

HIGHLIGHTS FROM GPDRR 2022: LEARNINGS FOR INDIA

Concepts and Approaches:

- The “Think Resilience” approach must be applied to all investments and decision making, integrating DRR to ensure a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach.
- Multi-factorial, multi-sectoral implementation of DRR, using synergies with the SDGs, and including all stakeholders.
- “Penta-helix collaboration approach in DRR,” coordinating five sectors, namely government, academia, communities, business, and the media.
- Integration of overlapping policies, including for DRR, climate change, water storage, food security, and international conflicts.

Community, Gender and Participation:

- GP2022 highlighted the importance of an intergenerational approach, the value of local knowledge and community experience, interconnections between DRR and climate change, and the need for applied knowledge, statistical data, and indicators.
- The platform focused on gender issues and women’s critical contributions to effectively managing disaster risk and designing and implementing gender-sensitive DRR policies.
- A participatory and human rights-based approach in DRR planning and implementation is crucial as people are affected differently by disasters.
- Role of local communities as protagonists of transformational change rather than victims of climate change or other disasters.

Data, Methods and Tools:

- Application of effective tools for further engaging community practitioners, including mapping of risk that combines local knowledge and identifies local priorities; and production of local community data for better planning.
- People-centred EWS and targeting them to vulnerable and potentially illiterate groups.
- The importance of data and information for infrastructure planning, and the need to strengthen resilience by improving connectivity, incorporating nature-based solutions and financing.

Financing:

- Accounting for the full cost of disasters; recognizing the existence of innovative financing arrangements, raising funds through thematic bonds and linking nationally determined contributions to financial mechanisms.
- The importance of investment in resilient infrastructure and scaling up international partnerships to better support disaster recovery.