

Report of the 14th meeting of the Technical Working Group (TWG) on Disaster-related Statistics
 Workshop on Coordinating the DRSF Business Process
 24 November 2021, 14:30 – 17:00 hours, Bangkok time

Summary of group discussions:

Group 1: Country level sectoral agencies' roles and responsibilities

NDMA	NSO	Sectoral agencies	Data center/ SDG Center	Other agencies UN/NGO/Civil Society
<p>Sri Lanka: disaster management, coordination, DRR, planning preparedness, emergency response</p> <p>Disaster management council (DMC)</p> <p>Maps of flood, drought, etc.</p>	<p>Coordination of administrative data; disaggregation of data by population, sex, housing,</p> <p>SDG data</p>	<p>Meteorological Agency: risk information</p>		<p>Collection of data on drought and flood</p>
<p>Bangladesh: Ministry of Disaster Management - disaster impacts</p>	<p>compilation of relevant administrative baseline data</p>	<p>Ministry of Agriculture: damage and loss data</p>		<p>INGO, UN agencies: validation and triangulation data; technical support</p>
<p>Mongolia: collection of Disaster-related Statistics (DRS), collaboration with NSO on development of data sheet for loss and damage data; policy on data collection, dissemination, coordination with stakeholders.</p> <p>National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) – DRS publication (yearly)</p>			<p>general data collection and reconciliation of cross-sectoral data</p>	<p>data related to disasters (NDMO does not have mechanism to absorb the data)</p>

Note: NSO in general establishes statistical standards, provide baseline information on household income, population, poverty, sectoral statistics, etc. from censuses, surveys and administrative data

Highlights:

1. There are many agencies involved in disaster-related statistics and each has its own legal mandate and responsibilities. However, the responsibilities need to be explicit and formalized rather than assumed. To better understand the division of labor among agencies, it can be formalized into a National Policy on disaster-related statistics.

Group 2: Comparison of the different coordination platform models

Steering Committee/Technical Committee	Inter-Agency Committee (IAC) / Technical Working Group (TWG)	Disaster Management Center (DMC)
Malaysia: Steering Committee on Environment and climate Change (includes disaster-related statistics)	Philippines: IAC on Environment and Natural Resources Statistics (umbrella group); TWG on Disaster-related statistics (thematic working group)	Sri Lanka: umbrella organization on disasters
India: Ministry of Home Affairs (lead agency on reporting to Sendai framework; NSO: SDG monitoring; NDMA: policy on disasters)		
Sri Lanka: Steering Committee and Technical Committee (includes disaster-related statistics)		

Highlights:

1. Data and information on disasters are available and spread among many agencies, that it needs to have a separate coordination mechanism to be effective. This can come in many different forms and are already being implemented in many countries. There are 5 models of platforms available:
 - a. Steering Committee/Technical Committee – highest level in terms of hierarchy; includes top-level management for decision-making
 - b. Technical Working Group (TWG) –focused group composed of technical specialists involved in the operational aspects of disaster-related work/statistics
 - c. Data Management Center (DMC) – Center for data and related information on disasters

- d. Data Center for SDGs – Center for all SDG-related information
- e. Statistical Center – Center for sectoral-level data and information

Group 3: Inter-Agency data flows

Nepal	Indonesia	Philippines
Ministry of Home Affairs: lead agency for data collection	NDMA: national custodian of disaster data – disaster data portal	National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC): lead agency of the gov't on disaster-management and response under the Dept of National Defense; official statistics on disaster-related statistics;
Disaster Management Agency – portal on disaster-related statistics	Ministry of National Development Planning: national custodian of Indonesia One Data National Portal	Philippine Statistics Authority – socio-economic and demographic data and statistics; coordinator of the IAC on Environment and Natural Resources; chaired by the Dept of Env. And Natural Resources; and the TWG on Disaster-related statistics
NSO – conduct of census/data collection from local gov't	Local Disaster Management Agency: local data custodian	
	National Statistics Office: custodian of disaster statistics dashboard; definition of disasters; development of socio-economic profile of disasters	

Highlights:

1. The relevant agencies involved in disaster-related statistics need to be mindful of each agencies' mandate, legislation and regulations, that there needs to have some arrangements to harmonize and standardize data. Developing a National Policy on disaster-related statistics could be the first step towards this objective. There are also tools available, such as the newly published Hazard Information Profiles that will provide the basis for communication and common understanding of definitions, for example, among agencies.

Next steps:

1. The 15th meeting of the TWG will be held on Wednesday, 23 February 2022, 13:30 – 15:00 hours, Bangkok time.
2. The Secretariat will provide a briefing on the accomplishments of the TWG to date;
3. UNSIAP will present updates on the e-learning courses on the DRSF;
4. The UNECE will provide a briefing on the ongoing statistical review of the new UNDRR/ISC Hazard Information Profiles;
5. Selected countries will share their current work engagement on the new Hazard Information Profiles
6. The agenda for the 15th meeting and other materials are available at: <https://stat-confluence.escap.un.org/display/TWG/15th+Meeting+of+Technical+Working+Group+%28TWG%29+on+Disaster-related+Statistics>