



Orientation session for Philippine Disaster Law Initiative



Objectives

- Objective of the session: To formally introduce the Disaster Law Project and key disaster law themes
- Brief orientation on Disaster Law



Overview of presentation

- Background
- DMS Strategy
- Key program activities



Background

- International Disaster Response Laws, Rules and Principles Programme was created in 2001
- In 2003, the 28th IC welcomed the IDRL Programme's work
- In 2007, the 30th IC adopted the new set of "Guidelines for the domestic facilitation and regulation of international disaster relief and initial recovery program"



Background

- In 2011, the 31st IC welcomed the efforts to develop a model Act for the facilitation and regulation of international disaster relief and initial recovery assistance”
- In 2012, the program changed its name to “Disaster Law Program”



2011 PRC Pledge: 31st IC

- General Disaster Law Pledge (Government and PRC)
- DRR Law Pledge (Government and PRC)
- IDRL Pledge (Government and PRC)
- Regulatory barrier to shelter pledge (Government and PRC)
- DRR Law pledge (only PRC)



2015 PRC Pledge: 32st IC

- Strengthening legal frameworks for disaster response, risk reduction and first aid
(regional pledge and international pledge)



Activities following the Pledges

- IDRL workshops in Manila in 2011 and 2012
- Participation on the Sunset Review or write shops on RA 10121 (National Level)
- As member of NDRRMC – attended to TWG meetings; reviewed and provided recommendations on Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the revised Bill of RA 10121 with IFRC (National Level)
- Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), CCA (Climate Change Adaptation) and Ecosystem Management Restoration (EMR) in local governance (Rationalized Planning System) – through Partners for Resilience (PfR) project and EU project



Activities following the Pledges

- School Based Disaster Risk Reduction and Management by mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), CCA (Climate Change Adaptation) and Ecosystem Management Restoration (EMR) in Schools (School Improvement Plan).
- Participated in National and International Conferences related to DRR, CCA and/or EMR and sharing of learning experiences to other I/NGOs and LGUs.
- Advocacies on the formulation of local policies on DRR, CCA and EMR (i.e. Conservation of lake shore project and Mangrove project in Surigao del Norte etc).
- Developed IEC materials to raise public awareness on DRR, CCA and EMR (i.e. book on Creating new paths to resilience, Benefits of growing and protecting trees, Get ready for Disasters – workbook for primary and intermediate students, Risk Land Board Game etc.)



