



INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER REDUCTION 2013

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A NOT SO OBVIOUS CONVERSATION
LIVING WITH DISABILITY AND DISASTERS

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Preliminary Findings of Survey on Living
with Disabilities and Disasters



Survey Rationale

- Given the general **lack of data on disability issues and disasters**, UNISDR launched an online survey to ascertain the needs of persons living with disabilities and disasters.
 - Findings from the survey and other information gathered can contribute to the remaining two years of the HFA as well as to the post HFA consultations which began in March 2012. The end goal is an HFA2 in 2015 that is more disability inclusive.
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Status Quo

➤ **The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities States Parties shall take all necessary measures to ensure the protection and safety of persons with disabilities in situations of risk, including ... the occurrence of natural disasters. (Article 11)**

- **Priority 4 of the Hyogo Framework for Action calls for a strengthening of the implementation of social safety-net mechanisms to assist ... the disabled...**

Methodology

Survey developed using universal language developed by the **Washington Group** with support from:

- **Disability-inclusive DRR Network for Asia and the Pacific (DiDRRN);**
- **Malteser-International;**
- **UN ENABLE;**
- **University of Connecticut, Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities;**
- **World Bank/Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR).**

The 23 question survey is comprised of close and open ended responses was launched online in English at the beginning of August. Followed by Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish.

Partners submitted versions in Bahasa, Japanese and Italian. Survey also translated and conducted manually by partners in Vietnamese, Thai, Bengali and Bahasa.

Demographic Data

- **5,450 Responses**
- **52.21% Women / 47.79% Men**
- **126 countries - 12 languages**
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| U-12 Years | 3.04% |
| 12-17 Years | 3.23% |
| 18-24 Years | 5.85% |
| 25-34 Years | 16.42% |
| 35-44 Years | 19.80% |
| 45-54 Years | 23.98% |
| 55-64 Years | 17.41% |
| 65-74 Years | 7.22% |
| 75 Years plus | 3.04% |

Key Responses

Evacuation in the event of a disaster (Q9,10, &11)

Only 20% can evacuate immediately without difficulty in a sudden disaster event.

6% will not be able to do so at all.

38% can evacuate with some difficulty.

36% can evacuate with a lot of difficulty.

If given sufficient time, the percentage of those who can evacuate with no difficulty rises to 38%.

But 58% feel they would still have either some, or a lot of, difficulty.

4% would still not be able to evacuate.

Only 31% have someone to help them evacuate

13% never have anyone to help them.

