



The Community Based Disaster Risk Management - Training and Learning Circle

THE CBDRM - TLC newsletter

The CBDRM Training and Learning Circle is a network of trainers, training institutions, universities and practitioners that re-examines, strengthens and facilitates the crucial interface between training, education and learning for community based disaster risk management (CBDRM).

The TLC responds to the ongoing demand for evidence-based, context-specific, up-to-date and applied CBDRM resources/tools for training, education and learning in Asia.

This initiative is initially taken up in the Philippines and India through South-South knowledge and solution exchanges with focus on systemic gaps in training, education and learning to benefit from across a wide cross section of sectors. TLC activities include promoting knowledge exchange and networking among trainers, training institutions, educators and practitioners.

In the Philippines, this initiative is taken up by the Center for Disaster Preparedness while the All India Disaster Mitigation Institute organizes the TLC in India. The CBDRM TLC is supported by the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center, Special Unit of South-South Cooperation in UNDP and the ProVention Consortium.

Within 2008 - 2009, the TLC Philippines works for and strengthens its functionality, the publication of a gender-sensitive knowledge product, and the institutionalization of CBDRM curriculum and programs in universities and training institutions.

The CBDRM Training and Learning Circle (TLC) exists to facilitate and strengthen the crucial interface between training and education for Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) in the Philippines through an ongoing knowledge exchange cycle among practitioners, community-based organizations, training institutions and universities across the country.



The Launch of CBDRM-TLC



The CBDRM Training and Learning Circle in the Philippines was established in December 2007 in Manila as a support network, providing “ten-

der loving care” to trainers and service providers who are expected to be knowledgeable in basic and emerging themes in CBDRM and participatory and

learner-centered training and education. Consistent with CBDRM approaches, the trainers are valued as important resources in facilitating continuing education and learning within TLC Network. The December 14, 2007 TLC Network launch on December 14, 2007 benefitted from the inputs and process of a workshop and training on Organizational Network Analysis from December 11 – 14 supported by the Capacity for Disaster Reduction Initiative (CADRI) to refine a common vision and strategy for the TLC in the Philippines, India and possibly in Indonesia and Sri Lanka.

Aside from the AIDMI, ADPC, ProVenton Consortium, SU-

SSC in UNDP Regional Center Bangkok, representatives from UNDP in the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, and India worked alongside participants from Philippine communities, people’s organizations, non-government organizations, national and local governments, the academic and scientific community for the whole day activities to guide the operations of the CBDRM TLC-Philippines. Workshops captured participants’ inputs on the value of having the TLC, how to keep the support network vibrant, as well the strengths and resources participants are willing to contribute to the TLC implementation. A total of 72 participants from 40 organizations participated in the whole-day launch programme.

Highlights: Interactive Learning Events and Fora

++ The Forum on Tales of Disasters was held on April 2008, and was attended by 20 participants. Mr. Johnie McGlade, founder of No Strings presented the puppet films developed in Indonesia which help children and communities learn and discuss safety measures to take in natural hazards and disaster situations as well as in peace education. The participants, particularly the children and youth of Buklod ng Kabataan from San Mateo Rizal, commented how the puppet films made for Indonesia audiences can be useful in the Philippine context.

++ The Second Interactive Learning Event was held in May 2008 attended by 14 participants from 9 organizations. Grace Molina shared on Town Watching tool in participatory Risk Assessment and Action Planning, based on what she learned from her training at the Asian Disaster Reduction Center and application in San Mateo, Rizal as part of her research with youth and children in DRR. Then, Mayfourth Luneta shared the use of Participatory GIS learned during training workshop organized by Trocaire in Indonesia, the Child-oriented Participatory Risk Assessment and the PROMISE Philippine Project in Dagupan City. The participants found the sharing and learning

event very relevant. One participant commented that he learned that risk assessment can effectively be done with groups of women, men, children. Another highlighted the similarity of the risk maps prepared to the maps they do with journalists on possible stories in the community. All found that the techniques in risk assessment and action planning can be combined to further enrich what they are currently doing.

