INTEGRATE EVACUATION AND RELOCATION INTO DRM STRATEGY IN VIETNAM

Regional Workshop on disaster and climate change-induced displacement

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OUTLINE

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. INTEGRATION OF EVACUATION/RELOCATION INTO DRM STRATEGY
DISASTERS IN VIETNAM

- Vietnam is one of the most hazard-prone countries in the Asia-Pacific Region. With the coastline of 3,300 km, the country is exposed to hydro-meteorological hazards such as storms, floods, landslides, drought, water intrusion and coastal erosion.

- Vietnam is ranked among the five countries likely to be most affected by climate change.

- Vietnam experienced 22++ types of disaster.

- 70% of the country population live in coastal communities with high exposure to storms and flooding, which climate change is intensifying.

- Over the past 20 years, disasters caused 500 deaths and missing persons per year, and an economic loss to the GDP is about 1±1.5%.

![Graph showing annual economic losses and number of dead and missing in Vietnam from 1990 to 2020.](image_url)
INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND POLICIES FOR DRM

Global Legal Basis

• The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030
• The ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response

Legal Basis for DRM in Vietnam

• The Law on Disaster Prevention and Control 2020
  • National Strategy on DRM to 2030, vision to 2050
  • Circular guiding the development of DRM Plan at the sub-national levels

Evacuation and Relocation have been integrated
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Law on Natural Disaster Prevention and Control 2020

- DRM Infrastructure:
  + Multi-purpose center for evacuation and daily activities
  + Construction of new school, health station, worship house, office building should consider the evacuation needs of the localities
  + Measures for disaster response: Evacuation is the top priority action responding to major typhoon, flood and landslide

- Human resources for evacuation: Army force and public security is the backboned human resources for evacuation

- DRM Plan at sub-national levels (province, district, commune) have included the evacuation plan
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National Strategy on Disaster Prevention and Response to 2030 – vision to 2050

- Tasks and Solutions: To ensure people safety, the following solutions should be taken:
  - Relocating residents in the disaster prone areas
  - Install the early warning system for timely evacuation;
  - Construct critical infrastructure combining the evacuation needs.
Some characteristics of this relocation plan:

• mostly internal/ intra-province

• in favor of interlaced relocation to concentrated relocation target: 121,290 households are relocated between 2021-2030 (47,159 households in disasters prone areas between 2021-2025)

• Following the Prime Minister’s decisions, some provinces have issued relevant plans and guidelines for implementing the decision in their respective areas.
CHALLENGES

• Collecting data and evidence linking natural disaster and displacement
• Vocational training related issues
• Access to finance for newcomers
• Other bureaucratic issues: slow fund disbursement, no integration with other national target programs.
Thank you very much

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