

# FAST FACTS

## Disaster Risk Management Project



Project Cluster  
**Energy, Environment and  
Natural Resource  
Management**

Duration  
**2008 - 2018**

Budget  
**US \$180,000 (2017/2018)**

Where  
**All 16 districts**

Government Partner  
**Office of National Security**

Funded by  
**UNDP**

### What we do

The Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Project helps to enhance resilience to natural and man-made disasters in the most vulnerable communities within targeted districts across Sierra Leone.

### How we do it

UNDP support improves national and local capacities to anticipate, plan and mitigate the effects of disasters. Over 200 District Disaster Management Committees (DDMCs) have been trained and hazards have been mapped out. Over 30 percent of all those trained were women. The project focuses on improving the capacity of community volunteers as front line responders.

### Why we do it

According to the World Risk Report 2017, Sierra Leone ranks in the top 15 most vulnerable countries to disaster risk worldwide. Disasters, both natural and man-made have destroyed or at the very least, severely disrupted the achievement of Sierra Leone's development objectives.

### Sustainable Development Goals

UNDP's policy is guided by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) a universal call to action, addressing the root causes of poverty while affecting positive changes for both people and planet. This project contributes directly to the achievement of:

**SDG 11:** Making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

**SDG 13:** Coordination with government on Disaster Risk Reduction, and DRM community level engagement to combat climate change.

**SDG 15:** Establishment of policies with community stakeholders and gov-ernment to manage forests, land degradation and region biodiversity loss.

### Achievements

- Cash-for-work was introduced in disaster affected communities
- 500 volunteers were enlisted in resilience building activities.
- 207 District Disaster Management Committees were established in all districts.
- UNDP supported the creation of a National Disaster Risk Management Policy.

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