



Actions to  
reduce risks and  
facilitate disaster  
management



## Why is there a need for action?

### We observe

that recent disasters such as the earthquake and tsunami in Japan (March 2011), the earthquake in Haiti (January 2010), the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico (April 2010), the floods in Pakistan (August 2010) and Australia (January 2011), and the heatwave and wildfires in Russia (summer 2010) highlight the increasing devastation and variety of disasters the world is facing today.

### We highlight

that risk and disasters are threatening development and security. Disaster Risk Management must become a major global concern.

### We underline

that the combination of the world's growing population with expanding urbanisation and the exposure of people and values to risk has aggravated the risk potential for communities and nations. Climate change is exacerbating the risk situation.

### We believe

that in order to support prevention, intervention and fast recovery from events, it is crucial to promote projects and programmes in the field of Risk Reduction and Disaster Management along the guidelines of the Hyogo Framework for Action strategy.



## About the Partners

### UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN ISDR)

The secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) was established in 1999 by the UN General Assembly to facilitate the implementation of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction and „to serve as the focal point in the United Nations system for the coordination of disaster reduction and to ensure synergies among the disaster reduction activities of the United Nations system and regional organizations and activities in socio-economic and humanitarian fields“. With the adoption of the Hyogo Framework for Action by the UN General Assembly in 2005, UNISDR was tasked with supporting its implementation. UNISDR also coordinates the organisation of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction.

[www.unisdr.org](http://www.unisdr.org)

### Global Risk Forum GRF Davos

The foundation GRF Davos aims to bridge the gaps between science, administration, the private sector, the practice and the public regarding risk reduction, disaster management, and climate change mitigation and adaptation. GRF Davos is the organiser of the International Disaster and Risk Conference (IDRC). IDRC is a global gathering of experts for risk reduction, disaster management and climate change adaptation, and held as a biennial conference in Davos, Switzerland.

[www.grforum.org](http://www.grforum.org)



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### Munich Re Foundation

The Munich Re Foundation is an independent, non-profit organisation founded by Munich Re in 2000. People are ultimately at the core of what the foundation's work is all about. The foundation's task is to prepare people for the risks they are exposed to and to minimise these risks wherever possible. It clarifies issues and provides support, also in developing countries. In dialogue with partners worldwide, Munich Re Foundation stimulates ideas and creates perspectives.

[www.munichre-foundation.org](http://www.munichre-foundation.org)



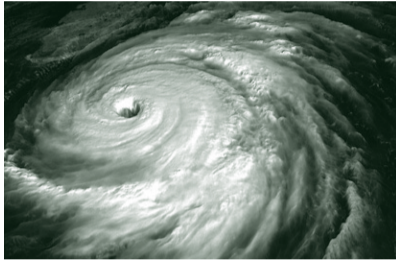
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### The idea behind the Risk Award

The risks resulting from population development, environmental and climate change are increasing. Complex technical systems and infrastructure are additional risk factors.

The Award partners recognise the need to address this development. The Risk Award will contribute to improved risk reduction and disaster management by providing financial support to a project dedicated to these issues.



**Think global act local**  
Natural disasters such as earthquakes, windstorms, floods and heat waves are increasing around the globe. Successful Disaster Risk Reduction starts at the local level with people at risk.



The Risk Award is intended for risk reduction projects. The Risk Award winner will receive the prize money to implement its project proposal.

The prize will be awarded every two years at the International Disaster and Risk Conference (IDRC), starting with its first award ceremony at the IDRC Davos 2012 on 26 August 2012 in Davos, Switzerland. [www.idrc.info](http://www.idrc.info)



### Topic 2012 Early warning in urban areas

#### Objectives

The specific objective of the Risk Award is to increase people's resilience to risks and disasters, especially in developing countries. The award may concentrate on population development, water as a resource, and other risk factors may also be an issue. The Risk Award's additional objective is to stimulate innovation and new approaches towards improving Risk Reduction and Disaster Management.

#### Topic

The first Risk Award is dedicated to the topic of "Early warning in urban areas".



**Population growth and risk**  
According to the UN some nine billion people will live on earth in 2050. Large cities are even growing faster. The exposure of people and values to natural hazards will increase rapidly. Climate change will aggravate the situation.



#### Applications

Submissions must include projects that are new, under development, or are upgrades of existing systems and services, or that adapt existing concepts to different applications. They may be submitted by individuals, teams or institutions from all different sectors, including governmental bodies.

#### Prize

The award winner will receive funding up to €100,000 in order to implement the project. The prize may also be divided among projects.

#### Submission

To apply, please download the proposal form at [www.risk-award.org](http://www.risk-award.org) and send the completed form by 31 December 2011 to [info@munichre-foundation.org](mailto:info@munichre-foundation.org)



### Dates and deadlines

#### Launch

13 May 2011 at the UNISDR Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction in Geneva, Switzerland

**Proposals may be submitted until 31 December 2011**

**Notification of winning project(s) 31 May 2012**

#### Risk Award Ceremony

26 August 2012 at the IDRC Davos 2012 in Davos, Switzerland