

# www.pacificdisaster.net

The screenshot displays the Pacific Disaster Net website in a Windows Internet Explorer browser. The page layout includes a top navigation bar with a search box and links for 'Login' and 'Advanced Search'. A left-hand navigation menu lists various topics such as 'Disaster Risk Management', 'Governance', and 'Hazards'. The central area features a satellite map of the Pacific region with a 'Real-Time Alerts' window overlaid, showing a green alert for Tropical Storm KIRIRILY-09. An 'About Pacific Disaster Net' window is also visible, providing an overview of the site's purpose and navigation options. The footer contains logos for the Pacific Disaster Risk Management Partnership Network, SOPAC, UNDP, UNOCHA, and IFRC, along with contact information.

The new web portal for Disaster Risk Management (DRM) in the Pacific Region. Supporting Pacific Island Countries to develop and implement DRM National Action Plans and strengthen policies for DRR and DM, under the umbrella of the 'Pacific Disaster Risk Management Partnership Network'.

Pacific Disaster Net (PDN) is designed to be the largest collection and comprehensive resource to facilitate informed decisions on matters related to disaster risk management and of course to sustainable national development.

It is a living collection and growing DRM information resource for actors and stakeholders to research, collaborate and improve information and knowledge management. It provides as well in-country information for distribution throughout the region.

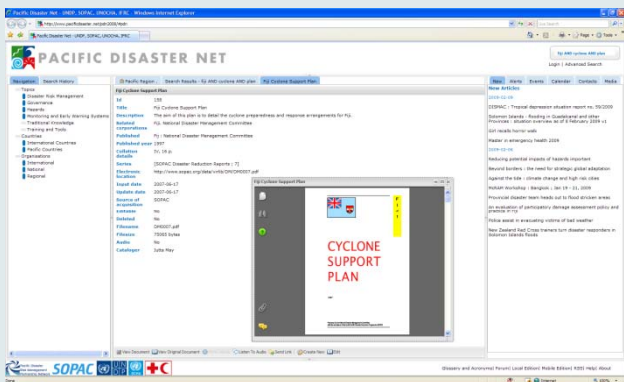
The portal is available to Pacific countries directly through the Internet and also on DVDs which will be frequently updated and distributed allowing a much wider outreach even into communities without Internet access.

PDN is being developed by a partnership between SOPAC, IFRC, UNDP and UNOCHA. These agencies are part of the larger Pacific Disaster Risk Management Partnership Network, assisting Pacific Island Countries to develop and implement National Action Plans for Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Management.

The Pacific Disaster Net hosts material and real-time information relating to Governance, Risk Assessment, Early Warning and Monitoring, Disaster Risk Management, Training and Tools from various sources like Countries and Organizations and Agencies at regional, national and international level with

- [Alerts](#). Live from different sources and with the future plan to provide SMS text messages distributed on mobile phones
- [Events](#). Already with more than 1100 events / disasters in the region with basic data which is to be enhanced (during country trips for training and content collection)
- [Reports, Documents and Publications](#)
- [Calendar with Meeting- and Training Information](#)
- [Contacts](#)
- [Forum & Message board](#)
- [Media / Audio-Visual files](#)
- [Country pages](#). Displaying actual and filtered information from the content, enhanced with [Links](#) and some demographic data
- [Maps](#) will be available with focus on DRM related information

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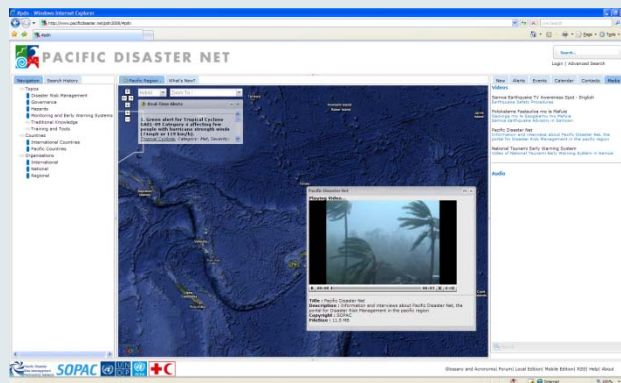
A lot of effort has been put in to make the PDN as user friendly as possible – making it easy for experts and inexperienced users to find information and data with multiple access entries.

Simple and Advanced Search, Browsing and Filtering offers far more than one way to find the information.

Documents are displayed in different formats to cover narrow bandwidth and download, print and email is available to share the sources.

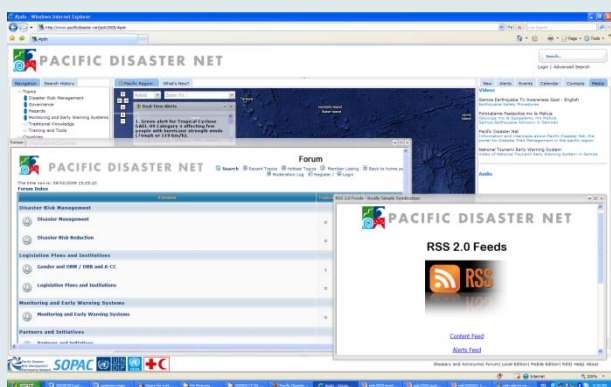
Videos, a future Image Archive, Audio files and an Interactive Handbook (with animated sequences – 'How to use PDN') also adds to the range of content.

Users are allowed to add and edit data as well, according to their login.



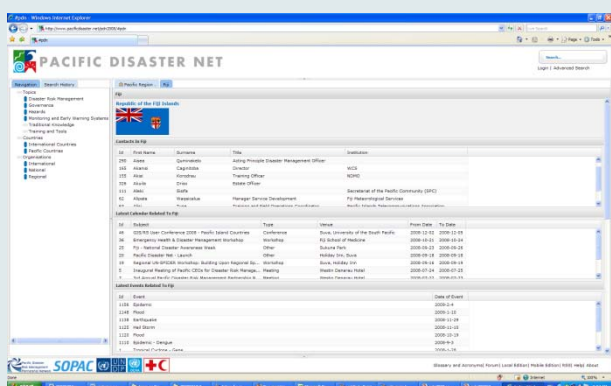
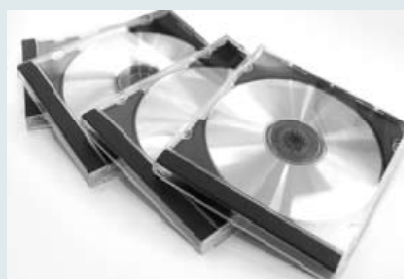
A Forum as public and interactive 'meeting place' for discussions online is available for questions and answers, message transfer and posting information.

New content in Pacific Disaster Net is accessible via RSS feeds and in future by email subscription.



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A 'Mobile Edition' for PDA's like BlackBerry etc. is in development and also including data subsets for download.



Other future plans are to engage directly with Pacific countries through missions to better explain the utility of PDN to a range of potential in-country users with introductions and trainings.

More content, data and information for PDN will also be gathered during the country missions.