

## Community Based DRM

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To minimise the scale of impact and improve on the ground disaster recovery, there is a need to increase community awareness and preparedness programmes, and promote engagement and ownership of ground-level initiatives in DRM and CCA. Involving the community in DRM and CCA is crucial to enhancing resilience particularly in small island countries in the region.

Whilst the bulk of the Disaster Reduction Programme's work focuses on building national DRM capacity, DRP also has a strong commitment to supporting community based disaster risk management initiatives.



DRP in partnership with UNDP, NDMO, Fiji Red Cross and Live and Learn are working with communities on the Navua floodplain on reducing their risk to flooding. The project has brought together local government and the community to improve flood response which included the installation of a flood warning system in Navua. A flood response plan was developed and Community-based First Aid and Disaster Preparedness Workshops in Serua and Namosi Province carried out in support of this.

Specific services that the Disaster Risk Programme can provide in relation to Community based Disaster Risk Management are the following:

- Training support and facilitation of Vulnerability and Capacity Assessments (VCA)
- Community based Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Response Planning
- Participatory Community based Disaster Risk Reduction Planning
- Documentation of traditional practices and protocol in Pacific Island countries and territories
- Advise on integration into national disaster risk management systems

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