

Safer lives and livelihoods in mountains

Making the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction
work for sustainable mountain development

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Fifteen case studies from mountain regions around the world illustrate the efforts and experiences of public and private actors to implement the Sendai Framework's four priorities for action. Messages for policy-makers emphasize the need for mountain-specific disaster risk reduction policies to make livelihoods in mountains and beyond safer.

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Mountains require special and coherent policy attention

- ▲ Recognize mountains as specific, disaster-prone areas in international, national and local policies
- ▲ Bring DRR, climate change adaptation and sustainable mountain development together
- ▲ Uncover underlying mountain-specific risk drivers
- ▲ Invest in fine-scaled, integrative assessments for site-specific DRR
- ▲ Reinforce local DRR institutions to manage risks and disasters, particularly in remote mountain regions and in times of isolation
- ▲ Establish inclusive and transboundary multistakeholder platforms to negotiate DRR priorities of mountain and lowland communities
- ▲ Foster innovations that expand livelihood options and build mountain people's resilience
- ▲ Enhance sustainable land management in watersheds to secure key mountain ecosystem services
- ▲ Set up decentralized early warning systems based on scientific and traditional knowledge
- ▲ Develop the capacity of mountain women and men to act autonomously

