

INFORMATION NOTE

The International Strategy for Disaster Reduction- Getting off the ground in year 2000

I. REQUIREMENT SUMMARY

The ISDR Framework and its Secretariat are funded solely by extrabudgetary resources, which are administered through the ISDR Trust fund. At the request of interested member states, the present paper demonstrates the scope of work carried out by the Secretariat during the present year of 2000 and outlines the rationale for the minimum budgetary requirements for the year 2001.

The minimum financial requirements for the year 2001 are estimated at \$2.2 million. This is comprised of staff (current level), official travel, minimum printing and limited operational expenses (see Annex 1).

Additional budget requirements will be prepared after the discussions of the second Task Force meeting, 10-11 October 2000. It is envisioned that the budget will include funding requirements for promotional activities (publications, video production, etc.), web-site management, regional outreach for Asia and the Pacific, Africa, CIS countries and Eastern Europe (similar to the LAC programme), support for the IATF Working groups, and other complimentary functions.

For the year 2000, pledges and contributions to the Trust Fund total an amount of \$1,128,298 US dollars, which is made up of contributions from Sweden, Japan, Switzerland, South Africa, Italy and UNEP (See Annex 2). OCHA has advanced funds to cover the remaining needs of the minimum budget for the Secretariat for the year 2000.

II. ISDR BACKGROUND AND INSTITUTIONAL SET UP

The International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, which was adopted as the successor arrangement to the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, was endorsed by General Assembly resolution 54/219, pursuant to ECOSOC Resolution 1999/63.

The institutional arrangements include an Inter Agency Task Force and an Inter Agency Secretariat.

The Task Force is composed of eight representatives of entities from the UN System, eight representatives of civil society and non-governmental organizations and six regional entities. The principal functions of the Task Force, according to the Resolution, are:

- *To serve as the main forum within the United Nations system for devising strategies and policies for the reduction of natural hazards;*
- *To identify gaps in disaster reduction policies and programmes and recommend remedial action;*
- *To ensure complementarity of action by agencies involved in disaster reduction;*
- *To provide policy guidance to the secretariat; and,*
- *To convene ad hoc meetings of experts on issues related to disaster reduction.*

The Inter Agency Secretariat reports to the Under Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs. Based on the Secretary General's report (A/54/497), the staffing of the Secretariat includes a Director and seven professional staff members to cover Inter Agency matters, Policy issues, Socio-Economic issues, Networking and Public Commitment, Science and Technology, Promotion and Awareness raising and Administrative and Financial issues. Additional staffing would be added based on the identification of new needs and according to specific contributions received. For the moment this includes a regional officer for Latin America and the Caribbean, a senior officer for legal and trade issues, a senior officer for early warning and related issues seconded by WMO and a junior officer to follow up on El Niño and climatic variability.

The previous Director of the Secretariat, Mr. Philippe Boullé, resigned with effect from 31 July. An interim Director, Mr. Denis Martin Benn from Guyana, who has a long experience in the UN system, dealing with international development issues, including South-South cooperation, has recently been appointed.

The main functions of the Secretariat, according to the resolution, are:

- *To serve as the focal point within the United Nations system for the coordination of strategies and programmes for natural disaster reduction, and to ensure synergy between disaster reduction strategies and those in the socio-economic and humanitarian fields;*
- *To support the inter-agency task force in the development of policies on natural disaster reduction;*
- *To promote a worldwide culture of reduction of the negative effects of natural hazards, through advocacy campaigns;*
- *To serve as an international clearing house for the dissemination and exchange of information and knowledge on disaster reduction strategies; and*
- *To backstop the policy and advocacy activities of national committees for natural disaster reduction.*

III. SUMMARY REVIEW FOR YEAR 2000

The first Task Force meeting was held only in April 2000, thus leaving the Secretariat without the planned guidance during the first four months of the year. The Secretariat therefor elaborated on the functions already endorsed by the General Assembly (mainly to serve as clearing house and information dissemination, and backstopping for advocacy and awareness with national and other constituencies), and has worked on the requests of the Task Force during the last months.

The following summarizes some of the activities and out put achieved by the ISDR Secretariat during the first nine months of this year.

1- Back stopping for the Inter Agency Task Force (IATF)

The first IATF meeting was held from 27-28 April in Geneva in which both the scope of work and functions for the IATF and Secretariat, and priority activities to be pursued were discussed.

