

IDNDR Day Meetings

This section contains highlights of recommendations by local organizers and a detailed record of reported IDNDR Day gatherings.

Conferences, seminars and other gatherings have been a regular feature of national IDNDR Day celebrations for years. They can raise public awareness or be a forum for political advocacy.

For the first time in 1995, the Secretariat sent out a **call for roundtables that specifically addressed the role of women and children** in disaster mitigation. The aim was **to gather local recommendations and provide contacts**, so that interested groups can follow up these issues in 1996 and beyond. To facilitate the task, the Secretariat provided organizational guidelines, presented examples and contacts in Stop Disasters, and provided a policy summary and success stories based on a review of 40 references.

As a result, more gatherings (55) took place this year than before. They are listed below as roundtables (r), seminars (s), conferences (c) and workshops (w). About two-thirds of these gatherings focused on women and/or children. The remainder concentrated on natural hazards or general issues about disaster mitigation.

Women and Children: Disaster Victims or Forces for Change?

Roundtables address the issue

Among those groups most vulnerable to natural disasters, women and children are often singled out. Yet women and children play an equally important role: as forces for change. As part of the 1995 IDNDR Day campaign, roundtables were organized in many countries to explore how these groups could reduce their own vulnerability to disasters, and that of their communities. "It is of fundamental importance to reinforce policies that bring together families", said Viviana Londero, an Italian civil protection officer who spoke at a regional IDNDR Day roundtable with participants from Italy, Slovenia and Austria. "We must involve women and children more and more at home, school and in the working world".

"Women and children are a resource for preparedness and prevention", said First Lady

Hillary Clinton during the US videoconference, "Act Now" noting that such videoconferences "can ensure that our communities have the structures and relationships in place that will support preparedness".

"Natural disasters like drought tend to affect women and children more seriously than other sectors of the population," said W/ro Amarech Bekalo, a local representative of women's affairs in Ethiopia. "This segment of the population needs special attention during disasters".

Political advocacy

The most valuable IDNDR Day meetings addressing women or children were those which mobilized political commitment, sensitized very specific groups, and set in motion a process for future actions. "In Guatemala, no IDNDR Day

activity was considered more important than this roundtable", said Helena Molin Valdes, the IDNDR Regional Officer for Latin America and the Caribbean. The meeting addressed the "protective role of Guatemalan women in disaster reduction" and featured Guatemala's First Lady and over 150 leaders of national and local women's groups, government offices and NGOs.

In Iran, the IDNDR Day gathering included the President's daughter, high-level women in government (including the President's adviser for women's affairs), members from parliament, NGOs, media, female professors and representatives from different religious groups.

All roundtables emphasized government - community NGO links

In the Dominican Republic, political advocacy and awareness-raising went hand-in-hand in the roundtable organized by the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW). Links between the UN Women's Conference in Beijing and the role of women in disaster mitigation were examined by the Red Cross, UNICEF, OAS, UNDP, local women's groups, educational centres, telecommunications, civil defense and forestry officials.

Outreach: a striking mix

Organizers interpreted the theme differently, which meant that a striking mix of groups were added. In Naples, Italy, educators were the main focus. In the United Kingdom, it was on students. In Jordan, a roundtable stressed cooperation between different parts of government. In Peru and Colombia, community groups for women and children were emphasized. Peru also incorporated the theme in a larger regional conference (Huaraz, May 1995) which engaged political leaders and disaster mitigation specialists. In northern Italy, the focus was on Red Cross and civil protection volunteers. In Athens, the emphasis was on European academic and non-profit institutions dealing with women's issues...

How countries are following up

Tunisia set up a commission with the National Office for Civil Protection and a national Tunisian women's organization and developed a programme for disaster awareness. "We followed up the conferences (one on women, one on children) with fruitful discussions and detailed recommendations", reported Moncef Belkir,

head of the civil protection office. Tunisia is also developing a handbook on disasters risks and actions to take before, during and after disasters.