Structure and links to PRC strategy

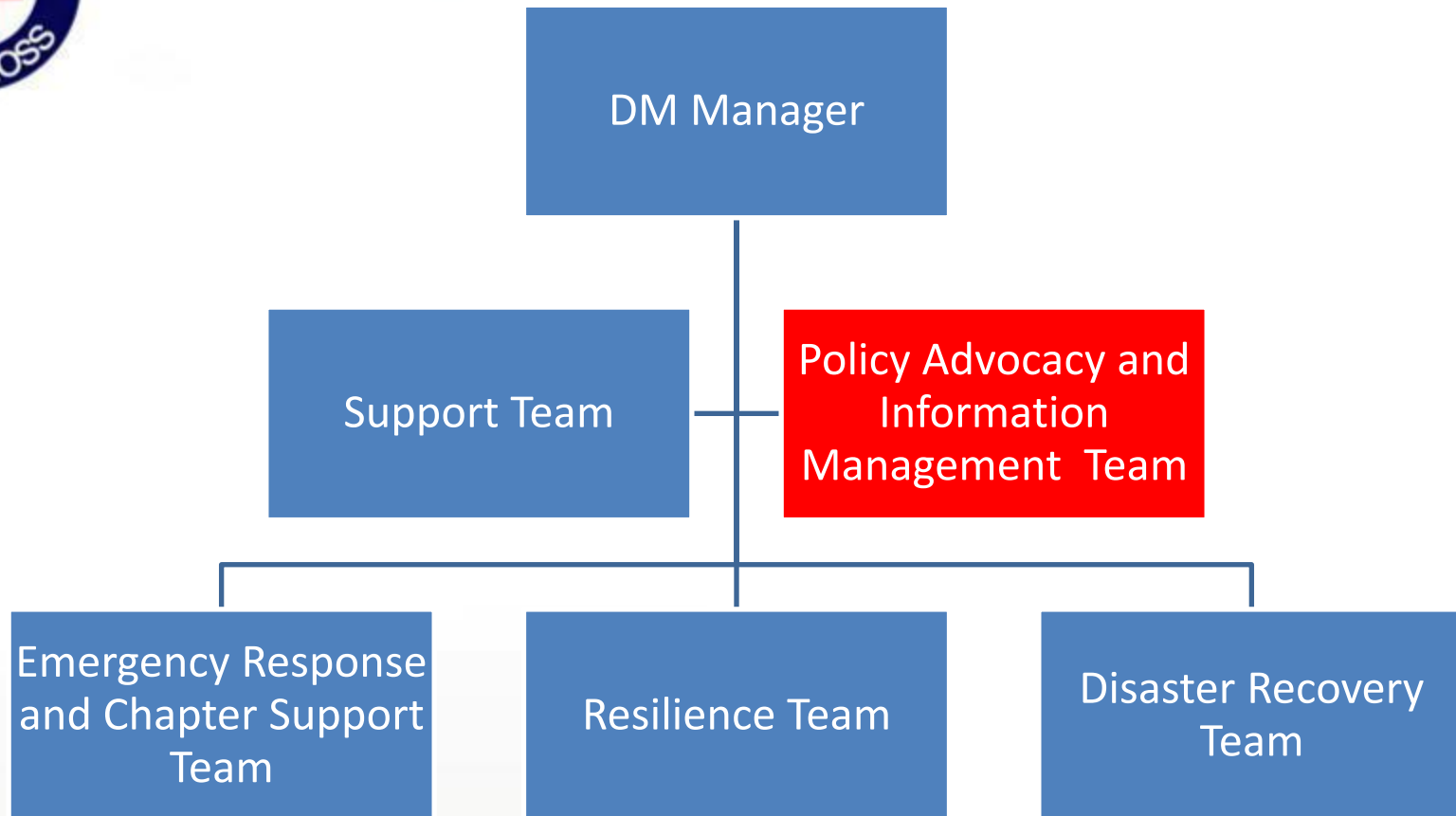
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Proposed DM Structure





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The Disaster Law Project

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Key activities

- Training and capacity building for PRC on disaster law
 - National Level and Regional
- Peer to Peer exchange
- Development of IEC materials



Key Messages

- Advocacy is about persuading other people or groups to act differently, to make changes, whether in policy, practice, systems or structures to a particular humanitarian issue.



Key Messages

Advocacy aims not only to **create awareness**; it aims to achieve **critical changes** (in both people's behaviour and government policy) that will reduce the risk of disasters.



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- Advocacy is about speaking for others, working with others and supporting others to speak for themselves.
- Advocacy can bring communities together and encourage them to respond to external threats.



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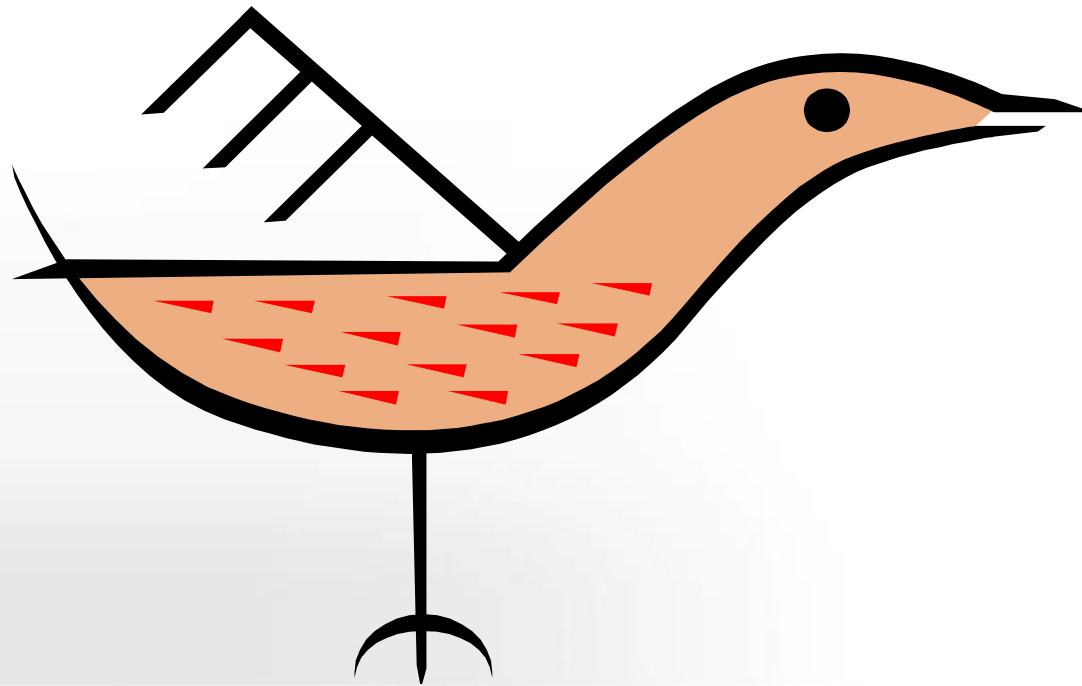
Why is Advocacy Important in DRR?