++ Upon finding out that the Disaster Risk Management Bill (DRM Bill) is again being taken up in the legislative body of the Philippines, CBDRM TLC-Phil decided to host the **kick-off meeting of Philippine NGOs for advocacy and lobby work on the DRM Bill** as its June 2008 interactive learning event. Aside from preparatory work in bringing the NGOs and resource persons together, the CBDRM TLC facilitated the whole-day meeting, provided reference materials on the DRM Bill and Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) and Strategic National Action Plan (SNAP). 31 participants attended this activity and to continue on with the advocacy and lobby work, the DRRNetPhil, an umbrella network of representatives of local and international NGOs was formed. The event was held also through the support of World Vision and Chris-

tian Aid.

++ The forum “Conversations on Opportunities and Challenges on Disaster Research and Studies in Colleges and Universities in the Philippines was jointly sponsored by the CBDRM TLC-Phil, College of Social Work and Community Development – University of the Philippines, Christian Aid Building Disaster Resilient Communities, PAEPI-NCR, and UNICEF Education Cluster was held on August 8. Seventy-eight (78) participants -- professors, students, (mostly from the University of the Philippines but also from other schools), NGO workers, community members -- interacted with each other in lively discussions. The key presenters were Prof. Greg Bankoff who has written mainly books and articles on the Philippines and currently with the Hull University Department of Modern History and Prof. JC Gaillard, Visiting Professor College at the College of Geography, University of the Philippines. Welcome was done by CWCD Dean Amryllis Torres while Dr. Mel Luna of the CSWCD, Dr. Marqueza Reyes, Course Director, WBI-NDCC-EMI Natural Disaster Risk Management Global Distance Learning Program were reactors. Participants sitting in round tables then had discussions and fired questions and

comments to the presenters and reactors. It was expressed that the University of the Philippines as the premiere state university should set up a Disaster Research Center and pursue the DRM course in its academic curriculum and program.

++ The forum “Conversations on Opportunities and Challenges in Disaster Research and Studies in the Philippines Part 2: Focus on Climate Change, Disaster Risk Reduction and Children’s Participation” was held on Sept 29. The forum featured Dr. Thomas Tanner of the Institute of Development Studies in the University of Sussex who discussed their DRR, Climate Change and Children’s Participation research with Plan International and Prof. Ma. Rosario Wood, Chair of the Science Department of Miriam College who presented the results of the research of the Philippine Network on Climate Change “Mapping of Climate Change Initiatives and Assessment of Stakeholders Capacity, Needs, Gaps & Barriers”.

++ The Forum on Disaster Risk Reduction and Community Development held on February 17, 2009 was co-sponsored with the Department of Community Development, College of Social Work and Community Devel-

opment as part of the its celebration of Department Week. TLC presented on “Institutionalizing (CB)DRM In Higher Education and Training Institutions Curriculum and Programs”.

++ Public Forum on Disaster and Climate Change: More Women at Risk on 11 March 2009 sponsored by Sarilaya and PKKK (women’s groups) with World March of Women (WMW) and CBDRM Training and Learning Circle – Phils. and the City Government of Quezon City. Aside from presenting the Dagupan City CBDRM experience, with particular focus on women’s participation in CBDRM and climate change adaptation activities being implemented by the city government and communities, the CBDRM TLC-Phils. gave out copies of the report of the Second National Conference of Communities on CBDRM held in September 2008 and the Philippine government’s Strategic National Action Plan.

++ Back-to-back activity: Views from the Front Line: Local Level Monitoring of Progress of HFA Implementation and CBDRM TLC-Philippines update on its activities on 29 April 2009 at the Sulo Hotel, Quezon City. Aside from Manila based communities, NGOs, government personnel, a few representatives coming from Pampanga, Bicol, Iloilo, and Mindanao participated to validate the results of the Views from the Frontline surveys at the local level.

++ Participation in the first year assessment and planning meeting of the DRRNetPhils, a civil society network engaged in advocacy and lobby work for a progressive DRM Bill with community and CSO involvement. A meeting on June 2008 which initiated the DRRNetPhils was convened by CBDRM TLC. June 15, 2009 is one year after CSOs committed to pursue advocacy and lobby work for the DRM Bill together with promotion and involvement in the Strategic National Action Plan of the Philippine Government to implement its commitments to the Hyogo Framework for Action. The results of the advocacy and lobby work in the 14th

Congress for the passage of the DRM bill has never reached its current level. Committee Hearings and Technical Group Work has already been finished in both Senate and House of Representatives. Even if the DRM Bill was not passed within the target date of June 2009, it is still possible to work for its passage up to end of 2010.