Guatemalans inaugurated a special institute to follow up issues related to women and disasters. The institute is building a network of emergency management experts (such as the Red Cross, the Fire Service and the National Emergency Committee) and women's groups to address students, teachers and families. They also plan to issue a publication about the roundtable.

Iranians set up a "permanent steering committee" on the role of women in reducing the impact of earthquakes. The committee includes press advisors, members of parliament,

NGOs, the Ministry of Health and others. They are also issuing a brochure on women's "unique" role in disaster mitigation and awareness, based on a questionnaire used during the roundtable. "We feel the meeting really made a difference", said Mohsen G. Ashtiany, head of the International Institute of Earthquake Engineering and Seismology.

Ethiopia has issued a bilingual publication summarizing the discussions of a wide range of community, national and international organizations (government and NGO) focusing specifically on women and children. Peruvians included presentations on women and children in the Huaraz conference proceedings book. Jordanians are issuing a handbook on the theme to its citizens. The Athens roundtable published political recommendations related to women and disasters.

Recurrent recommendations

Some recommendations were clearly **specific to the hazard** and the region. In drought-threatened Ethiopia, for example, policies for women and children emphasized sustainable agricultural and soil conservation practices.

Other themes were less area-specific. The regional roundtable of Alpine countries considered **post-traumatic stress disorder** an important subject when addressing women and children. At the regional conference Huaraz, Peru, the same theme emerged. Jane Mocellin, a Canadian researcher, said that research on post-traumatic

stress disorder for women is virtually "nonexistent" and that "children's reactions to disasters have rarely been discussed".

Systematic **research** on the impact of disasters on women's health and socioeconomic status was recommended by the Athens meeting, which focused on gender approaches to emergencies.

The need to **sensitize educators** and others in frequent contact with children was stressed often. Training to cope with emergencies should be provided for those who supervise children, concluded participants at the Argonne, USA roundtable. In Ethiopia, participants suggested focusing on orphanages, who often must take in children after disasters.

The United Kingdom focused on teenagers at an age where they are taking **career decisions**, and felt it was an experience worth repeating. Tunisians suggested that civil protection **clubs** be set up in schools to attract volunteers, and to organize "information days" for schools that address area-specific disaster hazards.

All organizers expressed the need for more public information materials, campaigns and information centres. Public awareness campaigns that take **multilingualism** and **literacy** levels into account was stressed in places as diverse as Iran, Guatemala and Tunisia. Many also stressed the need to reach **rural areas** and towns far away from a country's major cities, where activities most often take place.

Above all, **every roundtable emphasized the need for stronger links between government and NGOs, particularly at community level.** NGOs can be a vehicle to mobilize women or children. These groups, however, need to be consulted in the early stages of project development, and not simply asked to mobilize supporters to carry out various actions after decisions have been made within governments.

For more information

1. Contact roundtable organizers directly. A list follows of IDNDR Day roundtables. Most organizers have speakers' papers, questionnaires, tables, photos and other information. To contacts organizers, see the contacts list at the end of this report (arranged alphabetically by country).

2. Consult references produced for IDNDR Day. Contact the IDNDR Regional Officer for Latin Americas and the Caribbean for **Bibliodes: Women and children - key to prevention**, an annotated bibliography issued jointly by IDNDR and the Pan-American Health Organization for IDNDR Day 1995. Contact the IDNDR Secretariat the IDNDR Day **Information Pack** (policies, contact ideas, references), **Stop Disasters issue 24** (contacts and ideas largely on women's issues) the **Stop Disaster special publication Learning About Natural Disasters** (contacts are listed at the bottom of each activity section).

