



Invitation

LEARNING EVENT: DRR and water - from local infrastructure to the watershed level 25 October 2018 9:00 – 16:30, Helvetas office, Bern

Frame

Water and disaster risk reduction (DRR) are closely linked and relevant across a wide range of sub-sectors and domains, such as infrastructure, access to water, natural resource management, water governance, sanitation & hygiene risk management. Water related disasters as floods, storms and droughts are intensified by the effects of climate change and tend to hit particularly the most vulnerable. Furthermore, inadequate, degraded or damaged WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) infrastructure and inappropriate health and hygiene practices can also trigger disasters, such as contamination or water-related diseases. It is therefore crucial to consider DRR when developing WASH services and infrastructure. The resilience of WASH services to natural disasters needs to be increased by knowing the risks and managing them through preventive and preparedness measures. Nevertheless, there are interesting opportunities to respond to the risks through water management strategies and eco-DRR measures at the broader scale, such as a watershed.

Since 2014 the Swiss NGO DRR Platform organized and contributed to a series of events related to DRR and water/WASH (Aguasán, Face-Face-Workshop etc.), where tools and approaches were developed and presented.

Learning event

The event is free of charge, addressed to non-DRR experts interested in the topic, particularly NGOs practitioners and staffs of SDC involved in projects and programmes related to water infrastructure, health & hygiene, natural resource management, water governance etc. The event covers following two aspects:

- 1) DRR & WASH: Focus on the protection of people and infrastructure from water-related disasters.
- 2) DRR at watershed level: Focus on watersheds as source of water-related disasters but also Eco-DRR at watershed level as measures against disasters.

The event is organized by Helvetas with case study contribution from Vivamos Mejor, Mediar and World Vision.

Objectives

Enhance the thematic capacities and exchange of participants through:

- i) an overview of tools and guiding concepts (which were partially presented in earlier Platform events),
- ii) practical case study illustrations,
- iii) thematic discussions and exchange amongst practitioners

in order to understand and systematically analyse potential risks in their portfolio and to get an overview of possible tools and risk reduction measures.

Registration

Participation is open to anyone interested and free of charge.

Please register [online](http://drrplatform.org/event-list.html) (<http://drrplatform.org/event-list.html>) until 03.10.2018.

Contact for questions: eveline.studer@helvetas.org.

A detailed programme will be shared two weeks prior to the event.

Tentative programme Outline (status 10.09.2018):

Time		Content
9.10	30'	<i>Introduction:</i> Welcome Programme of Learning Event Expectations & background of participants
9.40	40'	Introduction: DRR & water (IWRM/WASH)
10.20	30'	Participants' challenges and experience: DRR in WASH interventions DRR in IWRM interventions
10.50	30'	<i>Break</i>
11.20	60'	Case studies related to WASH projects: 1) World vision CS: DRR & WASH (Olaf Schönberg) 2) Medair CS: WASH and DRR in an emergency flood response in Madagascar (Cyril Eicher) Q&A
12.20	30'	WASH-intervention in post-disaster situations Helvetas lessons learnt and recommendations
12.50	60'	<i>Sandwich lunch</i>
13.50	30'	Tools for DRR in WASH/IWRM: Blue diamond incl. DRR Inventory Aguasan 2015 etc.
14.20	60'	Case study and tool related to IWRM projects: 3) Vivamos mejor CS: watershed management & DRR in Guatemala (Monika Hess) 4) Helvetas: tool / approach related to DRR/CCA in IWRM Q&A
15.20	15'	<i>Break</i>
15.35	40'	Participants' discussion: Entry doors and opportunities to include DRR in WASH/IRWM projects
16.15- 16.30	15'	Plenary feedback and conclusion

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