++ Part 3 - Conversations on Opportunities and Challenges in Disaster Studies and Research in the Philippines – Forum with the ProVention Consortium Research and Action for DRR Research Grantees Round 3 on March 25, 2009. Featured were 5 young professionals who were recipient of the ProVention Research Grants on Disaster Risk Reduction Research and Action – Round 3, including Grace Molina of CDP on her research “Children and Youth Mobilization to Offset Vulnerabilities for Empowerment”.

++ CBDRMTLC-Philippines co-organized the **Global Development Learning Network Session 5 on CBDRM** on June 26, 2009 using video conferencing modality with Beijing, Tokyo, Vietnam, Laos and Philippines. Arranged with World Bank that the CBDRMTLC- Philippines make a brief presentation on Overview of CBDRM in the Philippines and for local government partner to share Dagupan City’s Experiences and Practice in CBDRM through project PROMISE with the UDRM-ADPC and the Center for Disaster Preparedness. Thirty-four (34) participants coming from the government, NGOs, and communities actively interacted with and answered questions regarding CBDRM in the Philippines such as differences between working with rural and urban communities, role of the private sector and planners, and link between climate change and DRR, among others.

++ In July 2009 as a contribution to Disaster Consciousness Month, a **CBDRM Orientation for students of the Philippine Normal University**, a primary teacher education university, in coordination with their National Service Training Program was conducted.



Tugon sa Hamon! A Stakeholders’ Consultation on Disaster Risk Reduction

“**Tugon sa Hamon! A Stakeholders’ Consultation on Disaster Risk Reduction**” was convened last September 2-3, 2009 at the Institute of Social Order Complex of the Ateneo de Manila University by the Disaster Risk Reduction Network Philippines (DRRNetPhils) as it marked its second year of consolidating efforts and working together for the passage of a Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act.

A General Assembly took place on Day One wherein partner organizations from communities were provided updates by Atty. Eunice Sano, legal counsel of the network, on the status of the network’s advocacy efforts in the 14th Congress, followed by a workshop to finalize organizational plans.

The Forum on Day Two was an opportunity for partners to share their initiatives in local development planning, documentation and replication efforts of good practices on community-based disaster risk management. Gen. Glenn Rabonza, administrator of Office of Civil Defense (OCD), and Executive Officer of NDCC, reported on the Resolutions passed in the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Geneva. Ms. Malu Cagay of the Center for Disaster Preparedness (CDP) presented the outputs of the Views from the Frontline, a survey on the implementation of the action points based on the Hyogo Framework of Action. Mr. Baltazar Tribunalo, Jr. of Plan International gave the views of children and young people.

An appeal to legislators to pass the DRRM Bill was presented in a five-minute video, drawing attention to the fact that the Philippines’ vulnerability to disasters has increased immensely through the years, resulting in loss of lives and livelihood, destruction of properties, infrastructure and the environment despite the government’s calls and programs for zero casualty.

To this Congressman “TG” Guingona III, representative from 2nd District, Bukidnon and head, Technical Working Group, Consolidated DRRM Bill, Committee on National Defense and Security gave his tugon sa hamon (response to the challenge) -- the assurance that, as the chair of the Technical Working Group, he will seek the help of his colleagues at the House of Representatives to fast-track its passage.



Left: 2nd Interactive Learning Event with focus on Participatory Risk Assessment and Action Planning

Right: kick-off meeting of Philippine NGOs for advocacy and lobby work on the DRM Bill



Left: 5th Disaster Management Practitioners Workshop in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Aside from discussing the CBDRM TLC briefly in 2 presentations, a poster of the CBDRM TLC was exhibited and brochures given out.

Right: Participants of the Forum on Tales of Disasters

Left: Views from the Front Line: Local Level Monitoring of Progress of HFA Implementation

Right: Dr. Thomas Tanner at the forum "Conversations on Opportunities and Challenges in Disaster Research and Studies in the Philippines Part 2: Focus on Climate Change, Disaster Risk Reduction and Children's Participation"



The 2nd National Community Conference on CBDRM



The 2nd National Community Conference on CBDRM was held on September 12-13, 2008 and was convened by 11 community organizations. The back to back Writeshop was held on 13-14 September and was supported by the CBDRM TLC-Phils, Christian Aid Building Disaster Resilient Communities Learning Circle and DRRNet

Phils. Over 100 participants and community partners attended. It was a venue for communities to share experiences, articulate positions, provide inputs and recommendations on current disaster risk management related programs and activities, the Conference was attended by over a hundred participants from communities, people's organizations, barangays and partners from NGOs, local government units, donors, and media.

