Webinar on Resilience of local governments: A multi-sectoral approach to integrate public health and disaster risk management

1,152 participants from 121 countries and territories participated in the UNDRR ONEA & GETI webinar “Resilience of local government: A multi-sectoral approach to integrate public health and disaster risk management,” organized in partnership with WHO as part of the UNDRR COVID-19 webinar series on 7 April 2020. The webinar introduced the Public Health System Resilience Addendum of the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities, a flagship tool provided by the Making Cities Resilient Campaign, and how it supports an engagement of multi-sectoral stakeholders in planning for disaster risk reduction including public health emergencies.

See the presentations and recording online: https://www.undrr.org/event/undrr-geti-and-who-webinar-resilience-local-governments-multi-sectoral-approach-integrate

Online Training on Making Cities Resilient: Strengthening disaster resilience planning at the local level

On 8 May 2020, UNDRR ONEA & GETI provided an online training session on “Making Cities Resilient: Strengthening disaster resilience planning at the local level” for SungKyunKwan University, Republic of Korea. The training was delivered as part of the Master’s Programme of the SKKU Graduate School of Governance, a collaboration with UNDRR ONEA & GETI over the last four years. This year, the training welcomed seven students from seven countries in Africa and Asia who were trained on disaster risk reduction, the localization of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, and the use of Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities for local resilience and risk reduction planning.

Dobong-gu District Office in Seoul has begun full-scale MCR campaign activities

Dobong-gu Seoul Metropolitan Government, which joined the Making Cities Resilient Campaign in 2017, has begun undertaking activities in pursuit of becoming a role model city for local disaster risk reduction. At a consultation on 8 May, 13 officials representing local government, the fire department and water works deepened their understanding of the MCR Campaign, its goal, essentials for resilient cities and tools. On the occasion, Dobong-gu District Office Mayor Lee Dong-jin said: “Dobong-gu District Office officials are encouraged to carry out their work with global goals such as the 17 SDGs while working, and in particular for the disaster safety of citizens, they are encouraged to pursue their work while promoting the essentials of the UNDRR Making Cities Resilient campaign.

Webinar on Applying the principles of resilience building and DRR for the unexpected

The webinar on “Applying the principles of resilience building and DRR for the unexpected” jointly organized by UNDRR GETI and ICLEI as part of the UNDRR COVID-19 webinar series on 13 May 2020 brought together over 242 participants from 59 countries and territories. The webinar highlighted the frontline experience of Australian cities (Cairns, West Torrens and east Gippsland Shire) in dealing with multiple disaster risks from wildfires, flooding and the COVID-19 pandemic. The speakers highlighted the importance of incorporating risk reduction and resilience lens in scenario planning for the direct, indirect and cascading impacts and their agility to respond to the unexpected.

See the presentations and recording online: https://www.undrr.org/event/undrr-geti-iclei-webinar-applying-principles-resilience-building-and-ddr-unexpected

Online Workshop on Resilience of local governments: A multi-sectoral approach to integrate public health and disaster risk management

Responding to the overwhelming interest in the webinar “Resilience of local governments: A multi-sectoral approach to integrate public health and disaster risk management” organized on 7 April 2020, UNDRR GETI developed and launched a 4-week long online workshop under the same name. The workshop focused on the application of the Public Health System Resilience Addendum of the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities for resilience planning that integrates public health issues. Running from 19 May 2020 to 11 June 2020, the workshop was organized in collaboration with Baylor University and Peter Williams Solutions LLC with participation of 117 participants from 56 countries.

Online Training on the Use of Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities for Disaster Resilience Planning for Ministry of Health, Republic of Suriname

The online training on the Use of Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities for Disaster Resilience Planning was organized exclusively for the Ministry of Health, Republic of Suriname on 20 May 2020 as a supplement training to a four-week long workshop on "Resilience of local government: A multi-sectoral approach to integrate public health and disaster risk management". The training provided a contextual background on the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities, one of the flagship tools of the Making Cities Resilient Campaign, its use for local resilience planning, and the linkage with the Public Health Scorecard Addendum. A team of 11 public health officers and affiliates of the Ministry of Health attended the training and subsequently completed the public health scorecard addendum assessment for Suriname.


This joint UNDRR GETI, WHO and Global Policy House webinar shared how technology is supporting the COVID-19 response and will support recovery. Early lessons have shown the need for a new public health data architecture, highlighted Dr. Oliver Morgan, WHO Director of the Health Emergency Information and Risk Assessment Department. Mr. Dae Joong Lee, Director of Development Finance Division, Ministry of Economy and Finance shared the power of ICT to support testing, treating, tracing and keep the public informed. He also shared plans for a three-phase Korean New Deal: digital infrastructure, remote business, and improving system (SOC) standards of digital technology. Highlighting the cross-sectoral challenges posed by the pandemic, Ms. Michelle Chivunga, Founder, CEO & Investor of the Global Policy House UK, shared how data driven solutions and emerging technologies like blockchain are part of a resilient world. Global examples of how blockchain has supported testing, patient registration and monitoring, pharmaceutical supply chains and insurance were shared, as well as how blockchain supports other government services. 275 government and multi-stakeholder participants from 65 countries attended, while post-webinar outreach has reached thousands.

