

## Way Forward

The DMTC would need support in the following areas:

- Human resource and institutional capacity development
- Infrastructure development
- Development of Curriculum and procurement of Teaching Aids
- Networking and partnership with International and Regional Training Institutes and Centers

## Support

The Capacity Development in Disaster Management initiative in Myanmar, including the establishment of the DMTC, is currently being supported by a range of agencies and donors, including the inter-agency Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (DRRWG), USAID, JICA, Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB).



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## Disaster Management Training Centre

### Myanmar and Disasters

Myanmar is exposed to multiple hazards, inter alia, floods, earthquakes, fires, cyclones, droughts, tsunami and a high degree of physical, social, economic and environmental vulnerability.

In recent years a series of major disasters have impacted the country;

- Indian Ocean Tsunami in 2004
- Landslides in the mountainous region in 2005
- Cyclone Mala in 2006
- Cyclone Nargis in 2008
- Cyclone Giri in 2010
- Tarlay Earthquake in 2011
- Floods in 2011 and 2012 and
- Thabeikkyin Earthquake in 2012

### Capacity Development in Disaster Management

Myanmar needs a sustainable system for capacity development in various thematic areas of disaster management while addressing the local context. While there is a clear need to develop human and institutional resources at the national level, knowledge and expertise need to percolate through experts based in the States and Regions of Myanmar and enable local gov-



ernments and communities to be better prepared. The Disaster Management Training Centre (DMTC) would lay the foundations of a countrywide capacity development program in disaster management.

## Framework for Capacity Development

Myanmar is one of the 168 countries that have endorsed the Hyogo Framework for Action, 2005-2015. Myanmar is a signatory to the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER), the first legally binding HFA-related instrument providing a regional framework for cooperation, coordination, technical assistance,



and resource mobilization in all aspects of disaster management and it is also part of other regional mechanism such as BIMSTEC in the area of Disaster Management .

In order to meet the regional and international commitments on Disaster Risk Reduction, the Relief and Resettlement Department (National Focal Point) under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement has developed the Myanmar Action Plan on Disaster Risk Reduction (MAPDRR), in 2012, with the goal 'to make Myanmar Safer and more Resilient against Natural Hazards, thus Protecting Lives, Livelihood and Developmental Gains'.

## Establishment of the DMTC

MAPDRR has identified 'Establishment of Disaster Management Training Centre' as a priority to provide technical support on Disaster Management to Ministries, Departments and other institutions at Region/State and lower administrative levels. This would build upon the existing pool of experts within the Relief and Resettlement De-



partment and the existing Disaster Management Course, which has supported capacity development of officials from Government Departments and Social Organizations, since 1977.

In addition to its training functions, the following roles have been identified for DMTC:

- Act as the technical advisory body to Sub-Committees of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee
- Collaborate with similar institutions in ASEAN and other countries for research and development
- The Government has sanctioned establishment of DMTC in Hinthada Township in Ayeyarwaddy Region, following a three-year plan, in 2012. Under Phase 1 (2013-2014) construction is underway for three of the main buildings of DMTC



In July 2013, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement organized a workshop on 'Developing Capacity Building Strategy through the Establishment of Disaster Management Training Centre', at Nay Pyi Taw with the support from Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (DRR WG). The workshop was successful in putting together a set of recommendations on the establishment of DMTC and bridging with donors and experts from various national disaster management training and academic institutes of global repute.

The Government announced the following objectives for the DMTC at the workshop:

- Upgrade the capacity of people implementing disaster management activities
- Develop a core group of disaster management instructors and experts
- Conduct duplicate (multiplier) training courses
- Conduct disaster management research
- Increase public's awareness on the importance of disaster management
- Upgrade as an International Disaster Management Institute in the future