

Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction in Development Process

Seminar on

DRR Sensitive Housing Policy and National Planning Standards

(Ministry of Housing and Works)

23 February 2010, Islamabad

a. What is this event about?

The seminar on “DRR Sensitive Housing Policy and Planning Standards” is identified as a crucial need realized in the DRR Strategy of Ministry of Housing and Works (MoH&W). Although National Housing Policy and National Reference Manual for Planning Standards are the major instruments for the development of housing sector but they are due for review and amendments in the perspective of the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR). It has also been reflected globally in Hugo Framework for Action (HFA) and in Pakistan since Earthquake 2005 to incorporate DRR in all such policies and regulatory instruments. Implementation of these instruments is also a big issue.

b. What are the key objectives?

1. To introduce Ministerial Strategy on DRR in Housing sector in Pakistan;
2. To initiate dialogue and to identify gaps in “National Housing Policy” and in “National Reference Manual” instruments from DRR perspective;
3. To finalize recommendations and way forward from the mutual consultation of the resource persons and professional participants from PCATP, PEC, development authorities and other relevant agencies in Pakistan.

c. What is the expected result?

Preliminary thoughts and recommendations of this seminar will lead NDMA / UNDP to formulate methodology for further analysis and then development of appropriate guidelines for integration of DRR aspects in the relevant section of the Housing Policy and National Reference Manual for Planning Standards. The recommendation evolve from this seminar will lead towards formulation of DRR annexure for both the instruments and will serve a consultative start for development of DRR guidelines for housing sector based existing land use and geographical regions of Pakistan.

Tentative Agenda

23rd February 2010 (Tuesday)

Topic	Time	Presenter
INAUGURAL SESSION		
Registration	09.00 – 09.30	Host Team
Welcome and Opening Remarks	09.30 – 09.40	Chairman – NDMA
Keynote Address	09.40 – 10.10	Mr. Aslam Mughal -President IPP
Tea Break	10.10 – 10.30	
SESSION: 1 THEME: National Housing Policy of Pakistan		
Session Chair: Mr. Aslam Mughal President Institute of Planners Pakistan (IPP)		
Ministerial Strategy on DRR for Housing and Works: Local and Global Context	10:30 – 10.50	Dr. Qamar ul Islam (DRR-Consultant UNDP) Ministry of Housing & Works
Salient Features and Issues of National Housing Policies in Pakistan	10.50 – 11.30	Mr. Sabir Pervaiz Chohan CEO – Punjab Industrial Estate Management and Development Company
Housing Policy in the Perspectives of DRR	11.30 – 12.00	Mr. Azmat Ali, GIS Manager, International Acted Pakistan, Islamabad.
Q & A	12.00 – 12.45	<i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Aslam Mughal President –IPP
Lunch Break / Prayer	12.45: – 13.45	
SESSION 2: THEME: National Reference Manual for Planning Standards in Pakistan		
Session Chair Mr Athar Nawaz Malik (Director General :NC-L)		
A Review of National Reference Manual (NRM)	13.45 – 14.15	Mr. Riaz Ahmed Deputy Secretary, Department of Housing, Govt. of Punjab Mr. Mumtaz Ahmad, DD-Punjab Housing & Town Planning Agency (PHATA)

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Urban Land Use Planning Standards in Pakistan: A Review of National Reference Manual from DRR Perspective	14.15 – 14.45	Mr. Shaker Mahmood Mayo (PCATP)
Q & A	14.45 – 15.15	<i>Moderators:</i> Mr Athar Nawaz
Tea Break		Working Tea
SESSION 3: Plenary Session		
Panel Discussion: Dr. Qamar ul Islam, Mr. Aslam Mughal & Mr. Athar Nawaz Malik		
15.15 – 15.45		
Final Recommendations and Conclusions	15.45 – 16.00	