

Frequently Asked Questions WBI-EMI Natural Disaster Risk Management Program

Q. What is Natural Disaster Risk Management Program?

The Natural Disaster Risk Management Program (NDRMP), jointly offered by the World Bank Institute and Earthquakes and Megacities Initiative, consists of distance learning courses that promote proactive disaster risk management practices among key stakeholders by advancing the knowledge and skills of development practitioners in various areas of disaster risk management.

The program has been implemented since 2006. To date, it has trained more than 500 participants from government, non-government, civil society, academe, private sector and international development organizations around the globe.

Q. What is Distance Learning?

Distance learning is an innovative development in education that uses various medium of instruction, such as the internet and computer-mediated technology, to facilitate learning without limitations of time or place. The program makes it possible for individuals from anywhere to take classes without having to attend regular classroom sessions. The great advantage of distance learning is that it gives people the flexibility to study at their own time, at their own pace, and anywhere where there is internet connection. .

Q. What are the features of the NDRMP online courses?

The courses offer very innovative, flexible and efficient features and learning tools such as presentations, discussion forum, videos, case studies from various countries, reading materials, quizzes, final test, assignments and projects.

The courses promise high level quality training from a Course Support Team which includes subject matter experts and facilitators with vast experience in disaster risk management provide valuable inputs in this virtual classroom activity.

The highly interactive discussion forum (DF) allows participants from all over the world meet and share views and experiences including sound practices from their localities. A posting to the discussion forum is viewable by the instructor and all participants in the class. The DF mimics discussion in a traditional classroom environment, with an added advantage of having an opportunity to respond, comment or question discussions among your co-participants and subject matter experts. You also have an option to receive DF entries in your personal email accounts.

Q. What are the technical requirements?

The technical requirements for the courses are minimal, namely:

- a computer; and
- an internet connection.

The course platform runs with all major internet browsers (Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox and Safari), so no additional software is needed.

Q. How long do the courses take to complete?

The online delivery of each course is offered over a period of four weeks except for the first framework course which is scheduled for six weeks.

Q. How much time will I have to allocate to studying?

To maximize the benefits and make the most out of the course, it is recommended that you spend at least 1-2 hours a day of online participation/work. This includes time participating in the discussion forum, reading course materials, and completing the assignments and projects.

Q. What are the courses under the program and the schedule?

Course	Inclusive Dates
1. Comprehensive Disaster Risk Management Framework (Required)	March 22 to April 30, 2010
2. Community-based Disaster Risk Management	May 10 to June 9, 2010
3. Climate Change and Disaster Risks	June 14 to July 14, 2010
4. Risk Sensitive Land Use Planning	July 26 to August 25, 2010
5. Safe Cities	August 30 to September 29, 2010
6. Damage and Reconstruction Needs Assessment	October 4 to November 3, 2010
7. Earthquake Risk Reduction	November 15- December 15, 2010
8. Financial Strategies for Managing the Economic Impacts of Natural Disasters	January 10, 2011- February 10, 2011

Q. How do I apply for the NDRMP Program?

Complete the online registration form. Please access the form at <http://tinyurl.com/ndrmp-application>. The Course Support Team will notify you once your application is approved.

Q. Are there any pre-requisites for the training courses?

Yes. The Comprehensive Disaster Risk Management Framework is a prerequisite course for the seven specialized courses. Participants are not allowed to enroll in the specialized courses unless they pass the framework course.

Q: How much is the course fee?

The cost of each course is US \$150 or Php 6,900 pesos.

Q. Can I pay the course fees one at a time?

You may pay the course fees in bulk (single payment for two or more courses) or on a per-course basis (one payment for each course).

Q: How do I pay for the course fee?

There are two methods for making payments:

1. Bank/Wire Transfer

Dollar Account (For foreign participants only)	
Account Name:	Earthquakes and Megacities Initiative, Inc.
EFCDU Savings Acct. No.:	3454-0001-52
Bank Name:	Land Bank of the Philippines
Bank Branch:	Makati City Hall, J.P. Rizal Avenue, Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines
Swift Code:	TLBPPHMMXXX

Peso Account (For Filipino participants only)	
Account Name:	Earthquakes and Megacities Initiative, Inc.
Peso Current Acct. No.:	003452-1002-06
Bank Name:	Land Bank of the Philippines
Bank Branch:	Makati City Hall, J.P. Rizal Avenue, Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines

International bank transfers may take ten or more working days to reach EMI depending on the country you have sent payment from. After the bank transfer, kindly fax or email your receipt to (+632) 9279643 or to training_payment@emi-megacities.org so that we can verify your payment. Please note that the Course Support Team will not send the Course URL and password unless they receive this document.

Kindly make sure that your name is on the receipt.

All bank charges incurred for transfers from overseas bank accounts are the responsibility of the participant. Please instruct your bank to cover the transfer fees at both ends of the transaction.

2. Cash/Cheque Payment

Payment should be made in the EMI Office. Our office address is Room 203 Puno Building, 47 Kalayaan Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City.

Q. What do I receive when I complete the online course?

A certificate of completion will be issued by the World Bank Institute and Earthquakes and Megacities Initiative to participants who successfully pass all the course requirements.