

Experiences on integrating DRR and Health: Mongolia

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Priorities and opportunities for supporting COVID-19 response

Priorities & opportunities

- **Legislation and Strategy**
 - Amendments for the Law on Disaster Protection (amendments in 2020)
 - Temporary Law on COVID-19 prevention, combat and mitigation of its social-economic impacts (April 30, 2020-July 1, 2021)
 - National med-term Strategy on Implementation of Sendai Framework in Mongolia 2017-2030 (Gov # 355, 2017)
- **Planning and Coordination**
 - National Disaster Protection Plan (Gov # 416, 2016) – all types of disasters, multi-stakeholders' roles
 - Local Disaster Protection Plans (updated all 21 provinces and the Capital city 2017-2020)
 - Novel Coronavirus Pandemic Prevention and Response Strategy and Plans (DPM March, 2020),
 - COVID-19 Response Plan of the State Disaster Protection Health Service (Joint DPM & Minister of Health, Nov 04, 2020)
- **Human and Health Facility Resources**
 - Strengthen capacities of occupational health and safety of personnel at all levels by planning and training
 - Preparation of health facilities and beds for COVID-19
- **Risk communication**
 - Risk assessment, surveillance, warning and information

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Big challenges faced

- **Broad plans at all level.** They needed to be detailed
 - Human Infections Disease Plan which is a part of Disaster Protection Plans at all levels
 - State and local disaster protection health service plans
 - Sector Disaster Protection Plan
- **Limited DRR and health service capacities**
 - Necessary to train DRR personnel and stakeholders, and health workers
 - Health facilities and isolated places
- **Uncertainties**
 - COVID-19 situation
 - Social and economic impacts, livelihood
 - Some Government decisions (quarantines, close/open borders ...)
- **Double hazards**
 - Floods, Fires during COVID-19
 - Winter situation (extreme cold and much snow) during COVID-19

Good practices and examples of DRR integration into health

Good practices

- **Legal and policy framework**
 - Temporary law Covid-19, Amendments for Disaster Protection Law, Updated COVID-19 response plan
- **State and Local Emergency Commission (SEC) activities**
 - Structure, Operation Center of SEC
- **National Drill Exercise – COVID-19 (May 6-8, 2020)**
- **Rapid risk assessments** with multi-stakeholder participation – 21 times, Jan 06, 2020 - Jan31, 2021
 - Risk informed /based decisions
- **Information and data management**, assessable for the public
 - Data collection (Guidelines & Registration Forms for Disaster and Incidents)
 - Dissemination information
- **“1 Door and 1 Test”** surveillance campaign in some registered provinces and the Capital city
- **“Let’s wear a face mask”** nationwide campaign

Lessons learned – COVID-19

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- State and local disaster protection health plans - Integrated contingency plan
- Trainings (drill exercise, table exercise)
- Early warning and Information – integrated information system/information sharing system
- Prevention double hazards
- COVID-19 Alert levels in Mongolia

Level	Everyday readiness level	High-alert readiness level		All-out readiness level
Alert	I	II	III	IV
	Zero cases	Imported/sporadic cases	Clusters of outbreaks	Community transmission

Thank you for your attention!

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