

Disaster mitigation and preparedness

Key objective

To help partner agencies and vulnerable communities prepare for possible natural or man-made disaster in order to mitigate the potential impact and strengthen the communities' ability to respond

TOOLS required

Relevant pages in Preparing for disasters, Mobilising the community, Mobilising the church, Building the capacity of local groups, and the Facilitation Skills Workbook.

Personnel required

Trainer to share skills in facilitation and to give group facilitators confidence and experience in using Guides and in planning and practical action.

Anticipated outcomes

- Local capacity to respond to potential hazards strengthened
- Communities enabled to address the root causes of their vulnerability to hazards
- Communities and churches strengthened in their ability to organise and plan together
- Collective knowledge and skills developed and strengthened.

Suggested approaches

- Work through 'Preparing for disasters' with groups in vulnerable communities as training material or material for ongoing discussion
- Develop a community plan to mitigate the impact of any potential hazard
- Work through more generic guides such as Building the capacity of local groups or Mobilising the community, with vulnerable groups to help them plan, initiate and manage change.

Case studies

- 'Preparing for disaster' has been used in Orissa, India to help groups mitigate and prepare for potential hazards.