



## **Disaster Risk Reduction: Form global strategies to local implementation**

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The United Nations secretariat for the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) aims at the substantial reduction of disaster losses, in lives and in the social, economic and environmental assets of communities and countries. UNISDR supports the International Strategy Disaster Reduction and related instruments, like the Hyogo Framework for Action, to assist government and institutions to reduce the impacts of disasters on lives and in the social, economic and environmental assets of communities and countries.

The United Nations 2011 Global Assessment Report (GAR) on Disaster Risk Reduction "Revealing Risk, Redefining Development" is a resource for understanding and analysing global disaster risk today and in the future. It highlights the political and economic imperative to reduce disaster risks, and the benefits to be gained from doing so. Importantly, it offers guidance and suggestions to governments and non-governmental actors alike on how they can, together, reduce disaster risks.