3. University research. Two researchers producing a book on women and disasters have gathered considerable research material. Contact: Betty Hearn Morrow, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Florida International University, Miami, Florida 33199, USA, Tel: +1 305 348 2247, Fax: +1 305 348 3606, e-mail: 100036.2615@compuserve.com or Elaine Enarson, 97 Bradfield Road, Lindfield, NSW 2070 Australia, Tel: +61 2 416 8155, e-mail: 100036.2615@compuserve.com
The University of Natal, South Africa is developing workshop exercises on women and disasters. Contact: Astrid von Kotze, Department of Adult and Community Education, University of Natal, Durban, South Africa, Fax: +27 31 260 11 68

4. Children's educational materials. Most national emergency management offices have developed comic books, leaflets, colouring books and learning materials about hazards. These offices can be contacted directly. For information about specific children's materials highlighted during IDNDR Day 1995, see the section on National Campaigns earlier in this report.

Meetings List

Australia

Glenside, 12 September, "Hazard-Wise Saves Lives" (s)
Emergency Management Australia, the South Australian
State Disaster Committee and the Australian National
University, Centre for Resource and Environmental
Studies

Target audience: disaster reduction experts, journalists

Mackay, 11 - 12 October, Severe Weather Seminar
IDNDR National Committee and Queensland State
Emergency Service

Target audience: disaster research experts, journalists

Austria

Vienna, 11 October, "Women and Children - Key to
Prevention" (r)

IDNDR National Committee

Target audience: Austrian journalists

Chile

Santiago, 11 October, "Disasters, Development and
Environment" (s)

National Emergency Office, Interior Ministry

Colombia

Bogotá, 11 October, "Women and Children - Priority in
Disaster Mitigation" (r)

National System for the Prevention and Attention to
Disasters, Bienestar Familiar and the Colombian Red
Cross

Target audience: mothers at community level

Bogotá, 7 - 8 November, Meeting of Education Commis-
sions (c)

National System for the Prevention and Attention to
Disasters

Target audience: education secretaries representing the
capital city districts and municipality

Bucaramanga, 16 October, "Women and Children - Key
Priority in Disaster Mitigation" (s)

Disaster Prevention Studies Centre, University of
Santander

Target audience: postgraduate students of the university

Costa Rica

San Jose, 10 October, "Community Organization in
Disaster Reduction: Emphasis on Women's and
Children's Participation" (r)

IDNDR National Committee and the Autonomous
University of Central America

Target audience: representatives from the IDNDR
office, the Presidency of the Republic, the National
Emergency Commission, Ministry of Health and
Education

San José, 11 October, "Women and Children - Key to
Prevention" (r)

IDNDR National Committee and the University of Costa
Rica

Target audience: students and teachers of the university

Dominican Republic

Santo Domingo, 11 October, "Priority of Women and
Children in Disaster Mitigation"

UN International Research and Training Institute for the
Advancement of Women

Target audience: representatives of governmental
offices and of the Dominican Red Cross

Greece

Athens, 1 December, "The Role of Women and Children
in Disaster Prevention" (c)

National Earthquake Planning and Protection Organiza-
tion/Emergencies Research Centre (National Committee)

Target audience: social scientists and policy makers

Athens, 4 - 7 July, Gender Approach towards Emergency
Situations: Women's Realities (c)

Mediterranean Women's Studies Centre

Target audience: disaster experts, physicians, journalists

Guatemala

Guatemala-City, 11 October, The Protective Role of
Guatemalan Women in Disaster
Reduction (s)

The National Committee for Emergencies

Target audience: National and local women's organiza-
tions

India

New Delhi, 11 October, "Women and Children in
Disasters" (r)

The National Centre for Disaster Management

Target audience: scientists, administrators, planners,
social workers, representatives from UN organizations
and NGOs

Ongole, 11 October, "Women and Children - Key to
Prevention" (c)

The Praksam District Disaster Reduction Coordination
Centre

Target audience: representatives from Government
departments, district administration, NGOs

Nagpur, 12 October, "Women and Children - Key to
Prevention" (r)

The Institute for Disaster Reduction and Management

Rae Bareilly, 11 October, "The Role of Women and
Children in Natural Disaster Reduction" (r)

Mahila Udyamita Vikas (women's association)

Target audience: college lecturers, high-court advocates
and college students

Barasat, 11 October, "The Role of Women in Disaster Preparedness" (s)
 Indian Public Health Association West Bengal Branch
Target audience: community authorities

