











Global Preparedness Partnership (GPP)

Overview

What it is

The GPP is a partnership between the Vulnerable Twenty Group of Finance Ministers (V20), donors and multilateral organizations¹ to strengthen national and local preparedness and develop predictable arrangements for response and recovery in countries most at-risk to the impact of climate change and disasters. The goal of the GPP is to support vulnerable countries reach an essential level of readiness so that situations do not spiral out of control and development gains are not lost entirely when disasters strike. This partnership will initially focus on 20 countries, selected based on the political will, multi-hazard vulnerability and emerging risks, so they attain a targeted level of readiness by 2020. Over five years, the objective is to reach 50 countries that have joined the Partnership.

How it would work

The GPP will be governed by the principles of national ownership, joint planning and coordination, building on country and regional initiatives, and taking a catalytic approach that contributes to risk reduction policies and frameworks. These principles will be translated into a program of action that includes: a) an understanding of risks and vulnerabilities; b) the ability to coordinate and manage stakeholders prior to and during a crisis, based on response and recovery plans that have clear roles and responsibilities and decision making mechanisms that lead to early

¹ The current multilateral partners involved in the GPP include the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), the World Bank / Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (WB/GFDRR), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and the World Food Programme (WFP). UNOPS has expressed interest in joining the GPP.

action; c) having the operational capabilities and systems in place prior to a shock to allow rapid delivery; and d) undertaking careful financial planning and setting up instruments to allow rapid access to response and recovery finance.

Where it stands

The GPP was announced at the World Humanitarian Summit in May 2016. Since then, partner agencies have drafted a detailed proposal outline, covering implementation arrangements, results framework, governance structure and decision-making procedures. Efforts have been made to articulate the positioning of the GPP and its linkages with related preparedness initiatives. Three options regarding the GPP's funding model have been developed jointly with the United Nations Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (UN MPTF) and their feasibility is currently being assessed by the partners. Initial dialogue with interested donors has started. Partners have provided resources to hire a Sr. Partnership Specialist to work with the V20 Secretariat to finalize the proposal and initiate resource mobilization.

The way forward

GPP partners are planning to organize a side event at the upcoming COP22 in Marrakech to further promote the Partnership and invite the donor community to join this initiative. It is expected that the GPP will be fully operational in early 2017.