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Key Messages

Doing advocacy alone is like a bird flying with one wing!



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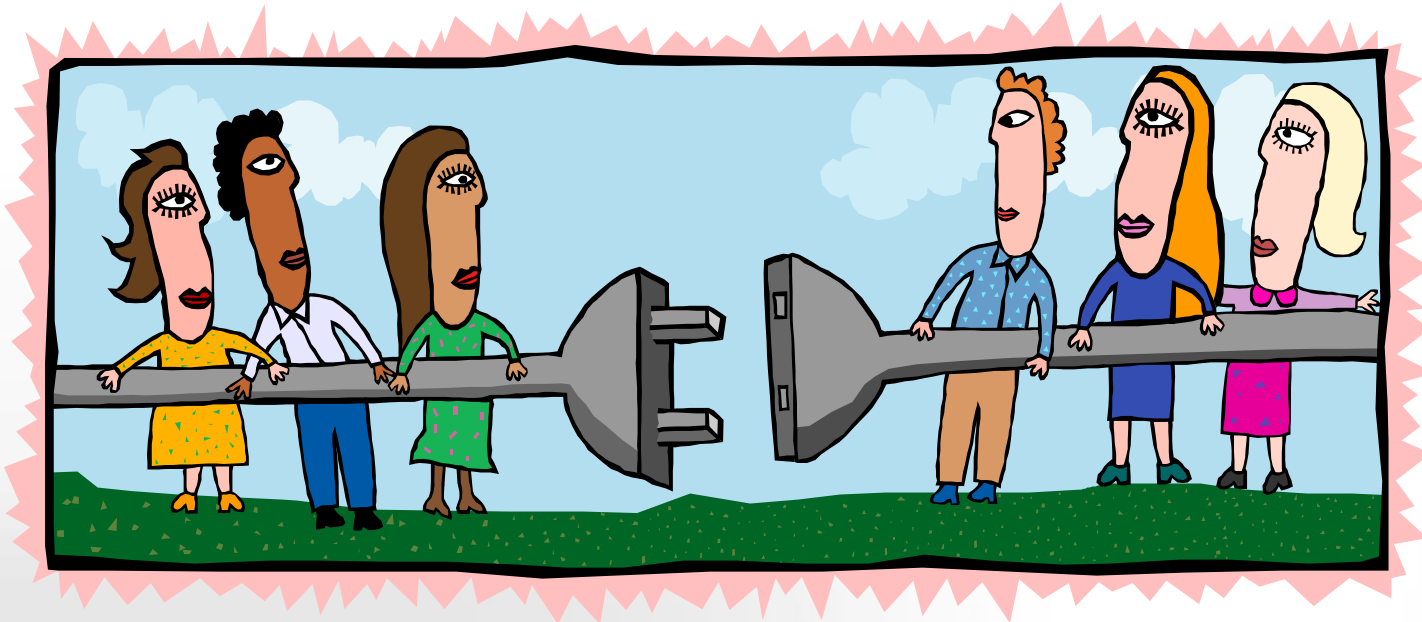
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Key Messages

Advocacy is best done by a team!



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