

ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME



ITP 321

Disaster Risk Management

Closing date
for applications:
➤ **October 15
2023**

Final call for applications!

The program recognizes the entire disaster risk management continuum: what needs to be considered before (prevention, anticipatory and preparedness actions), during (response) and after a disaster (recovery). Participants focus on a specific change initiative to improve their local disaster risk management system.

Climate change is driving future disaster risks and depleting natural resources. Meanwhile, Women and girls are often disproportionately affected by disasters. Therefore, climate change adaptation, environment, gender and human rights perspectives are incorporated throughout the programme.

Change

At the heart of the programme lies your change initiative, a prioritized issue within your organisation, where you intend to achieve change. It can be either a new or ongoing initiative within the organisation, and can have either an internal or external focus.

During the programme, you will apply new tools, skills and knowledge to your change initiative and will receive support in developing and implementing a robust change process. Previous change initiatives have focused on policy development, developing data and information management processes, improving early warning access in communities, and on strengthening organisational capacity for gender and diversity integration.

Networking

Your organization will have access to the wide ITP DRM network of other current and previous organizations, including several disaster management agencies, national and local government institutions, and international and national NGOs, to name a few.

Mentorship

Each change initiative is given the opportunity to be matched with a mentor. Mentors can act as sounding boards, as technical advisors, or provide tips on relevant resources and networks. The mentor provides personalized support throughout the programme to help solve the problem identified by your organisation.

After active participation in the programme, participants will be able to...

- explain how change happens and identify ways to push for change in disaster risk management;
- demonstrate effective skills for influencing others; and
- integrate an environment and gender and diversity perspective

... for the further development of their change initiative and their organisation.

Admission requirements

INVITED COUNTRIES

Organizations from the following countries are invited to nominate candidates: Nepal, Bangladesh and the Philippines.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The programme welcomes technical experts and middle management representatives from any relevant organization - government agencies, civil society organizations, the private sector or academic institutions – working to improve disaster risk management in the local or national context. The nominated candidate should:

- Hold a strategic position within their organisation in relation to the tentative change initiative.
- Have at least five years' worth of relevant work experience.
- Be proficient in English.

The programme is open to anyone meeting the admission requirements, regardless of gender, age, physical ability, ethnicity, or religion. Adaptations can be made to facilitate participation. The programme strives for a diverse and representative group of participants.

CHANGE INITIATIVE

Nominated candidates apply with a change initiative; namely, a problem the candidates' organization wishes to solve. It is strongly recommended that organizations apply with a joint change initiative in teams of two-three members. The teams can be set up either within an organisation or between organisations. Individual change initiatives can be accepted in special circumstances.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

The training programme is conducted fully in English, without the possibility of translation. You are expected to deliver both written reports and oral presentations and must therefore be proficient in English.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Due to the international travel involved and the overall intensive nature of the programme, you must be in good health. You will be required to complete a health declaration before international travel.

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITMENT

Organisational commitments are necessary to achieve the best results and to be able to benefit fully from what the ITP has to offer. The programme structure requires a strong commitment by both you and your organization. Most of the work will be carried out from your home country, with long-distance mentoring support provided.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Costs

There is no programme fee. Sida will cover costs related to:

- Hotel accommodation during activities that require work away from home;
- A meal allowance to cover self-catered cooked meals during international activities; and
- International travel to and from programme activities

Participants or their organisation are responsible for any other costs, including domestic travel to and from the nearest international airport, visa fees, any costs related to the implementation of the change initiative, and other personal expenses. Domestic flights can be financed by Sida if the participant provides an acceptable reason. Sida will not fund the participants' change initiative.

Visa

Participants are responsible for obtaining all visas necessary for their travel and stay during the training programme and for checking passport validity requirements.

Insurance

Participants are covered by group medical insurance in case of emergencies, such as acute illness or accident, during training taking place outside their country of residence. The insurance does not cover dental and general medical check-ups. Nor does it cover delays, baggage loss or theft of personal property. Participants are expected to be covered by the national health care system during activities in their home countries.

Application process

Are you ready to lead the change?

This is the **final call** for applications from Bangladesh, Nepal and the Philippines for the International Training Programme in Disaster Risk Management. Please see the instructions for applying below.



Organisations who wish to nominate candidates for the programme will have the opportunity to attend optional coaching sessions to discuss their ideas for change initiatives. During the coaching sessions, organisations will also have the opportunity to express interest in finding partners for joint change initiatives. These sessions will be held on **October 2** (The Philippines), **October 3** (Nepal) and **October 4** (Bangladesh). To register for a session, **contact itp@msb.se**.

Please note! Attending a coaching session does not guarantee you a spot on the programme. You will get useful tips for constructing your change initiative and have the opportunity to ask questions.

You apply to the programme through the [ITP portal](#). You will find all relevant documents to be completed and submitted, along with your application in the portal.

More details about the programme, practical information, and stories from previous ITP participants are available on the website: <https://www.msb.se/itp>