

CONNECTING BUSINESS

for disaster risk reduction, emergency preparedness, response and recovery



Myanmar Private Sector DRR Network

Myanmar's private sector has increasingly been taking active part in disaster response and recovery. During the 2015 floods and landslides the Union of the Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) delivered critical assistance and support to the recovery process in affected areas.

UMFCCI is partnering with the Connecting Business initiative and other stakeholders in Myanmar to build a network for disaster risk reduction, emergency preparedness, response and recovery, which will:

- ❖ Support members with business continuity and contingency planning;
- ❖ Support pre-positioning and mapping of resources and help establish partnership agreements;
- ❖ Organize and deliver training to members on public-private partnerships, disaster risk reduction, emergency preparedness, response and recovery;
- ❖ Build a website that will connect the Myanmar network with the global portal of the Connecting Business initiative; and
- ❖ Strengthen relationships between the network and external stakeholders, including international organizations, civil society and government.

The network will likely be operated by a secretariat reporting to a committee of private sector and other stakeholders. An advisory committee comprised of representatives UN organizations, civil society and government may also be established in the near future.

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Why?

Cyclone Nargis of 2008 was the worst natural disaster in recent memory, leaving 138,373 people missing or dead. Since 2012 cyclones have affected over 2.6 million people, floods over 500,000 people and earthquakes over 20,000. With climate change increasing the severity and frequency of extreme weather events, the impact of future disasters is likely to be more intense, particularly for vulnerable populations. All of this necessitates high levels of disaster preparedness as well as a commitment to disaster risk reduction.

Purpose?

The Myanmar Private Sector network will support the country's private sector to engage easier, faster and more efficiently in disaster risk reduction, preparedness, response and recovery through the implementation of its activities.

It will integrate fully into the Connecting Business initiative, whose objective is to support existing national, regional, thematic and industry private sector networks; and create a global portal to connect new and existing national, regional, thematic and industry private sector networks and platforms.

Synergies?

The Myanmar network will elevate information on requirements that cannot be met at the national level to the global portal. The global portal and the secretariat of the Connecting Business initiative will facilitate connections between the Myanmar network and other networks, governments, international organizations and civil society. The secretariat of the global portal will support the network by providing capacity building resources and training, disseminating best practice on private sector engagement in disaster risk reduction, emergency preparedness, response and recovery, and disseminating best practice on advocacy, policy and standard setting.

Get involved by:

- 1) Joining the network
- 2) Supporting the network through funding, in-kind contributions, program collaboration and advice