From the sharing and discussions on current CBDRM practices and experiences, Conference participants highlighted gains in community disaster preparedness, particularly in setting

up early warning and evacuation systems. Sustainability of disaster risk management projects, lack of funds, and lack of local government support were some challenges noted by participants. For human-induced hazards (e.g. mining, pollution) and disasters (such as armed conflict), consistency and implementation of laws within the DRM framework and community advocacy and actions for vulnerability reduction, environmental management, upholding justice, social development and peace building were emphasized.

The conference called for sustained training and education on disaster risk reduction, ecially at

the local and community levels. During the second day of the Conference a Press Conference from selected Participants was held to discuss gains and challenges in CBDRM especially related to human-induced hazards (mining, armed conflict). The Press Conference was picked up by the media. Many of the participants registered with the CBDRM TLC-Phils while calling for continuation of communities working together and supporting each other in DRM.

Institutionalizing DRR in Training Institutions and Universities

At the end of 2008, the CBDRM-TLC Phils has involved several universities, colleges and training institutions in integrating DRR in the academic curriculum and programs through the help of professors or personnel involved in DRM. These institutions include:

Universities and Colleges

- University of the Philippines
College of Social Work and Community Development; Department of Geography, College of Arts and Letters; School of Urban and Regional Planning
- Camarines School State Agricultural College
- Ateneo School of Governance
- La Salle Institute of Governance

Training Institutions

- Earthquake Megacities Initiative (for Distance Learning on DRM)
- Development Academy of the Philippines (for DRM and Governance)
- Center for Disaster Preparedness (various areas relevant to CBDRM)

Community Extension Services

- Philippine Association of Extension Implementors, Inc.- NCR

One of the most recent activities of the CBDRM-TLC is arranging a partnership between CDP and the Camarines School State Agricultural College (CSSAC) to facilitate research and academic requirements of 2 students of Dr. John Twigg of the University College of London. A Memorandum of Agreement among the 3 institutions involved was made. One student is doing a research on land use and vulnerability while the other student is looking into community based early warning systems. CSSAC is the main partner for the students' field research.

Arrangements have also been made to develop a case study on CDP as a CBDRM training institution. Other training institutions which have been influenced or which have partnered with CDP in CBDRM training will also be featured in the case study.



Dr. Mel Luna presented on the research study "**Impacts of Disasters on the Education Sector**" at the Forum on Disaster Risk Management and Education held last 17 February 2009 at the UP CSWCD as part of College Week activities.

Ms. Lorna Victoria also presented on "**Institutionalizing (CB)DRM In Higher Education and Training Institutions Curriculum and Programs**" on behalf of the CBDRM TLC and the Center for Disaster Preparedness. Mr. Ems Torrente, formerly of the National Economic Development Authority and now a private consultant and a graduate of CSWCD also made a presentation.



Case Studies on Institutionalizing DRM in higher education and training institutions in the Philippines

The CBDRM-TLC Philippines works for the institutionalization of DRM, particularly CBDRM, in the curriculum and programs of academic and training institutions. While there is headway in integrating DRM in the curriculum of primary and secondary education, much has still to be done at the tertiary level.

Two case studies of higher learning institutions taking on DRM has been published by the CBDRM TLC and a work group is being formed to develop guidelines for institutionalizing CBDRM in universities and colleges in the Philippines.

The first case study published "**Developing a Curriculum for a Ladderized Master in Disaster Risk Management Program: Case of the Camarines Sur State Agricultural College, Bicol-Philippines**" details the process undertaken to have the first MS Program in DRM in the Philippines as well as lessons learned by the Camarines Sur State Agricultural College to develop and sustain the Master in DRM in the Bicol Region as a response to challenges of repeated disaster experience.

The second case study "**The Institutionalization of Disaster Risk Reduction in Community Development Education: The UP CSWCD Experience**" is on the involvement of the College of Social Work and Community Development of the University of the Philippines in CBDRM through its field placement program and integration of 2 new courses on CBDRM and Rebuilding Displaced Communities in its revised Master in Community Development.

