

## News

### Drowning in money: the untold story of the crazy public spending that makes flooding inevitable

The focus of this article is about UK government policies fostering floods in the UK. The government cuts to flood defences have exposed thousands of homes to greater flood risk. The author calls for better flood management policies and sustainable farming practices to be implemented.

Source: The Guardian  
Read more [here](#)



### Flood-resilient streams protect mountain farms, villagers in north Pakistan

Flood-prone streams in Hunza-Nagar Valley in Pakistan have always threatened the lives, incomes and properties of mountain communities. The natural water channels have been reinforced and widened to allow more glacial melt water to pass through them in the summer season and to provide more room for overflow from precipitation in the rainy season.

Source: Thomson Reuters Foundation  
Read more [here](#)

## Featured Publications

### Drought Risk Management: Practitioner's Perspectives from Africa and Asia

This report reviewed the current institutional and programmatic landscape in the realm of drought risk management (DRM) in the two regions and mapped out some of the main DRM capacity gaps and opportunities. It concluded that chronic destruction of ecosystems in drought-prone areas, poor water resource management and weak governance systems are the most important underlying causes to drought impacts and main contributing factor to drought vulnerability.

Source: UNDP  
To read more, click [here](#)

### Institutionalising disaster risk management: Latin America's systems approach

This brief begins by describing how Latin America's approach to disaster risk management (DRM) has evolved from purely responsive actions to broad institutional reforms aimed at mainstreaming disaster prevention and mitigating risk.

Source: Soluciones Prácticas - Oficina Regional para América Latina  
To read more, click [here](#)



## Upcoming Events

### International recovery forum 2014

**What:** The discussions at the Forum will focus on the role of private sector in disaster recovery. It will showcase primarily the experiences and lessons of private sector, including its partnership with the public sector as well as the initiatives that target the disabled, senior citizens, and other marginalized groups.

**Date:** 21 Jan 2014  
**Location:** Japan (Kobe)  
**Organizer:** Asian Disaster Reduction Centre (ADRC); Hyogo Prefectural Government (HPG); International Recovery Platform and others.

For more information, click [here](#)

## Job vacancy

### Disaster risk reduction Program coordinator

**Employer:** The German Red Cross (GRC)  
**Location:** Vietnam (Hanoi)  
**Closing date:** 31 January 2014

GRC is currently looking for an experienced Program Coordinator in DRR and CCA for projects funded by several donors and GRC in Vietnam.

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