

Appraisal

Among the results of phase I, the following stand out:

- A convergence between scientific/technical work and political and administrative efforts
- The institutional benefits conferred by the National System for Risk Mitigation and Disaster Preparedness: use of the methods and procedures required for SNPAD activities has yielded tools and experience that can be applied in other parts of the country
- A realization by society and by public and private entities that disaster preparedness is an integral process covering technical and scientific, administrative, legal, political, social, community, economic and information-management and other aspects
- Growing awareness among the general public, thanks to education, training and public information programmes combining to yield a better understanding of their surroundings and of how to coexist harmoniously with their environment
- Optimal use of physical, economic and administrative resources by local bodies and the community
- The strengthening of institutional arrangements and provision of tools for incorporating the notions of disaster prevention and mitigation into the process of economic and social development
- Lastly, the assistance of UNDHA (formerly UNDRO), which made good methodological, technical and administrative shortcomings besides providing expert advice, basic and special-purpose equipment and the training and logistics that the programme required, deserves special mention ●

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