



Comparative Glossary of Core Terms in Disaster Reduction

Dear peer reviewer,

The Institute of Environment and Human Security of the United Nations University (UNU-EHS) has opened its doors in 2004 in Bonn, Germany. It was created to assess the vulnerability and coping capacity of societies facing natural and human-induced hazards in a changing environment.

This ***Comparative Glossary of Core Terms in Disaster Reduction*** has been created out of clearly voiced need of all the partners we have worked with so far. The multidisciplinary nature of disaster related activities brings with it a fuzziness of concepts and terminology that is an impediment to work as such.

The intention was to select core terms of disaster reduction and to create a cross section of the various definitions that are being used across the various disciplines and sectors involved.

In order to make this as representative as possible we would like to circulate a first draft of the comparative glossary to a wide audience in order to solicit the input of as many experts as possible.

Hence, we would like to ask you to provide your inputs on:

- the selection of terms and definitions (what crucial terms or definitions are missing?)
- the experts represented through the definitions (are we missing experts in the field of disaster management/reduction that in your opinion make central and crucial contributions to this field?)
- the value of this comparative glossary (do you consider it helpful in enhancing the mutual understanding of experts from different fields and sectors?)
- any other issue

Your feedback will be greatly appreciated!

With kind regards,

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