plan sheet" for assessment and implementation (with the site teams) Closing remarks

6. Participants: This will be finalized by DMC

Total participants for the training workshop could be around **25-30** in following manner.

- Local professional/representative from two sites= 10
- Agency representatives from Govt. and NGOs = 10
- Professionals from DMC (and others nominated by DMC from the field) = 5
- Organizing team and instructors = 5.

7. Further queries:

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