Iran

Tehran, 11 October, "Women's Role on Earthquake Hazard Reduction and Preparedness" (r)
 International Institute of Earthquake Engineering
Target audience: High-level government officials, influential community members, experts in the fields of earthquake engineering, education, psychology, sociology, mass media, communication sciences, representatives from governmental and non-governmental organizations and from women's groups

Italy

Trieste, 11 October, "Women and Children - Natural Elements in Calamity Prevention" (r)
 The Adrian Alps Community, Region of Friuli-Venezia Giulia
Target audience: Leading scientists from several Italian regions, Slovenia and Hungary, Red Cross volunteers, civil protection volunteers and volunteers of the National Alpine Association

Naples, 11 October, "The Role of the School for Prevention" (c)
 University of Naples
Target audience: representatives from Naples' schools and from the university, civil engineers, journalists, geologists

Jordan

Amman, 11 October, "Women and Children - Key to Prevention" (s)
 Department for Civil Defense in cooperation with the Ministry of Health/Education

Mongolia

Ulaanbaatar, 11 October, "Natural Disaster Management and Warning Systems" (w)
 IDNDR Focal Point
Target audience: local organizations dealing with the issue

Nepal

Kathmandu, 11 October, Scientific Seminar on "Prevention of Natural Disasters: Challenges to Scientific Communities in Nepal" (s)
 IDNDR National Committee
Target audience: Geoscientists, hydrologists and engineers

Nicaragua

Managua, 12 October, Symposium on Natural Disasters Civil Defense, the Ministry of Education, the Nicaraguan Institute for Technological Studies and Partners for the Americas
Target audience: students and professors of the university

Managua, 5 October, Workshop on "School Preparedness" (w)
 Partners for the Americas

Panama

2-5 October, Civil Protection seminar
Target audience: officials of the Presidential Office

9 October, "The Importance of the Legal Framework of Disasters" (c)
Target audience: officials from the Ministry of Health

10 October, "Information Management in Case of Disasters" (s)
Target audience: journalists and journalism students

14 October, Civil Protection seminar
Target audience: staff members of the office of the First Lady

16 October, Conference on the development of risk maps
Target audience: disaster coordinators of metropolitan health centres

17 October, "Civil Protection and Disasters" (c)
Target audience: training coordinators of the Ministry of Justice

19 October, "Civil Protection and Disasters" (c)
Target audience: directors of the Ministry for Housing

25 October, "Building a Culture of Prevention" (c)
Target audience: local institutions of

27 October, Conference on the development of risk maps
Target audience: officials of the Ministry of Health

Peru

Huaraz, 29 May - 1 June, "Vulnerable Groups: Women and Children - Key Priority in Disaster Mitigation" (c)
 The National Institute for Civil Defense and the National Geophysical Institute

Piura, 1 September, "Women and Children - Key to Prevention" (s)
 Piura Civil Defense
Target audience: members of the local mother's club

Lima, 11-12 September, "Seminar on the National Database for the Prevention and Mitigation of Disasters"

Lima Civil Defense

20 September, "Women as Key to Disaster Prevention" (r)

30 September, "Children as Key to Disaster Prevention" (r)

Target audience: regional Civil Defense directorates

Lima, 20 September, Conference on Civil Defense

Lima, 21 September, Roundtable of the IDNDR National Committee and Scientific and Technological Council

National Institute for Civil Defense

25-28 September, "Prevention in Education Centres" (r)

North-East region of Marañón, Chiclayo, Chachapoyas, Cajamarca

Lima, 27 September, "The Importance of Women in Disaster Prevention" (c)

Lima Civil Defense

28 September, "Disaster Management" (s)

Piura Civil Defense

29 September, "Disaster Prevention" (s)

Arequipa Civil Defense

30 September, "Environmental Sanitation - Planning Methods and Risk Management" (c)

Peruvian Centre of Sanitary Engineering

1 October, "Prevention of Natural Disasters" (r)

Piura Civil Defense

4 October, "Disaster Prevention"

Piura University and Piura Civil Defense

6-7 October, "Journalism and its role in Civil Defense activities"