The case studies will be used in drawing guidelines and lessons in institutionalizing disaster risk management in universities and training institutes and can be browsed at <http://www.cdp.org.ph>

Design and Development of a Gender Sensitive Knowledge Product

The CBDRM–TLC Philippines conducted a quick review of existing CBDRM-related training materials to determine the focus of the knowledge product which it will develop within 2008 – 2009.

To address the identified gaps, a **Writershop on Addressing CBDRM gaps in the Philippines** was conducted on 10-11 September 2008, involving 47 participants from NGOs, people's organizations, communities, national government agencies, local government units, and the academe in collective study and design of the knowledge products.



The Writershop involved presentations and discussions on the following gaps and emerging relevant themes in CBDRM in the Philippines:

- Gender and CBDRM
- Accountability and ethics in CBDRM
- Climate change and CBDRM
- CBDRM/Community resilience indicators, monitoring & evaluation

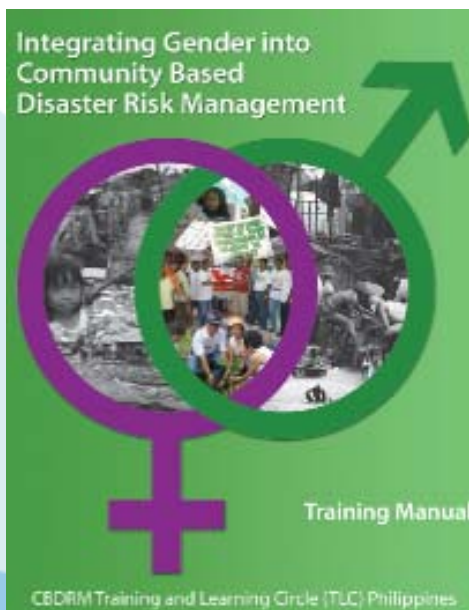
Even as CBDRM for Local Authorities was identified as a gap, this was not included in the Writershop since there are already some manuals in progress to address this. Peace Building and DRM and Institutionalizing DRM/CBDRM in Tertiary Education were also topics included in the Writershop.

In the end, the consensus was first to develop the Gender and CBDRM training package even as working groups were formed on the other themes.

The complete report of the writershop can be found at the CDP website.

Above: Participants of the Writershop

Below: CBDRM TLC presents on CBDRM and Gender during the Seminar of Gender and Disaster Risk Management organized by the Camarines School State Agricultural College on March 25, 2008



Training Manual on integrating gender in CBDRM

Drafting the Gender-Sensitive CBDRM Knowledge Product

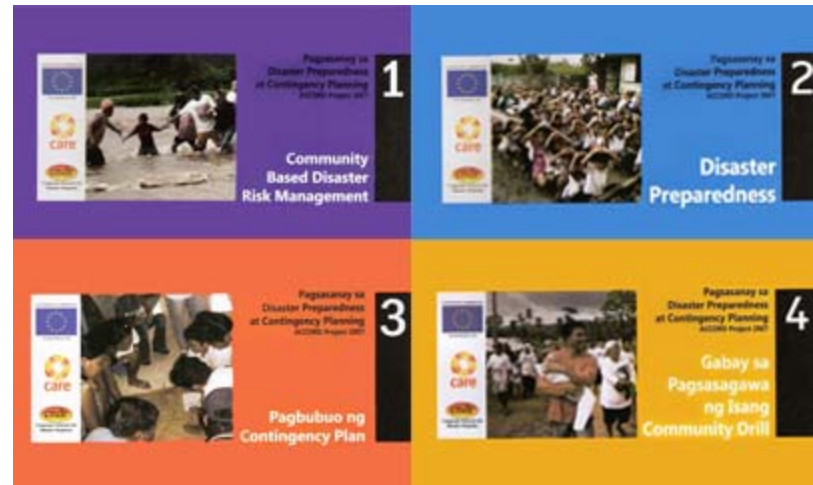
The training manual on Integrating Gender in CBDRM is currently under development. Some of the resources used include additional case studies which served as references on experiences and challenges in gender-sensitive emergency responses and preparedness activities in Infanta and conflict-areas in Mindanao. Materials from the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women have been reviewed. New materials on Gender and DRR from the UNISDR Global Platform in Geneva in June 2009 have been gathered. Acting on feedback during the Strategic Planning Workshop in Bangkok, CBDRM TLC-Philippines is working on focusing and simplifying the training package on CBDRM and Gender.