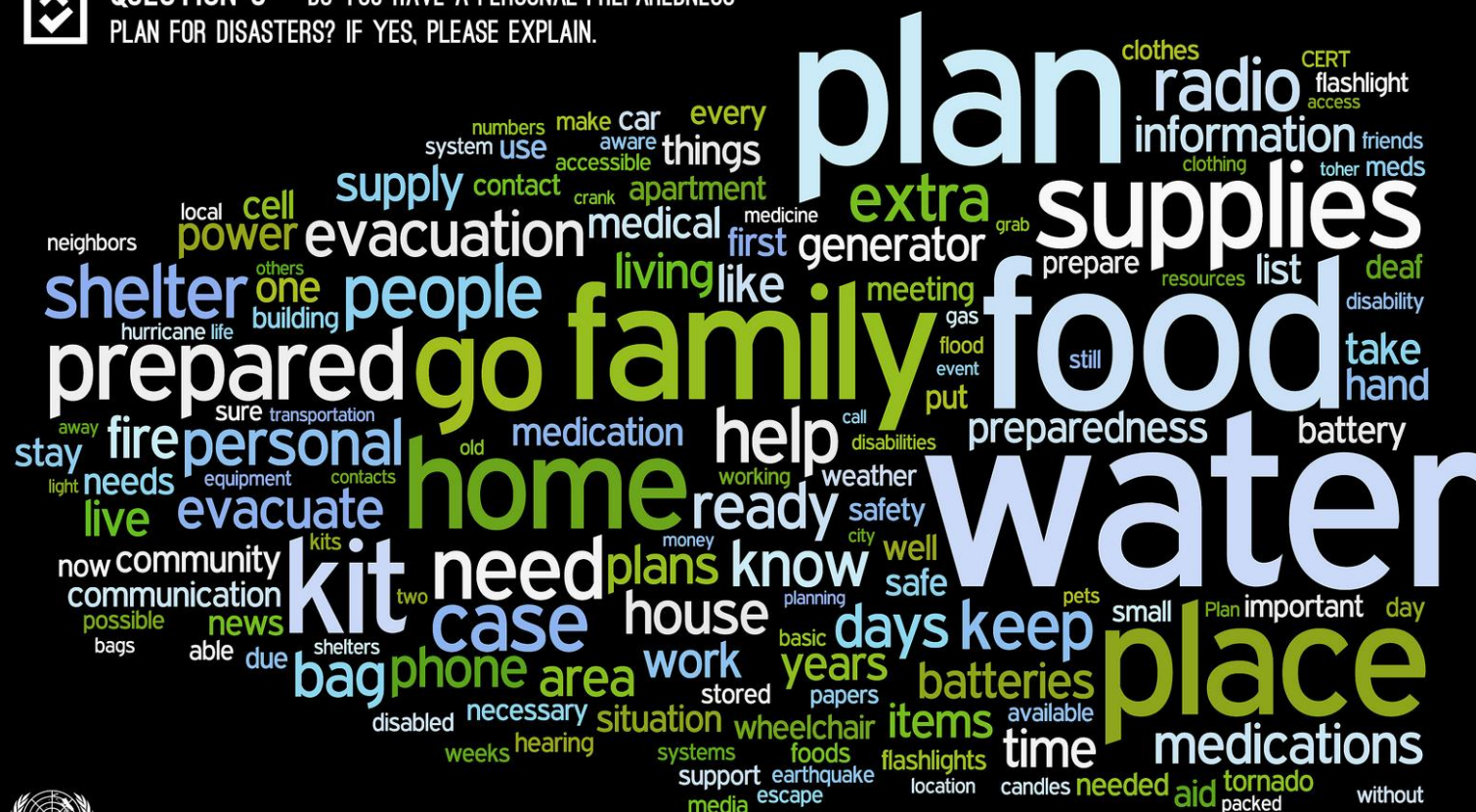


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QUESTION 8 - DO YOU HAVE A PERSONAL PREPAREDNESS PLAN FOR DISASTERS? IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN.



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Key Responses

71% of respondents have no personal preparedness plan for a disaster (Q8)

17% of respondents were aware of a disaster management plan in their city/town/ community (Q13)

14% said they had been consulted on and participated in decision-making and planning. (Q15)

Only 10% believed that local emergency, disaster management or reduction plans address their access and functional needs (Q14)

Only 13% are aware of national disaster risk reduction plans (Q12)

50% of respondents wish to participate in community disaster management while a further 21% were not sure, and 24% said no.



Key Responses

9.5% feel that the HFA's Priority 4 completely addresses their access and functional needs. (Q18)

26% believe it has done so partially

13% feel it has not done so at all

50% Do not know

1.5% Do not care



Key Responses

Top five hazards or disaster risks faced by respondents

Floods	54%
Extreme weather	40%
Tornados	39%
Drought	37%
Earthquakes	27%

The challenges of evacuation are obvious from the high percentages of survey respondents who have a degree of difficulty either hearing (39%) or seeing (54%), walking or climbing steps (68%), and difficulty communicating (45%).



Key Responses

Recommendations for the HFA2 (Q19):

A quick review and analysis of commonly used terms in answering question 19 of the IDDR survey on suggesting 5 priorities for HFA2 shows that **information, communication and access/accessibility** are high in priority.

This is a clear case that **persons living with disabilities would like to be more included** in both decision-making processes that address their needs as well as in knowing their options when disaster strikes.

This includes accessing **information that takes into consideration their specific abilities** and having the opportunity to communicate with local government and authorities."

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Most common terms from the IDDR survey on disabilities and disasters

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Key Responses

Responses Broken Down By Region

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| 1. | <i>Asia Pacific</i> | <i>57.54%</i> |
| 2. | <i>Americas</i> | <i>30.59%</i> |
| 3. | <i>Europe</i> | <i>7.50%</i> |
| 4. | <i>Africa</i> | <i>4.37%</i> |

Top 10 Country Responses

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| 1. | <i>Bangladesh</i> | <i>31.83%</i> |
| 2. | <i>United States</i> | <i>19.34%</i> |
| 3. | <i>Viet Nam</i> | <i>13.51%</i> |
| 4. | <i>Italy</i> | <i>4.33%</i> |
| 5. | <i>Thailand</i> | <i>4.24%</i> |
| 6. | <i>Mexico</i> | <i>3.43%</i> |
| 7. | <i>South Africa</i> | <i>1.92%</i> |
| 8. | <i>Chile</i> | <i>1.90%</i> |
| 9. | <i>Japan</i> | <i>1.88%</i> |
| 10. | <i>Canada</i> | <i>1.27%</i> |