

FOREWORD

Practical Action aims to help people to move towards sustainable development. Decades ago we realised that disaster risk reduction is an important precaution to achieve this. This interest led to the formation of Duryog Nivaran together with professionals and interested organisations in the year 1995.

CBDM (Community based disaster management) was one of the key outcomes of the early work of Duryog Nivaran (DN) as a tool for disaster risk reduction. This concept was an outcome of DN's early work in trying community level DRR in pilot initiatives. As this was widely adopted the realisation of its weaknesses led us to future research, coming out with a more appropriate approach. DDRM builds on the strengths of CBDRM while it attempts to deal with its weaknesses through the role of local authorities.

DDRM has been tested by DN over the last 3 years. The aim of this draft publication DDRMT is to share the application and methods with other agencies engaged in development and disaster risk reduction. We hope that we will get critical feedback from the users of this application for further strengthening the methodology of adopting DDRM before the finalised version of DDRMT is published.

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