

- Representatives of Pakistani NGOs/CBOs and International NGOs involved in Earthquake Reconstruction / Rehabilitation and Earthquake Risk Management
- Private sector organizations, consultants involved in aspects of earthquake vulnerability reduction
- Institutions that played major role in earthquake response and reconstruction/rehabilitation
- Others

Participating Countries

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| • Afghanistan | • Iran | • Pakistan |
| • Bangladesh | • Japan | • Philippines |
| • India | • Mexico | • Turkey |
| • Indonesia | • Nepal | • USA |

Organizers

Main Organizer of the Conference:

Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority (ERRA) : ERRA is the nodal agency of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for post-earthquake reconstruction and rehabilitation established immediately after the massive disaster of 8 Oct. 2005 earthquake. Its mission is to plan, coordinate, monitor and regulate reconstruction & rehabilitation activities in earthquake affected areas, encouraging self reliance via private public partnership and community participation, ensuring financial transparencies.

Co-organizers:

United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR): The UN/ISDR is the focal point in the UN System to promote links, coordination and synergies among disaster reduction activities in the socio-economic, humanitarian and development fields, as well as to support policy integration. The ISDR aims at building disaster resilient communities by promoting increased awareness of the importance of disaster reduction as an integral component of sustainable development, with the goal of reducing human, social, economic and environmental losses due to natural hazards and related technological and environmental disasters. ISDR has been supporting various national and regional organizations in Pakistan for the earthquake reconstruction and rehabilitation process.

United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN HABITAT): The United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-HABITAT, is the United Nations agency for human settlements. It is mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all. UN HABITAT is one of the major implementing partners (IP) of ERRA in Pakistan for Rural Housing Reconstruction Programme and has been providing technical support to communities and different Partnering Organizations for earthquake-resistant reconstruction through Housing Reconstruction Centres (HRCs) in earthquake affected areas.



Earthquake Resistant Residential House

National Society for Earthquake Technology – Nepal (NSET): NSET is a non-government/non-profit organization registered with the Government of Nepal and working in areas of earthquake risk management at national and regional levels. With the funding support of USAID / Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA), NSET has been working in Pakistan after the massive earthquake of 8 October 2005 in areas of capacity building of local construction workers and professionals on earthquake-resistant construction of buildings and supporting the Housing Reconstruction Program of ERRA under its general guidance, policies and directions, in close coordination with UN HABITAT Pakistan.

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Background

The 7.6 magnitude earthquake that struck Pakistan on 8 October 2005, is widely regarded as the most devastating natural disaster in Pakistan's history. The earthquake killed 73,338 people; more than 50% among them were children and women. It also seriously injured 69,412 and displaced 3.5 million people. About 30,000 sq. km area was affected across Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK), and North West Frontier Province (NWFP). In five districts of NWFP and four districts of AJK; public buildings, private housing, infrastructures, social services, livelihoods and businesses were damaged or destroyed.

Despite the large extent of damage and destruction, and the difficult geographical condition, Government of Pakistan has been responding to the needs of early response, recovery to long-term reconstruction and rehabilitation through its various organizational forums and with the support from many national and international organizations, UN Agencies and Donor Organizations. As of now, Pakistan has made significant progress on reconstruction and rehabilitation through systematic works carried out under the Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority (ERRA).

ERRA believes that the experiences gained and the lessons learned during this process have to be shared with the international community working for Earthquake Risk Management. Also, ERRA wants to get valuable critiques, comments, suggestions, inputs from experts for further improvement of the implementation so that such experiences can be incorporated into the long term disaster risk management framework of the country. Therefore this International Conference on Earthquake Risk Management (ICERM) is being organized by ERRA.



Objectives of the Conference

- To share Pakistan's experiences on Earthquake Emergency Response, Early Recovery, and Seismically Resistant Reconstruction and Rehabilitation process with the global community

- To share ERRA's policies, procedures and programs for ensuring better reconstruction of building and infrastructure, as envisioned through "**Building Back Better**", and also to share the achievements and successes as lessons learned for incorporation into future strategies, plans and programs;
- To learn from the global experiences and good practices in Earthquake Risk Management and institutionalization of Earthquake Risk Management (ERM) processes;
- To sensitize all stakeholders on aspects of earthquake risk management and to develop a consensus on the need, possibilities, and means of disaster risk management in the country; and
- To articulate the firm commitment of the Government of Pakistan to develop and implement organized approaches for managing and minimizing earthquake risk and mainstreaming disaster risk management in the development process

Expected Outcomes

- Increased understanding of earthquake risks among different stakeholders through interaction with international experts and among the national stakeholders;
- Enhanced networking among experts and institutions of Pakistan and other countries;
- Conceptualization and consensus-building on the key elements for formulating Pakistan's Program for Earthquake Risk Management; and
- Commitments of the Government of Pakistan, other stakeholders and interested donor agencies to work towards Earthquake Risk Management.

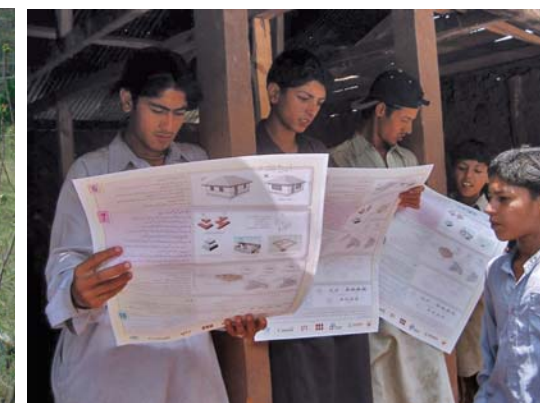
Structure of the Conference

- Key note presentations on key issues of Earthquake Risk Management by main organizations who worked on early response recovery and the organizations working on reconstruction and rehabilitation
- Thematic Sessions on Various key topics
- Field Visit to Housing Reconstruction Centres (HRCs) and reconstruction areas to observe actual progress and quality of housing reconstruction program



Themes and Sessions

- Earthquake Emergency Response, Relief and Early Recovery
- Building Back Better: Owner-driven Earthquake-Resistant Reconstruction of Housing, and Reconstruction of Infrastructure/Critical Facilities (policy, implementation, monitoring and evaluation etc.)
- Building Back Better: Social Protection and Livelihood Rehabilitation
- Earthquake Disaster Risk Reduction: Strategy, Policy & Legal Mechanism
- Earthquake Preparedness/Response Planning and Networking
- Earthquake Disaster Risk Reduction: Formal and Informal Education and Research
- Earthquake Risk Reduction through School Earthquake Safety Programs



Participants

Following are the expected participants:

- Representatives of UN system, bilateral agencies, international financial institutions, from within and outside Pakistan
- Representatives of International Agencies assisting Pakistan in aspects of disaster risk management (including reconstruction and rehabilitation).
- International experts on Disaster Risk Management
- Representatives from cities/countries with experiences of a comprehensive earthquake disaster management
- Representatives of International Networks on Disaster Risk Management
- High level officials from Pakistan Federal Government and Provincial Government agencies and authorities
- Pakistani Federal and Provincial authorities responsible for Disaster Risk Management (ERRA, SERRA, PERRA, NDMA, Civil Defense)
- Pakistani Federal and Provincial/City-level Critical Facilities, services and corresponding research institutes (health sector, Water/San, Electricity, Road/Bridge Infrastructure, Communication, Food security etc)
- Pakistani experts in various fields of disaster risk management: engineers, scientists, administrators, policymakers
- Pakistani Academic / Research Institutions, Universities etc. with activities in Disaster Risk Management