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Perspectives on Harmonization

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OFDA applauds and appreciates the effort that CDERA and donor partners have put into the development of the revised CDM strategy, as well as moving towards harmonization of activities and results areas.

We believe that the revised strategy and framework captures a lot of the elements that we have been working in – through our training and technical assistance program and project support – at the country level

The Training and TA program particularly is aimed at developing institutional capacity of the NDOs at the country level, and most importantly, has been developed with strong regional and national input, i.e. the Damage Assessment and Needs Analysis and Shelter Management programs.

The new CDM framework makes it easier to report on advances being made at the country level and we are making every effort to coordinate effectively with CDERA and the NDOs in implementing CDM, eg, the strategy for implementation of our new L L SAR course and the Intro to Disaster Risk Reduction Course is being developed with both of these stakeholders.

OFDA is also funding a project through CDERA to support the creation and implementation of a regional tsunami and coastal hazards warning system. This involves developing warning dissemination protocols and procedures, as well as public education materials and information campaigns, focused on and involving the participation of CDERA Participating States in the design.

As was mentioned by Dr. Richie Robertson yesterday, we have also been supporting the SRU to strengthen regional seismic monitoring, which will also support the tsunami warning system.

We also look forward to exploring with CDERA, our donor partners, and most specifically with the NDOs, how harmonization can support CDM implementation at the country level and to continuing our dialogue with all CDM stakeholders.

THANK YOU