

## **Module 2:**

# **Understanding the Involvement of Communities in Disaster Risk Management**

# Modular Learning Objectives

- Understand the concepts and importance of community based disaster risk management
- Know about the CBDRM approach
- Discuss about the communities possible role in climate change adaptation
- Clarify top down and bottom-up approaches in the field of DRM and CCA
- Understand different steps required to follow in the CBDRM process

## **Session 2.1**

Conceptual framework of CBDRM,  
importance in the context of  
climate change and the  
communities possible role in  
climate change adaptation

# **What do we mean by Community?**

A group of interacting people, possibly living in close proximity, and often refers to a group that shares some common values, and is attributed with social cohesion within a shared geographical location, generally in social units larger than a household.

# What do we mean by Community?

- ❖ A community is homogeneous.
- ❖ In reality, a community can be socially differentiated and diverse.
- ❖ Gender, class, caste, wealth, age, ethnicity, religion, language, and other aspects divide and crosscut the community.
- ❖ Beliefs, interests, and values of community members may conflict. Therefore a community need not be homogenous

## **Definition of Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM)**

According to the ADPC Thailand, the CBDRM is; “the process of disaster risk management in which at risk communities (people) are actively engaged in the identification, analysis, treatment, monitoring and evaluation of disaster risks in order to reduce their vulnerabilities and enhance capacities”.

# **Definition of Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM)**

According to the terminologies of the OIEWG of the UN-ISDR,

“CBDRM promotes the involvement of potentially affected communities in disaster risk management at the local level. This includes community assessments of hazards, vulnerabilities and capacities, and their involvement in planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of local action for disaster risk reduction”.

## **CBDRM in Changing Climate**

- ❖ Impact of climate change has been observed in all walk of life including the local communities
- ❖ Especially those who are living in hazard prone areas
- ❖ They are more exposed to climate induced hazards including drought, river flood, flash flood, landslides, snow avalanche and glacial lake outburst floods
- ❖ On top of that their livelihood assets are severally affecting
- ❖ Shift of rainfall distribution, weather pattern affect all their living style, agriculture productivity and crop production
- ❖ Therefore there is dire need for communities to keep close watch on changing environment and focus on introducing new crop varieties and shift in livelihood sources to cope up with the climate changes and visible impact on their lives and livelihood.



# Importance of the CBDRM Approach

- ❖ Community is the Key Resource in Disaster Risk Management
- ❖ Recognition of the Link between Disaster Risk Management and the Development Process
- ❖ CBDRM as an Evolving and Dynamic Framework
- ❖ Realizing the Close Link between Climate Changes and Disaster Risk Reduction
- ❖ CBDRM Recognizes that Different People have Different Perceptions of Risk
- ❖ Various Community Members and Groups in the Community have Different Vulnerabilities and Capacities

# **CBDRM Approach**

## **Two dominant approaches**

- First approach is called as government traditional approach (top down approach)
- Second approach called as CBDRM approach (bottom up approach).

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