

Another month and unfortunately another major devastating event. We must all take a moment to remember those whose lives have been changed forever by the earthquake and tsunami that ravaged northeaster Japan earlier this month. The tragedy is quite immense and each day we hear and see stories that remind us of why we work in this area of disaster risk management.

In the region there have been a number of interesting developments as this issue of Snapshots will portray. In Papua New Guinea we're into the home stretch in relation to a DRM Action Plan for Morobe Province. The work on this started last year and Waisale Naqiolevu, our man on the ground has an interesting piece on this.

Also in this issue Niue is the latest Pacific island country to demonstrate a desire to integrate their DRM and Climate Change Adaptation initiatives into a single National Action Plan. Next up for DRP is Nauru.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue.

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