



Study Visit Held for PDMA- Balochistan at Quetta

A study visit for the staff and stakeholders of the Provincial Disaster Management Authority, Balochistan was held on 11th March, 2010.

Objective

To provide an opportunity to various players in the disaster risk management field to visit institutions which are working in the field of disaster risk management. Also to make them aware of each other's situation on the ground and consider possible avenues for working together and improving the overall scenario of DRM in the Province and Districts.

The Visit

On 11th March, 2010 the participants were given necessary briefing regarding the role of the Provincial Disaster Management Authority Balochistan. After the briefing the participants were taken to Universal Complex, Patel Road, where a fire drill was organized.

Fire Drill

Scene was created of a bomb blast followed by casualty evacuation and fire fighting at the third floor of a building and on the road side.

The ambulances from civil hospital, being in close proximity along with doctors and paramedics were well in time and evacuated the casualties promptly.

Similarly the Fire Brigades from two sites reached for fire fighting within ten minutes. The Civil Defense Department followed a demonstration on various techniques of fire fighting, casualty evacuation. The WAPDA and SSGCL authorities were also on site to disconnect any gas or electricity connection. The drill was covered by leading electronic and print media and it was noticed and reported that the last drill of this kind was held in 2004.

The DCO was very appreciative of the PDMA so that the institutions remain efficient.

Visit to the Metrological Department, Quetta

After the fire Drill the of machinery and the staff and the role of the department in rendering early warning to different recipients and stakeholders.

Participants

Following were the part of the study visit:-

- DCO Quetta.
- Director Civil Defense, Balochistan.
- EDO (Revenue), Quetta.
- Deputy DCO Quetta.
- DO (Revenue), Quetta.
- TMO Chiltan Town
- TMO Zarghoon Town
- Three officials from PHE Department from Planning, operational and Secretariat Service.
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- Assistant Commissioner (Revenue), Commissioner Office, Quetta Division.
- Five officials from PDMA.
- EDO Health, Quetta.
- EDO Community Development, Quetta.
- In charge Crisis Management Unit, CDG Quetta.
- City Engineer and Chief Architect, CDG Quetta.

Expected Outcomes

Understanding amongst the Provincial Stakeholders about the systems and mechanism of the fire and metrological department which are working towards reducing the impact of disasters.

Networking mechanism among different stakeholders will be established.