Arequipa Civil Defense

Chosica, 11 October, "Women and Children - Key to Prevention" (r)

PreDES (Centre for Studies and the Prevention of Disasters)

Target audience: Peruvian women and children, community teachers and principals

San Marino

San Marino, 8 - 9 December, "Gender Approaches in Emergency Situations: Women's Realities" (c)

Ministry of Health

Target audience: Public health experts, disaster experts, sociologists

Tunisia

Tunis, 11 October, "Participation of Women in Disaster Prevention"

and "Children's Role and Awareness in Disaster Prevention" (r)

Department for Civil Protection

Target audience: Government departments and women's associations

United Kingdom

London, 6 October, "Preventing Natural Disasters - The Role of Risk Control and

Insurance" (s)

IDNDR National Committee and the Sedgwick Group

Target audience: insurers, re-insurers, risk control consultants, scientists and researchers exploring the impacts of natural hazards related to insurers concerns

USA

Argonne (Ill.), 11 October, "Women and Emergency Preparedness" (r)

Argonne National Laboratory, US Department of Energy

Target audience: employees of the Argonne National Laboratory

Venezuela

Caracas, 11 October, "Women and Children - Key Priority in Disaster Mitigation" (c)

National Commission of Civil Defense

Target audience: high-level officials from public and private institutes, Government departments, NGOs

Zaire

Kinshasa, 11 October, "Women and Children in Disaster Situations" (r)

Associations for Victims of Natural Disasters

Target audience: schools, army units, women's associations

Media Coverage

Highlights of media coverage follow, including wire services, newspapers, radio, tv, newsletters, journals and electronic services.

Media coverage was the collective result of local, national and international organizers. Press releases were issued by the IDNDR Secretariat, the World Meteorological Organization, and many national and local organizers. Press conferences were arranged in Geneva by the Secretariat and by several National Committees and roundtable organizers. It was also announced in New York by the UN Secretary General's spokesperson. A number of international organizations and national disaster management institutes issued announcements in journals and newsletters about IDNDR Day. Special newspaper supplements and TV coverage were arranged in advance by several National IDNDR Committees. Results reported to the Secretariat included roughly 200 newspaper articles. Newspaper supplements appeared in India, Peru and Colombia. Radio coverage was both international and local, featuring interviews with IDNDR staff members and national disaster experts (contacts usually via the national committees). TV stations mostly broadcast videos prepared in advance about natural hazards and in-country mitigation work. Some also broadcast special videos for children, messages by leading political figures, roundtable results or the IDNDR children's booklet.

Wire Services

Agence France Presse, **EFE** (Spanish), **ANSA** (Italian), **Associated Press** (to 10,000 daily and weekly newspapers, radio stations and TV networks), **Swiss Telegraphic Agency**, **United Press International**, **Deutsche Presse Agentur** all issued reports.

Newspapers

A reference list of articles reported to the Secretariat appear in chronological order.

Articles

- 22 August:
Llano 7 Días, Colombia
En Octubre "temblará" Villavo
- 6 October:
Cambio, Mexico
Invita a celebrar el D.I.C.D
Mujeres y Niños: son la Clave para la Prevención
- 7 October:
Le Monde, France
Avis de gros temps sur la planète
Quetzal en Texmelucan, Mexico
Día Mundial para la Reducción de los Desastres Naturales
- 10 October:
Llano 7 Días, Colombia
Prepárese para el "temblor"

