



Disaster Laws topics proposed for the 31st International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, November 2011

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Context

More and bigger disasters

More and different responders

Good legislation can help communities become less vulnerable to disasters – and it can smooth the path for humanitarian aid



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Three disaster laws sub-topics



Legal preparedness for international disaster response (IDRL)



Enhancing disaster risk reduction, particularly at the community level, through legislation



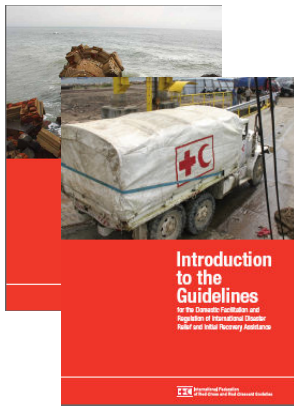
Regulatory issues impacting the provision of emergency and transitional shelter after disasters

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What are the IDRL Guidelines?



- Recommendations to governments on how to prepare domestic legal frameworks for international assistance
- Compile existing international norms and best practice on legal facilities
- Adopted by consensus by the State Parties to the Geneva Conventions in 2007
- Broad international support

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DRR legislation – for impact at the community level



Critical instrument to establish appropriate role for communities

Legally empower civil society to take an active role in decision-making about risk reduction at the community level

Key incentives for individual behaviour – such as land management rules and building codes

Prioritisation of resources for investments in risk reduction

Accountability for risk reduction responsibilities



Regulatory barriers to shelter – raising key questions

Q How can the temporary use of land be quickly obtained to provide settlement for displaced households?

Q How can delays in implementing shelter solutions due to ownership clarification or compliance with construction or planning approval procedures be reduced?



Q How can equity be ensured in shelter assistance efforts, including as between recognized property owners and non-owners (e.g. renters and squatters) and between men and women?

Q What support should be provided to persons who lack formal documentation or recognized title to homes that have been destroyed

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What is the International Conference?



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