In keeping with the decisions adopted at its first meeting, the Task Force has established working groups on: El Niño and la Niña, climate change and variability (led by WMO); Early Warning (led by UNEP) and Risk, Vulnerability and Disaster Impact Assessment (led by UNDP). The Secretariat has assigned a professional officer to back-stop each working group, and to participate in the follow up process.

The Working Groups will focus on the following activities:

- *El Niño and la Niña, climate change and variability:* to build on the work of the IATF on El Niño - to support international cooperation and to reduce the impact of climate variables (such as El Niño and la Niña). The Working Group will carry out specific activities in these areas, as well as establish strategic links with Agenda 21 and the Climate Agenda.
- *Early Warning:* to analyze trends of hazards in order to adapt early warning systems taking into account progress made and the remaining gaps in this field.
- *Risk, Vulnerability and Disaster Impact Assessment:* to complete comprehensive risk assessments and integrate them within development plans; to establish internationally and professionally agreed standards/methodologies for the analysis and assessment of the socio/economic impacts of disasters on societies.

The Task Force requested the Secretariat to undertake preliminary research and consultations and to submit proposals on the following issues for consideration at its second meeting, to be held in Geneva 10-11 October 2000:

- Public information and advocacy;
- Capacity building in developing countries;
- Mainstreaming disaster reduction in sustainable development and in national planning; and
- Application of research, science and technology in disaster prevention.

The papers on these subjects, which have been prepared by the Secretariat, based on wide consultations with Task Force members and other relevant actors in the field of disaster reduction have been circulated to the members of the Task Force. In addition, the Secretariat has also prepared a document on Legislative trends and Policies in Disaster Reduction.

2. Raising Awareness, Networking and Information clearinghouse function

a) Annual Campaign for Disaster Reduction

Since the beginning of the year the Secretariat has been engaged in preparation for the Annual Campaign for Disaster Reduction, that will culminate on the International Day for Disaster Reduction on the 11th October. The Campaign and Day are carried out under the theme of: ***Education and Youth for Disaster Reduction- Focus on Wildfires.***

This theme, which was selected at request of several member countries, is a continuation of previous campaigns, for example in 1998 *Prevention begins with Information*; in 1993, *Disaster Prevention in Schools and Hospitals- it is also your concern!*; and in 1995, *Women and Children, key players in disaster prevention*. The campaign responds to one of the main goals of ISDR: to enhance a culture of prevention.

A number of specific actions have been taken by the Secretariat to promote this year's campaign, as was the case in previous years under IDNDR. These include:

- The building on partnerships, the preparation of case studies, articles and guidelines, packaged in a special information kit, and made available on the UNISDR website in English, French and Spanish (prepared in partnership with the Global Fire Monitoring Centre based in Freiburg, Germany, the Emergency Management of Australia, the French *Entente interdepartementale en vue de la protection de l'environnement et de la foret contre l'incendie*, the Ministry of Environment and Energy and the National Commission on Wildfires of Costa Rica and the South African Santam/Cape Argus Ukuvuku Operation Firestop). The information kit includes case studies, a glossary, a poster and a leaflet for children and schools based on the theme "*What do you know about fire hazards?*". T-shirts, an exhibition and a video on the theme have also been produced. The video will be disseminated to TV channels and will serve as a basis for future educational activities at local or national level.
- Issuance of several press releases, the organization of a press breakfast with experts in Geneva and the distribution of the information kits to national committees, missions, UN agencies, media and other partners, which have resulted in national activities, meetings, local campaigns, and publication of articles in the national press, etc.
- Co-sponsoring of a Hemispheric Meeting to enhance risk and disaster management in education curricula, citizen participation and the encouragement of safer schools for the Americas, held in Caracas, Venezuela, 2-4 October. This meeting brought together professionals, representatives from Ministries of Education and the disaster reduction community to review a Hemispheric Action Plan in this domain.
- Co-sponsoring of an International Conference on Wildfire prevention, to be held in France, 24-27 October 2000 (*Rencontre Feux de Foret 2000*).

b) The UN Sasakawa Disaster Prevention Award is administered by the Secretariat for ISDR as part of the promotional activities for disaster reduction in partnership with the Nippon Foundation and an international jury, charged with the annual selection of the awardee. A publication will be issued on the outcome of the Sasakawa competition 2000, including the arguments of the winning proposals,

representing disaster reduction from various continents. Earlier this year "Revised Statutes" for the Award as well as the Nomination Booklet was disseminated worldwide. They are intended to strengthen promotional activities for the Sasakawa Award 2001 (advertisement, posters, new publication etc.). The Award ceremony will be held in Geneva on 11 October in conjunction with the International Day for Disaster Reduction.

c) Web sites

The first www.unisdr.org website was launched in April 2000 and will be developed further by the ISDR to serve as a joint platform for disaster reduction information and as an additional tool to raise public awareness, pursue information exchange and discussions.

