

# Working with... Parliamentarians



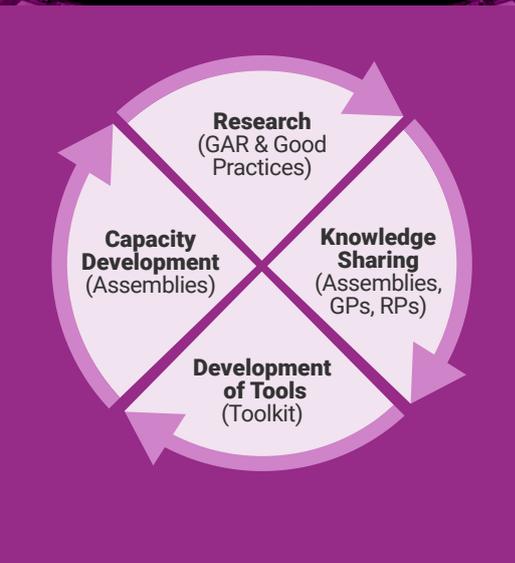
## Why?

Through their legislative, oversight and budgetary roles, Parliamentarians can play a key role in contributing to the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) at national level. The Sendai Framework explicitly calls for Parliamentary action by developing new or amending legislation, setting budget allocations and holding governments accountable for their actions to reduce disaster risks and protect their populations.<sup>1</sup> As the representatives of the people, they have the responsibility to voice and mobilize the participation of all sectors of society and the power to play a bridge-building role between the government, private sector, civil society and constituents in the implementation of the Sendai Framework.

## What and How

UNDRR catalyses Parliamentary engagement in the implementation of the Sendai Framework in alignment with the UNDRR Strategic Framework 2016-21, UNDRR Work Programme 2020-21 and the UNDRR Partnership and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy.

To prevent new and reduce existing disaster risk and build resilience through legislative action, UNDRR works with Parliamentarians and partners to advocate for legislative action, conduct **research**, engage in **knowledge sharing**, **develop tools** to provide normative guidance, and **capacity development**. These four areas of engagement are mutually reinforcing and form a feedback loop. Monitoring and reporting captures the impact of the strategy through the UNDRR Annual Report, the Secretary-General's Report and via various UNDRR managed platforms and information dissemination channels including the UNDRR Website, PreventionWeb, and UNDRR social media accounts.



<sup>1</sup> Sendai Framework Paragraphs 27 (e), (i), (h); 48 (h)

UNDRR's new strategy for 2020-2021 outlines our work through the following three Action Areas:

**Action Area 1:** Development of disaster risk reduction laws and legal frameworks at the regional and national levels.

- a. Engagement with IFRC through the Risk Informed Early Action Partnership (REAP) initiative to support Parliamentarians in knowledge building.
- b. Dissemination of conducted research and gathered knowledge through engagement with IPU, The European Parliament, and other regional entities. UNDRR-led knowledge sharing mechanisms for supporting and advocating for legislative action.

**Action Area 2:** Advocacy for the integration of disaster risk reduction into national and local budgets and enhanced oversight and accountability.

- a. Development of Advocacy Toolkit for Parliamentarians to oversee national progress and investments towards achieving DRR related SDG in close coordination with IPU.
- b. Advocacy for DRR legislative action through targeted multi-media communications, sessions and events at Regional Platforms for DRR.

**Action Area 3:** Capacity development and training for Parliamentarians.

- a. GETI will turn the advocacy kit into training materials for Parliamentarians to learn about development of DRR legislation, frameworks and norms and how to support the implementation of these mechanisms.
- b. Advocate for inclusion of Parliamentarians to inter-governmental meetings on SDGs, climate change and DRR.

## Who we are coordinating with:

UNDRR Partnership Branch will work closely with key UNDRR and Regional Offices, IPU, regional entities and relevant partners such as IFRC, The Women Political Leaders, amongst others.