La Patria, Colombia

Día Internacional de la Reducción de Desastres

La Tarde, Colombia

Comenzó semana de Prevención

11 October:

Neue Zürcher Zeitung, Switzerland

Stetige Zunahme der Naturkatastrophen

El País, Spain

Los desastres naturales causaron más de 16.000 muertes en el año pasado

Sidwaya, Burkina Faso

Pour une culture de la prévention

The Pioneer, India

International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction

La Republica, Uruguay

El hombre, el culpable de las catástrofes

Anuncios fatalistas para fines de siglo

El clima en pie le guerra con el mundo

Correio da manha, Portugal

Potugal preparado para as catástrofes

Diário de Noticias, Portugal

Lisboa previne catástrofes

O Dia, Portugal

Dia Internacional para a Prevenção das Catástrofes Naturais

O Primeiro de Janeiro, Portugal

Dia da prevenção de catástrofes naturais assinalado hoje em Lisboa

El Colombiano, Colombia

Día Mundial de la Prevención de Desastres

La Patria, Colombia*La tragedia dio inico a las investigaciones*

12 October:

Lübecker Nachrichten, Germany*Kreuzzug gegen die Naturgewalten***La Presse, Tunisia***Améliorer les mécanismes et les réflexes d'alerte***Le Renouveau, Tunisia***Une stratégie avant-gardiste visant à protéger le citoyen et les richesses nationales**Les inondations, principal risque en Tunisie***El Sol de Puebla, Mexico***Simulacro para salvar a 82 Pasajeros de Aeronave en Peligro; Ayer en Huejotzingo***Correio da Manhã, Portugal***Avenidas novas são as mais perigosas***A Capital, Portugal***Simulação de sismo "provoca" 500 mortos***Diário de Notícias, Portugal***Lisboa defende-se*

13 October:

Il Mattino, Italy*Tra i banchi si impara a salvare la pelle***El Espectador, Colombia***"Pollogia" de Desastres*

14 October:

Quetzal en Huejotzingo, Mexico*Espectacular Simulacro en el Aeropuerto***Tehran Times, Iran***UN for allocation of more funds to prevent disaster***The Island Sun, British Virgin Islands***Message by His Excellency the Governor for IDNDR Day*

15 October:

Bild am Sonntag, Germany*Die 100 Tage der Katastrophen***Ustin Diario, Dominican Republic***Analizan rol mujeres prevención desastres*

17 October:

La Opinion, Mexico*2 Muertos y 8 Heridos en Accidente aéreo en Huejotzingo*

19 October:

Süddeutsche Zeitung, Germany*Ein wahres Katastrophen-Jahr*

During September and October:

in Australia, 24 newspapers published 37 articles on IDNDR Day and on natural disaster reduction.

2 December:

Manila Bulletin, Philippines*Forecasting climate in our planet*

disaster reduction.

September to November

Various **Peruvian** newspapers issue extensive supplements which featured natural hazard awareness, IDNDR and the Civil Defense.**The BVI Beacon, British Virgin Islands**

IDNDR newspaper supplement, including messages from the Deputy Governor, the National Disaster Coordinator, Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency

Radio and TV coverage

11 and 12 October:

IDNDR Director Dr. Olavi Elo gave interviews for **Radio Vatican**, **Swiss Overseas** and **National Public Radio** (Washington D.C.) in English and for the **BBC Radio** in English and Finnish. On 12 October, **BBC Radio** interviewed the Costa Rican Ambassador (Chairman of the IDNDR Core Group) in Spanish. **Radio Vatican** transmitted an interview given by an IDNDR Secretariat staff member in English, French and Italian;The German Radio Stations "**Norddeutscher Rundfunk**" and "**Sender Freies Berlin**" broadcast interviews given by an IDNDR Secretariat staff member.**Radio 74** in Geneva, Switzerland announced the celebration of the Day and the booklet in the morning broadcast.**Swiss Romande TV** announced in their regional news the Day and showed children of a local school in Fribourg with the Children's Booklet.The **Federal Emergency Management Agency** broadcast by its **Emergency Education Network** a videoconference throughout the USA. The title of the session was *Act Now: Disaster Preparedness and Fire Prevention*.Radio stations in **Burkina Faso** broadcast information about the IDNDR Day and about IDNDR in general.**China Central Television** broadcast a special programme for children on disaster reduction and a video about natural disaster mitigation work in China, including a historical perspective.The **Governor of the British Virgin Islands** gave a radio addressTwo **Greek TV channels** broadcast a roundtable discussion on the Day theme during 27.11 to 1.12 11 **Australian radio stations** transmitted 24 announcements and interviews for IDNDR Day between 12 September and 17 October.**Nepal Radio and Television** broadcast a radio message by the Minister of the Interior and a TV conference on "Disaster Management in Nepal".The **Austrian Broadcasting Company** interviewed the Chairman of the National Committee for one of its radio programmes.The national **Jamaican TV channel** broadcast an address by the Vice Chair of the Scientific and Technical Committee and a programme on disaster mitigation measures.**Newspaper Supplements:**

