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# **Preventing, Mitigating, and Managing Natural Disasters and Human Crises: the View from USAID/OFDA**

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# **USAID Administrator is the President's Special Coordinator for International Disaster Assistance**

## **Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA)**

- Coordinates and manages the U.S. government's response to both natural and human-caused disasters
- Calls upon other federal agencies to provide assistance
- Contracts with and funds international and non-governmental organizations
- Coordinates the U.S. response with that of other countries



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# USAID/OFDA's Mandate

- **Save Lives**
- **Alleviate Human Suffering**
- **Reduce the Economic and Social Impact of Disasters**





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# FY 2010 USAID/OFDA Disaster Risk Reduction Funding

- **DRR Programs:**  
**\$34,551,460**
- **Integrated DRR and Response Programs:**  
**\$97,136,812**
- **TOTAL FY 2010 DRR Funding:**  
**\$131,688,272**





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# OFDA's Engagement with DRR



## Multi-level Approach:

1. **At the country level (host government and implementing partners)**
2. **At the global level (UN agencies and the WB GFDRR)**
3. **Within the USG (VDAP and SDR)**



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## Examples of Building Host-Country Government Response Capacity



- **Sector specialist support**
- **Flood early warning systems**



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## Enhancing Global Capacities



- **Global Facility for Disaster Risk Reduction**
- **Program for the Enhancement of Emergency Response**



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# Examples of USG Interagency Collaboration

## Response:

- Interagency agreements for response
- Interagency Logistics Meetings

## Disaster Risk Reduction:

- President's Subcommittee on Disaster Reduction
- Volcano Disaster Assistance Program (VDAP)





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# Working with Civil Society

- **Zambezi River Basin Initiative**
- **Compliance with the Hyogo Framework**
- **Seismic Risk Reduction**





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# Working with the Private Sector to...

- **Coordinate in-kind donations**
- **Leverage corporate donations**
- **Create employment opportunities**
- **Link local entrepreneurs with larger companies**
- **Work with governments on regulatory reform**
- **Enhance private sector preparedness: Indonesia and China**