Activities designed to further develop this tool in order to better serve the national and international communities, include:

- Support for ISDR National platforms/focal points:
 - host webpages for countries that do not have access to the internet or lack sufficient financial or human resources to prepare a website (currently being done for the Forum of Committees of Central Europe)
 - the ISDR Secretariat will compile the information available on its website on CD-ROMs /DVD, and send them, on a regular basis or upon request, to the countries.
- Education and disaster reduction: based on the use of the Internet as a tool for teaching and learning:
 - integrate an interactive website for children, students and educators with input from partners active in disaster reduction.
 - serve as platform for women active in disaster reduction
- Technical issues:
 - develop a suitable design for a new information structure.
 - apply appropriate advanced software: search engines, integration of MICROISIS database for the online Resource centre, listservers, webcam, etc.

As part of the partnership with other organizations in the set up of the Regional Disaster Information Centre (CRID), a **regional website** for Latin America and the Caribbean has also been developed. This multi organizational initiative, in both Spanish and English, includes the ISDR Secretariat and partners such as PAHO/WHO, IFRC, CEPREDENAC and others: www.crid.or.cr

d) Articles to raise the issue and craft the disaster reduction message:

The Secretariat prepared a number of articles and position papers during the first half of 2000. These include:

- An article on "Strategies to Reduce Urban Risk in the New Millennium" which was published in "City Development Strategies", Issue No 3, Second Quarter 2000, London, UK.
- An input on Natural Disasters for the UNEP publication – Global Environmental Outlook, GEO 3, to be published next year.
- An article and position paper on Globalization and Disaster Reduction.

e) **Monthly ISDR Highlights** have been prepared and distributed to approximately 1000 email addresses, covering the main partners in disaster reduction at the national, regional and international level.

f) Networking with national committees and other groups:

- A survey to update the ISDR contact list and database was carried out in August, 2000.
- Participation in National Committee meetings, where the ISDR Secretariat provided a briefing for the participants on ongoing activities, institutional arrangements for disaster reduction and strategies for promoting increased cooperation between the ISDR Secretariat and the various national committees. Some of these meetings include:
 - the Central European Forum for Disaster Prevention in June;
 - the German National Committee meeting in September, Freiburg;
 - a meeting with the Japanese National Committee in August;
 - the Andean Meeting for National Committees and Civil Protection, held in Quito, Ecuador, February; and

- the LACDE 2000 (Local Authorities Confronting Disasters and Emergencies) held in Iceland, August, to widen the contact basis between ISDR and local authorities.

g) ISDR Prevention Series

- Publication of "Lake Sarez and the Usoi Landslide Dam: Hazard and Risk Assessment in the Pamir Mountains, Tajikistan", which is the output of the Inter-agency risk assessment mission carried out in 1999. The report, that is quite substantial, includes practical recommendations for preventive actions.
- A Lessons Learnt publication with articles from "a people and community perspective, in the aftermath of Hurricane Mitch in Central America" (co-produced with PAHO/WHO)

3. Regional outreach and information sharing, dissemination and partnership

The IDNDR review in 1999 and the first Inter Agency Task Force meeting recommended a major presence and interaction at a regional level, based on the positive experience during IDNDR with the Latin American and Caribbean Secretariat outpost in Costa Rica, in partnership with PAHO and others.

3.1 Disaster Reduction Advocacy in Latin America and the Caribbean

A two year project was approved by Swedish SIDA to develop further partnership and networking mechanisms in the region in the area of disaster reduction; establish promotion and advocacy strategies and an inter-agency platform in the region; support and strengthen the multi-organizational Regional Disaster Information Centre and System; prepare two magazines a year in English and Spanish as a tool for the exchange of information, debate and networking- *ISDR Informs*, *Latin America and the Caribbean*; and to promote horizontal cooperation and exchange between countries and other partners.

The development of a series of publications, the sponsorship of promotional material and support for networking activities in the region have been carried out for the benefit of the countries in the region. Output from these initiatives have been utilized by the ISDR Secretariat for global promotional activities.

