



Strengthening Disaster Information Management Systems in Fiji

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PROJECT & WORKSHOP
Background and Objectives



Background

- Information critical for decision-making in Disaster Risk Management
- Relevant information available, but significant gaps exist pre- and post disaster
- Multi-agency, multi-sector pilot project for Fiji
- Endorsement by NDMC and Development Sub Committee of Cabinet

Project Objectives

1. Provide multiple stakeholders in Fiji with relevant, timely and consistent baseline data for disaster preparedness and response as well as for risk reduction;
2. Develop an agreed methodology and capacity for rapid multi-cluster needs assessment and in-depth cluster needs assessments following natural disasters, and
3. Develop tools and procedures that guide the management of information during response operations and for the planning of disaster risk reduction measures.

Project approach

- Building on existing capacity and initiatives
- Relevant and specific to Fiji
- Multi-organizational support
- 1 – 2 years
- Pilot project for replication in other PICs

Workshop Objectives

- 3 days to kick off the DIMS project
- Common understanding of Disaster Information Management Systems
- Partners discuss/agree on:
 - Key needs and objectives in IM for DRM
 - Project approach and structures (working groups)
 - Broad set of activities: indicative work plan
 - Organizational commitment
 - Indicative inputs and resources
- Initial focus on baseline information and rapid assessment

Workshop Program

- Overview of Information Management for DRM
- Assessments in Fiji: experience and needs
- Baseline information in Fiji: availability and needs
- Introduction and discussion of different methodologies, tools and systems
- Consensus building
- Next steps

Workshop Outputs

- Agreed objectives
- Working groups established
- Indicative Work plan
- Indication of resources required & available