12 August:

El Comercio, Peru*Prevenir para evitar la emergencia*

11 October:

80 **Indian** newspapers issued a supplement to promote IDNDR Day and the Indian activities for

The **Mongolian National Committee** organized five radio broadcasts and two TV programmes on disaster prevention.

Jordan TV transmitted a programme on emergency measures.

Iranian TV broadcast a programme on the work of IDNDR, a children's movie on natural disaster reduction and an interview with the Deputy Minister for Coordination of Development Affairs.

Newsletters/Journals

A list of announcements in chronological order follows.

- May
Predes: Prevención de Desastres, Peru
Introduction to this year's theme and the Yokohama Strategy and Plan of action
- July
PAHO: Disasters-Preparedness and Mitigation in the Americas
Celebrate IDNDR Day
- August
ICDO, Switzerland
Celebrate the International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction
SA-READ: Newsletter on Emergencies and Disaster Mitigation in Southern Africa
Focus on IDNDR
FEMA Newsletter, USA
FEMA Plans for Disaster Day on October 11
EMERGENCY: Newsletter of the Institute of Civil Defense and Disaster Studies; United Kingdom
Celebrate the International Day for Natronal Disaster Reduction!
- September
Natural Hazards Observer, USA
A Book for IDNDR Day...October 11, 1995
Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency:
Caribbean Disaster News
"Women and Children - Key to Disaster Prevention"
European Council of International Schools: Newsletter, United Kingdom
New Publication from the United Nations
Defensa Civil, Peru
Cronograma de actividades por el día del DIRDN en el Perú, 1995

- October
Argonne National Laboratory: Argonne News, USA
Goodkind to lead of a round table talk on Natural Disasters Awareness Day 1995
DPI Update, United Nations
International day for Natural Disaster Reduction
IDNDR Informs - Bulletin for Latin America and the Caribbean, Costa Rica
Editorial: October 11 1995, International Day for Disaster Reduction. Women and Children, Key to Prevention
Predes: Prevención de desastres, Peru
Mujeres y Niños Clave de la Prevención
PAHO: Disasters - Preparedness and Mitigation in the Americas
Review of publications: Learning About Natural Disasters - Games and Projects for You and Your Friends
Emergency: the official journal of Queensland Emergency Services, Australia
Cyclone odds shortening
Mackay Seminar
QES gets its message across
Poster campaign
Rettungsdienst: Journal for first-aid medication, Germany
Internationaler Tag zur Reduktion naturlicher Katastrophen '95
- December
Crosslines, Switzerland
Learning about Natural Disasters
Protezione Civile Italiana, Italy
Donne e bambini come chiave di prevenzione
Proteccion Civil: Journal of Spanish Civil Protection
Día Internacional para la Reduccion de los Desastres Naturales

Electronic Services

- September
Associvile: *Special Events - Meeting and News:*
Celebrate the international day for natural disaster reduction
Natural Hazards Observer: *A Book for IDNDR Day...October 11, 1995*
- 11 October
Dept. of Public Information:
Daily Press Briefing of office of spokesman for Secretary-General

Special NEW DELHI WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11, 1995

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR NATURAL DISASTER REDUCTION OCTOBER 11, 1995

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HURRICANES

The Hurricane season isn't over until November 30 - so be prepared.
President William G. of the Colorado State University has the 11th annual National Hurricane Preparedness Week activity being in action in the Adams State House during

1995 season should be much more active than the last though 1994 hurricane season and especially in the preparation of 25 degree bands were only two hurricanes occurred during the last few years.
The Caribbean basin for 1995 is projected to be higher than for the last 45 years hurricane season than it is.