3.2 Strengthening disaster management mechanisms in Africa.

The ISDR Secretariat is currently engaged in discussions with the OAU, United Nations agencies and African Regional Economic Communities on ways to support the reduction of the vulnerability of African nations to disasters. The Secretariat has carried out two missions to Addis Ababa this year to discuss with the OAU concrete actions to ensure that Africa is provided with adequate regional and sub-regional mechanisms to better co-ordinate efforts carried out by African nations in this field. A symposium will be held in early February 2001 to provide African countries with an opportunity to discuss these issues. The ISDR Secretariat will ensure that the key risk reduction constituents participate actively.

4. Technology and Science application:

4.1 Risk Assessment Tools for Diagnosis of Urban Areas against Seismic Disasters

The ISDR Secretariat has followed up on the **RADIUS (Risk Assessment Tools for Diagnosis of Urban Areas against Seismic Disasters)** initiative, implemented during IDNDR. The main goals of this methodology, that includes a software and case studies, are to: promote earthquake disaster mitigation in urban areas; raise public awareness at city level for seismic risk reduction; and promote information exchange among earthquake-prone cities.

The major output this year are:

- A publication of the results of the RADIUS initiative, in printed format and CDrom.
- An evaluation of the case studies carried out for 9 cities
- Participation and/or presentation in conferences
- The publication of RADIUS news, electronic newsletter, and update of the ISDR Website (www.unisdr.org) and RADIUS Website (www.geohaz.org/radius)

The achievements and methodology of RADIUS has been presented and discussed by ISDR partners in the following conferences:

- The 12th World Conference on Earthquake Engineering (12 WCEE), 30 January-4 February, organized by the International Association for Earthquake Engineering, Auckland, New Zealand
- The OAS/USDE-NOAA/CSC Workshop on Vulnerability assessment methodologies, 20-22 March, Charleston, South Carolina
- The Earthquake Workshop, organized by the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief/Disaster Management Bureau (DMB) of Bangladesh with support from UNDP and UNICEF, 18 May, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Naresh Raheja (OYO Group, Japan) at the seminar on "The contribution to the decision-making process in seismic risk management: models for earthquake damage assessment", 29 June-1 July, Moscow, Russia
- The International Conference of LACDE (Local Authorities Confronting Disasters & Emergencies), 27-30 August, Reykjavik, Iceland

Upcoming organization and co-sponsorship of events, related to earthquake mitigation, are:

- Co-organizing the 2001 International Conference on Disaster in Kobe (5-7 February 2001 in Kobe), organized by the National Land Agency of the Government of Japan
- Co-sponsoring the International Conference on Earthquake Risk Assessment and Mitigation in Latin American and the Caribbean (2002-2003), organized by the Council of the American Geophysical Union (AGU)

4.2 Information Technology

a) The ISDR Secretariat is consulting with UN agencies on the development of strategies for the use of **GIS and other information systems** in disaster reduction. This activity focuses mainly on the potential use of integrated GIS and information management tools as it pertains to disaster reduction.

b) In the area of **information technology**, the ISDR Secretariat maintains collaborative arrangement with the Working Group on Emergency Telecommunications dealing with the benefits that information technologies can bring to disaster prevention. In the same vein, the ISDR Secretariat maintains contacts with ITU in this field and in support of the Tampere Convention on emergency telecommunication.

4.3 Space Applications For Disaster Reduction

In the domain of space applications for disaster reduction, the Secretariat works in close partnership with the CEOS Disaster Management Group, of which the ISDR is member. The Group focuses on the identification of suitable space applications for the quantification of vulnerability and the prevention of disasters using earth observation and other satellite-based techniques.

The Secretariat has also concluded an exchange of letters with the UN Office for Outer Space Activities, and has launched a partnership in which the ISDR provides OOSA with substantive support for the development of programmes on the use of satellite techniques for disaster prevention.

In the same domain, the ISDR collaborates with the European Union and the EU Centre of Ispra, providing advice on the relevance of space applications for disaster reduction objectives.

5. Reducing the impact of climate variables such as El Niño and La Niña

The ISDR Secretariat is mandated by the UN General Assembly to co-ordinate efforts to reduce the social, economic and environmental impacts of climate variables. This year the Inter Agency Task Force established a Working Group, under the leadership of WMO, to ensure a continuation of the activities of the Inter-agency Task Force on El Niño. Following the scientific and technical assessment of the 1997/1998 El Niño phenomenon, the Secretariat participated with WMO, UNU and UNEP in a study on the societal reaction and perception of the impact of climate variables. This study was carried out in 16 countries worldwide and the findings will be presented at the 55th General Assembly. The next step is to build capacity and knowledge based on the findings of the Working Group. A project proposal in this field has been formulated by the ISDR Secretariat of the ISDR.