Featured Information Products

Pagsasanay sa Disaster Preparedness at Contingency Planning

The ACCORD Project funded by Dipecho (Strengthening Assets and Capacities of Communities and Local Governments for Resilience to Disasters) of CARE and the Corporate Network for Disaster Response (CNDR) has allowed the CBDRM TLC to feature its 4-volume disaster preparedness manual in Filipino (Pagsasanay sa Disaster Preparedness at Contingency Planning) in the CDP website as well as to include in the CD on references for CBDRM training in the Philippines. The training manual is composed of four modules that were based on the experiences of communities, schools, and the local government units under the project Strengthening Assets and Capacities of Communities and Local Governments for Resilience to Disasters (ACCORD).

Hard and soft copies of this new training manual was provided to the CBDRM TLC and can be downloaded from the CDP website: <http://www.cdp.org.ph/publications/pdpcp/>



Visit the CBDRM-TLC online at the CDP website. You can download reports, CBDRM publications, join the forum, watch workshop videos, and register to join the CBDRM-TLC online.

Forthcoming Activities

1. Continuation of joint activities in CBDRM with communities, people's organizations and co-funding and partnership in CBDRM activities with other NGOs and the government.

- Collaboration with other CBDRM stakeholders to revisit the Philippine Strategic Plan to Integrate CBDRM in Socio-Economic Development Processes and jointly implement and monitor its progress with the Office of Civil Defense-National Disaster Coordinating Council.
- Collaboration with other CBDRM stakeholders to hold a National DRM Practitioners Workshop (or National Conference in CBDRM) to share and learn from one another in CBDRM. The 2nd National Conference in CBDRM was mainly communities sharing and learning from one another. The National DRM Practitioners Workshop is similar to DM Regional Practitioners Workshop, and can dovetail with the implementation of the Philippine Strategic Plan to Integrate CBDRM in Socio Economic Development Processes.

2. Formation of circles (or working groups) within TLC-Philippines among communities, women, government, and academe who can sustain and make vibrant the CBDRM-TLC Circle.

3. Continue with Interactive Learning Events and Fora

The CBDRM - TLC

The Community Based Disaster Risk Management Training and Learning Circle (CBDRMTLC) is a network being convened initially with the Center for Disaster Preparedness in the Philippines and the All India Disaster Mitigation Institute in India in partnership with the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation UNDP Regional Center Bangkok (UNDP SSC), the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), and the ProVention Consortium.

The Project “Training and Learning Circle: Promoting Knowledge Exchange and Networking between Trainers and Educators on Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia” was developed in 2006 to promote joint development and sharing of tools and information on training and learning particularly on CBDRM. UNDP SSC-RCB submitted this to the ProVention Consortium. Subsequently, a Partnership Agreement was entered into by UNDP SSC-RCB and ADPC for TLC Asia. The Grant Agreement between ADPC and CDP for implementation of “Training Learning Circle – Philippines Project” was finally signed mid-March 2008.

The CBDRMTLC Philippines aims to provide “tender loving care” to and strengthen the capacity of trainers in community training in disaster risk reduction and development, participatory and learner-centered training methodologies.

The “Training Learning Circle – Philippines” Project under TLC Asia has for 2008 – 2009 shall achieve the following key results: (1) CBDRM TLC Philippines organized. (2) Publication of 1 gender-sensitive knowledge product. (3) Scoping study and guidelines for institutionalizing CBDRR in universities and training institutions.

Promoters of TLC

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- Center for Disaster Preparedness (CDP) Philippines (www.cdp.org.ph)
- All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (www.traininglearningcircle.net)
- Provention Consortium Secretariat (www.proventionconsortium.org)
- Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (www.adpc.net)
- The Special Unit for South-South Cooperation in UNDP Regional Centre in Bangkok, Thailand (lead) (regionalcentrebangkok.undp.or.th)



Get Involved

There are a number of ways to get involved with the TLC:

1. Be a member of the CBDRM Training and Learning Circle:

Send an expression of interest to the Center for Disaster Preparedness (CDP) Philippines.

You can also register online at <http://www.cdp.org.ph/tlc-registration/>

2. Feature training and CBDRM training related products

2. Share researches, case studies, and stories on CBDRM and community training

4. Participate in the Community Forum at www.cdp.org.ph

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