

**DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT (DRM) PROJECT
PROJECT INCEPTION WORKSHOP
CENTRAL PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION**

The DRM Project Inception workshop took place at the National Disaster Centre (NDC) Conference Room and attended by the UNDP Project Team, Director of NDC and the Central Provincial Deputy Administrator Mr Edward Kila and his staff in which Central Provincial Disaster Coordinator is included. The workshop was briefly chaired by the Central Provincial Disaster Coordinator Mr Tumai Ipou. The workshop participants are from the key Provincial Government Sectors such as Division of Agriculture and Livestock, Education, Health, Works, Planning and Disaster.

In his opening remarks, Mr Kila stressed that the partnership between UNDP, NDC and the Central Provincial Administration is critical in looking at Disaster Risk Management(DRM) at this stage and in the future. With the Provincial Disaster Committee in place, the Provincial Government remain committed to the DRM project in the Province. In addition, Mr Mose stated clearly that the DRM project is to strengthen and enhance the capacity of the Province, identifying gaps and challenges and how well they could be addressed.

Main Points

- The Province have some capacity. The Provincial Government through its internal revenue have some funds for about PGK 300,000 to respond during disasters. For example, in 2015, this Provincial Government funds was used to support selected Secondary Schools with PGK 20, 000 each when the Governments Tuition Fee Free (TFF) money was not disbursed to each school.
- There were some DRM Capacity Building activities done at the Provincial and District level by Child Fund in 2015.
- Climate Change has taken momentum creating more risks.
- More attention on Disaster Recovery, especially food and water security.
- Doing DRM in a more professional and sustainable manner.
- Presentation and discussion with questions and answers on DRM Project Components

Key Action Points:

1. The Central Provincial Government to work with National Agricultural Research Institute (NARI) improve current farming techniques that can tolerate extreme weather conditions.
2. In order for the Province to approach DRM in a sustainable manner, the partnership in this project must be in the long term (3-5 years).
3. Need for sustained Capacity Development in DRM.
4. 5 Provincial Disaster Coordinators(PDCs) from the Project Target Provinces and 3 PDCs from the APEC Provinces to attend the CHARM Diploma Course for 14 weeks at UPNG.
5. The DRR issues and gaps identified through the current DRM project to be prioritised and planned for the following years.
6. The DRM Capacity Building should target the Government Officers at the District and LLG level.
7. Recovery Plans for each target provinces to be developed
8. Integrate DRM into Teacher Training Institutions such as Papua New Guinea Education Institute (PNGEI) or other Teachers Colleges.
9. Integrate DRM in Agriculture Colleges (Mt Hagen, Popondetta and Rabaul).

El Nino Lessons Learnt Workshop:

- Tentative Workshop Dates – 28th & 29th November 2016
- Concept Note and the Workshop Programs to be prepared.

Field Visits for DRM Project Inception Workshop

1. Chimbu – 03rd – 05th November 2016
2. Madang – 10th – 12th November 2016
3. Buka – 13th – 15th November 2016
4. Recovery Training in Port Moresby – 17th or 18th November 2016 approximately 25 participants.