6. Advocacy, mainstreaming and presence at international fora

a) Participation in Environmental Performance Review

The ISDR Secretariat participated in the preparation of the Environmental Performance Review (EPR) for Kyrgyzstan, coordinated by ECE secretariat. An expert from the Secretariat prepared the chapter on Risk Management of Natural Disasters in Kyrgyzstan based on the results of the Review mission organised late 1999. The report will be published in October 2000. This exercise is part of the mainstreaming effort designed to include disaster reduction and vulnerability levels in environmental impact reviews.

b) Participation in political and technical meetings and conferences as to promote integrated disaster reduction (not an exhaustive list):

- The Secretariat made a presentation at the International Symposium "10 years of IDNDR: How Near Are We Towards Hydro-Geological Disaster Reduction", organized by the National Group for Prevention of Hydro-Geological Disasters National of the Research Council of Italy,
- The Secretariat participated in a roundtable discussion on "Natural Disaster and the Precautionary Principle." Organised by the Benfield Craig Hazard Centre, University College of London, in July 2000.
- The Secretariat participated in a Seminar on "Capacity Building In Disaster Prevention" organized in Agadir in Morocco from 7 to 10 February 2000, involving the Governments of Morocco and Germany. Other participants invited to the meeting included the International Civil Defence Organisation/ICDO, the German Hanns- Seidl Foundation, Gerling- consulting Insurance, the University of Avignon in France and the University of Freiburg in Germany.
- The Secretariat participated in the Euro- Mediterranean Seminar on "Solidarity and Human Development" held in Tunisia from 8 to 9 June 2000. The Seminar was organized by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) in collaboration with the Government of Italy. The Conference brought together 266 people representing 24 countries, 16 international organizations, and 33 from NGOs and civil society. The seminar placed special emphasis on the issue of the natural disaster prevention.
- The Secretariat participated in a seminar for "Humanitarian Response and Preparedness for Latin America", organized by OCHA with Governments and others in Curitiba, Brazil, March 2000. The participation of ISDR brought light to the important links between humanitarian assistance and preparedness and development for disaster reduction.
- As a follow-up to the International Conference on Mountain Hazards (Grenoble, France, April 1999) the ISDR Secretariat co-sponsored and chaired a workshop on research needs and technology transfer for disaster prevention, the conclusions of which are reflected in the Final Declaration. Developing countries, such as Sri Lanka, Chile, Kazakhstan etc., participated in the meeting invited by ISDR. The conference was held as a follow up to the CALAR international

Conferences on Avalanches, Landslides, Rockfalls, Debris Flows, held in Vienna, Austria, in January 2000.

- The ISDR Secretariat co-sponsored the World Mountain Forum, Chambéry, France, held in June 2000. The Secretariat also organized a Workshop on the prevention of natural hazards, inviting the participation of developing countries such as the Philippines, Nepal, Ecuador, Turkey, and China. Cooperation links were strengthened with this new "mountain" constituency and were initiated through the Grenoble and CALAR Conferences. Such cooperation has assumed increased importance in view of the launch of the International Year of Mountains (2001) as proclaimed by UNGA, with FAO as lead agency. The possibility of cooperation with IUCN to develop a project on disaster prevention in mountainous regions in the context of the International Year of Mountains is planned before the end of 2000.
- The ISDR Secretariat participated in the Second Conference of the Parties to the ECE Water Convention in March, Hague, where guidelines for sustainable flood prevention in the ECE region were adopted. The preparation of these guidelines, under the framework of the ECE Convention, took place with the participation of IDNDR/ISDR.
- The ISDR Secretariat was also an active participant in the Inter Agency Commission for Sustainable Development, held in Geneva in September, 2000.
- The Secretariat will participate in the International Civil Defence Organization to be held in Geneva from 30 October to 1 November 2000, entitled "Civil Defence, A Tool For Sustainable Development". The Secretariat will make a presentation under the item related to the opportunities and risks of Globalization with regard to natural and man-made disasters. The presentation will focus on ways in which small economies can promote market access within multilateral trade system to compensate for the losses incurred because of disasters.