See the presentations and recording online: [https://www.undrr.org/event/undrr-geti-iclei-webinar-applying-principles-resilience-building-and-drr-unexpected](https://www.undrr.org/event/undrr-geti-iclei-webinar-applying-principles-resilience-building-and-drr-unexpected)
Upcoming UNDRR ONEA & GETI Training & Events:

Webinar:

8 July 2020 (Wed) - 07:30 Panama | 08:30 New York | 14:30 Geneva | 19:30 Bangkok | 21:30 Korea

9 July 2020 (Thu) - 14:00 Geneva | 19:00 Bangkok | 21:00 Korea
UNDRR GETI, WHO & IPU Webinar - Building back better: Lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic to enhance the role of parliaments in reducing risks of disasters

Online Training:

16 June - 9 July 2020 (4 weeks)
Online Workshop on Urban Risk-Informed Planning and Making Cities Resilient: Towards the development and implementation of local disaster risk reduction strategy
Organizers: UNDRR GETI and Banco Regional de Desenvolvimento do Extremo Sul (BRDE)
For more information: https://www.undrr.org/event/online-workshop-urban-risk-informed-planning-and-making-cities-resilient-towards-development

1 July-20 December 2020 (25 weeks)
Curso a Distancia en Reducción del Riesgo de Desastres y Desarrollo Local Sostenible
Organizers: UNDRR GETI and ILO/ITC
For more information: https://www.undrr.org/event/undrr-geti-ilo/itc-curso-distancia-en-reduccion-de-riesgo-de-desastres-y-desarrollo-local

27 July-16 October 2020 (12 weeks)
Making cities resilient: Developing local disaster risk reduction and resilience strategies (English and Spanish)
Organizers: UNDRR GETI and UNITAR

Citizen's Coalition for Safety (CCS) instructors of Daegu and Gyeongbuk Province train as Korean School Safety Programme trainers
UNDRR ONEA & GETI, in cooperation with the Citizens' Coalition for Safety (CCS), provided training for trainers in June on the Korean School Safety Programme for 37 CCS instructors based in Daegu and Gyeongbuk Province. The trained CCS instructors will become trainers of the Programme at 97 elementary schools participating in the "2020 Children's Disaster and Safety Training" administered by the Republic of Korea. 202 CCS instructors have been trained in 12 regions across the country so far, and the training of trainers will continue to cover all regions. "I'm surprised that there was such a good programme, and I'll teach many students about disaster risk reduction," said one participating Daegu instructor.
17 August - 22 September 2020 (6 weeks)
Advancing Government Innovation and Leveraging Frontier Technologies for Disaster Risk Reduction and Building Resilience
Organizers: UNDRR GETI and UNDESA/UNPOG

September - October 2020 (7 weeks)
Reducing Risk to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals: Understanding the Sendai Framework and risk-informed development planning
Organizer: UNDRR GETI

14 September-4 December 2020 (12 weeks)
Making Cities Resilient: Developing local disaster risk reduction and resilience strategies (English and Spanish)
Organizers: UNDRR GETI and UNITAR

For more information on upcoming UNDRR ONEA & GETI Training and Events, please visit:
https://www.undrr.org/about-undrr-where-we-work/incheon#CalendarofEvents

Useful Resources:

- Cities are on the front lines of COVID-19

- Cities for a Resilient Recovery
  https://www.resilientcitiesnetwork.org/

- Cities for Global Health: Collective responses to global health emergencies
  https://www.citiesforglobalhealth.org/

- Sign up for Verified
  a United Nations initiative to encourage all to check the COVID-19 advice we share
  https://shareverified.com/en

Resources from the Republic of Korea

- Korea’s Response to COVID-19
  http://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_22591/list.do

- Republic of Korea COVID-19 experience sharing webinar videos

- Tackling COVID-19

- Flattening the Curve on COVID-19

- Testing Time for Resilience

- Safeguarding Economic Resilience
Resources for Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

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- Past UNDRR COVID-19 webinars - see each event for recordings and/or presentations:
  https://www.undrr.org/drr-and-covid-19/webinars#pastevents

- UNDRR: DRR and COVID-19 resources

**PreventionWeb**

- COLLECTION: Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic
  https://www.preventionweb.net/collections/coronavirus19

**WHO (World Health Organization)**

- Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak
  https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019

- Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) advice for the public

- Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) training: Online training
  https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/training/online-training

- Strategic preparedness and response plan for the new coronavirus (WHO, 2020)