



## Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme (CDMP)

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#### **Improving Health System Emergency Preparedness and Response for Disaster Resilient Community**

**Dhaka:** A consultative workshop for integration of Disaster Risk Reduction in CDMP II-DGHS partnership was organized by the Comprehensive Disaster Management Program (CDMP II) with the presence of technical experts and other key stakeholders at Hotel Parjatan Abakash, Mohakhali, Dhaka. The main purpose of the workshop was to identify the gap on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation that impacts health and disaster preparedness and response and further stocktaking of health policy related planning for 2011-2016.

Health services are part of the critical pillars of development, welfare and the very survival of people. And thus it has been included in the strategic attainment of the global risk reduction efforts and campaigns in this decade. This includes promoting health services as factor in disaster risk reduction including making health services and hospitals to be disaster resilient, to be better attuned to disaster hazards and climate change, to be better prepared to respond to impacts of disaster eventualities and impact of climate change, and to recover better and faster from the impacts of disasters.

Mr. Md. Abdul Qayyum, Additional Secretary of the Government of Bangladesh and National Project Director of CDMP presented the key objectives of the workshop among the distinguished participants.

Professor Shah Monir Hossain, former DG-DGHS facilitated the session on Health and Disaster in health policy and HPNSDP 2011-2016: Finding the Gaps. Representative from WHO presented WHO's Plan on Health Emergency Preparedness in Disaster while Dr. Jafarullah from DGHS facilitated the session on Health System Preparedness for Disaster Response: Plan of DGHS and Expectation from CDMP. The workshop was moderated by Prof. Shah Monir Hossain, Ex. DG, DGHS.

Valuable contribution of the participants and extensive discussion from the workshop came out with number of recommendations and activities to be implemented under the partnership between DGHS & CDMP II.

The Ministry of Food & Disaster Management and 12 other Ministries are supporting the Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme in further improving the national disaster management system. The Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme (Phase II) is a five year initiative (2010-2014) designed to strengthen national capacity to reduce risk, and improve response to and recovery from the impacts of disasters and climate change in Bangladesh.



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