

Outline of “Initiative for Disaster Reduction through ODA”

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About the Initiative

- The Initiative will strengthen appropriate measures against tsunami and other various natural disasters.
- The Initiative is a sectoral assistance policy under the ODA Charter and the Medium-term Policy on ODA.
- The Government of Japan launched it on the occasion of the World Conference on Disaster Reduction.

1. Basic principles

- Disaster reduction is one of the most important preconditions for achieving poverty reduction and sustainable development.
- Ninety percent of the death toll from natural disasters is concentrated in developing countries.
- Attach importance on partnership that supports the self-help efforts of developing countries.

2. Basic policies

- (1) Raising the priority attached to disaster reduction
- (2) Perspective of human security
- (3) Gender perspective
- (4) Importance of assistance regarding software
- (5) Mobilization of Japan's experience, expertise, and technology
- (6) Mobilization and dissemination of locally available and suitable technology
- (7) Promoting partnerships with various stakeholders

3. Cooperation corresponding to each phase of disaster

- (1) Integration of disaster prevention into development policies
 - a) Institution building that incorporates the perspectives of disaster prevention
 - b) Training of experts and developing capacity for disaster prevention
 - c) Raising awareness and building capacity of local communities on disaster reduction
- (2) Rapid and appropriate assistance in the immediate aftermath of a disaster
 - a) Prompt and appropriate emergency assistance
 - b) Training of experts and transfer of expertise for emergency response
 - c) Food aid in response to food shortage caused by disasters
 - d) Coherent cooperation corresponding to each phase of disaster
- (3) Cooperation that extends from reconstruction to sustainable development
 - a) Assistance for developing disaster-resilient economic and social infrastructure and architecture
 - b) Dissemination of disaster-resilient systems and technology
 - c) Provision of financial assistance necessary for reconstruction and development

4. Concrete measures

- (1) Institution building
- (2) Human resources development
- (3) Development of economic and social infrastructure
- (4) Assistance for the reconstruction of livelihoods