III. FUTURE SCOPE OF WORK

As stated in the beginning of this document, an expanded action plan, with a complementary budget will be prepared following the second Task Force meeting 10-11 October 2000.

The following **priority activities of a non-operational nature for the Secretariat for the ISDR** have already been defined as an out come of the first Task Force meeting in April and will constitute the basis for that action plan:

- **Backstopping the Task Force and its working groups** and providing support for other activities undertaken under the leadership of the Task Force;
- **Facilitating networking and the fostering of partnerships with special emphasis on strengthening regional capacities** - including a clearing house function and providing support to national and regional platforms and focal points by:
 - a) maintaining an open and updated contact list that should include major partners from all members of the ISDR community, and by strengthening horizontal communications among constituencies;
 - b) consolidating the contact network established during IDNDR and linking with other existing networks at local, national and regional levels; using this network to disseminate information, to backstop specific activities and to promote horizontal exchanges, including the system of national committees and focal points in the public, private and scientific sectors;
 - c) circulating information and disseminating case studies and success stories;
 - d) serving as a clearing house and resource center for written, audiovisual and electronic information, as part of a system of inter-linked resource and information centers around the world;
 - e) working through sub-regional or regional partners and utilizing existing regional mechanisms along the lines of the ISDR Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, to improve information gathering and its processing and dissemination and to facilitate networking around the goals of the Strategy.

- **Crafting the UN message** on disaster reduction through annual and other periodic publications on specific topics, by:
 - a) preparing or compiling case studies ("success stories"), guidelines, articles and reports, taking into account the lessons learnt from the IDNDR and with inputs from Task Force members, the working groups as well as other stakeholders.
 - b) participating in relevant UN and other fora in order to promote the message of disaster reduction.
- **Raising awareness** on the issue of disaster reduction and the goals of the Strategy by:
 - a) engaging in public information activities aimed at specific target groups (through annual public awareness campaigns and the World Disaster Reduction Day; participating in other public events and conferences;
 - b) maintaining close links with the media;
 - c) advocating the goals of the Strategy in political fora and conferences in order to ensure the mainstreaming of disaster prevention in sustainable development activities.
- Serve as **facilitator for the global ISDR platform and forum for discussion** and assessments of disaster prevention practices, together with Task Force members and other stakeholders, by:
 - a) establishing, *inter alia*, an interactive website from the Secretariat, inviting links with or providing space on our web page for national organizations and other relevant bodies;
 - b) publishing and disseminating the results of lessons learnt from inter agency exercises in prevention initiatives or in the aftermath of major disasters;
 - c) facilitating discussions relating to future disaster trends;
 - d) disseminating common standards and indicators, developed within the framework of the Task Force and its Working Groups;
 - e) promoting seismic risk assessment tools and methodology for urban areas developed during the Decade, in order to prepare scenarios and action plans for improved risk management;
 - f) promoting the development of assessment tools for other hazards such as floods, together with partner organizations and technical institutions in different regions.
- Assisting, in consultation with Task Force members and other partners, in **the development of legislative trends with respect to disaster reduction** on the basis of a review of existing material at national, regional and international levels in this area;
- Continuing activities in support of the implementation of UNGA Resolutions on El **Niño and Early Warning issues**.

Core Posts

Director	
Special Assistant to the Director for Programme Coordination and Special Initiatives	
Senior Adviser for Policy Issues	
Senior Officer for Inter-Agency Liaison	
Awareness and Promotion Issues Officer	
Public Commitment and Policies Issues Officer	
Technical and Scientific Issues Officer	
Economic and Social Issues Officer	
Registry, Mailing and Publications Clerk	
Accounts, Certifying and Fundraising Officer	
Administrative and Financial Clerk	
Secretary	
Secretary	
Secretary	
Sub-total	1,227,000

Non-Core posts

Senior Officer for Regional Issues (Costa Rica)	
Advisor for Disaster Reduction in relation to competitiveness and trade issues	
Associate Officer for African and Early Warning Matters	
Documentalist	
Regional Information Officer	
Sub-total	510,400

Minimum Operating Expenses	205,000
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Programme Support Costs	252,512
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GRAND TOTAL	2,194,912
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ANNEX II

Inter-Agency Secretariat for ISDR Contributions/Pledges in 2000 (USD)

Italy	238,650
Japan	300,000
Sweden	459,242
Switzerland	102,400
South Africa	15,006
UNEP	13,000
TOTAL	1,128,298