EARTHQUAKES. NATURE OF THE THREAT

Much of the Caribbean is situated in a geologically active area, and is therefore subject to earthquakes as well as volcanic activity. Earthquakes are unpredictable and cause serious damage. They may result in extensive loss of life and property, and in some cases a tsunami. Serious damage can be done to a person's life and property.

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MESSAGE

Natural disaster is staggering, killing more than one million people a year. Global economic losses from natural disasters have been increased a lot by the enormous global losses to prevent occurrence of natural disaster. Keeping this in view the United Nations General Assembly has declared as International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction for the period 1990-2000.

The International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction falling on October 11, is a key to prevention, is relevant in the context of the celebration of the United Nations as also the Fourth Conference on Women recently held in Beijing. In this context, the theme is also in line with the outcome of the Beijing Conference on Women, which emphasized the importance of the strengthening of community based approach to vulnerability reduction. We have the protection of women and children groups in natural disasters.

Natural disaster reduction programmes and activities during the Decade and thereafter will be implemented in the areas where they are most needed. The country has demonstrated that it is in many ways a disaster-prone country. I request all to actively participate in the programmes being undertaken. The theme of the International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction is to ensure the participation of the community in the huge task.

B. Ram Jha
Union Minister of Agriculture

Women and Children Key to Prevention

International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction
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1990-2000
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Idea

Ha aquí algunas recomendaciones generales que debes tener en cuenta a la hora de prevenirse algún desastre.



Con desastres naturales...

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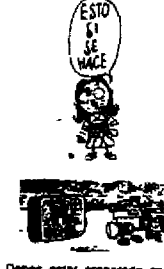
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Día Mundial de la Prevención de Desastres

Te contamos que hoy se celebra el Día Mundial de la Prevención de Desastres y que es una oportunidad para los niños. Para ellos, queremos decir que en México existe un organismo que se llama Secretaría Nacional de Prevención de Desastres, que está adscrita a la Secretaría de Gobernación y que tiene como objetivo principal la prevención de desastres, es decir, que a través de este organismo se puedan evitar los desastres.



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به روز جهانی کاهش اثرات زلزله می باشد. این روز در ۱۱ اکتبر هر سال برگزار می شود. در این روز، مردم جهان به یاد می آورند که زلزله یک پدیده طبیعی است که نمی توان آن را پیش بینی کرد. اما می توان با اتخاذ تدابیر مناسب، خسارت های ناشی از زلزله را کاهش داد. از جمله این تدابیر می توان به ساخت و ساز مقاوم، آموزش مردم و برگزاری مانورهای زلزله اشاره کرد.



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«Les femmes et les enfants au cœur de la prévention» est le thème de la Journée internationale de la prévention des catastrophes naturelles, célébrée le 11 octobre de chaque année. Dans un message adressé à cette occasion, M. Gerdwin O.P. Obasi, secrétaire général de l'OMM, Organisation Météorologique Mondiale, a souligné l'importance de la participation des femmes et des enfants à la planification et à la mise en œuvre des mesures de prévention des catastrophes naturelles.

En coopération avec les services météorologiques et hydrologiques nationaux de ses membres, l'OMM fournit l'information scientifique et technique qui permettra d'améliorer les services publics d'avis et d'alerte en cas de catastrophes imminentes, à encore renforcé le secrétariat général de l'Organisation.



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As we approach the twenty-first century, population growth, ecological damage, rapid industrialization and socio-economic imbalances make the risk of major disasters around the world higher than ever. We need not, however, be fatalistic about the vagaries of nature.

To make people aware of how much they can do to make themselves safer from natural disasters, the United Nations launched the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (IDNDR, 1990-2000). The World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction (Yokohama, 23-27 May 1994) was an important milestone in IDNDR's awareness-building process.

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