

## DRN: AN ENGINEERING-CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY COMMITMENT TO SAVING LIVES AND LIVELIHOODS

Improving the survivability of critical civil infrastructure and housing may be the single most important factor in saving lives and restoring local economies.



The Disaster Resource Network (DRN) is unique in its focus on the civil infrastructure dimensions of disaster response and preparedness. DRN works with the humanitarian assistance sector, public agencies and the engineering-construction industry on a global scale:

- serving as a primary source of engineering-construction information related to disaster management
- identifying specific project opportunities
- developing and sharing best practices for civil infrastructure protection and reconstruction and
- advancing local disaster preparedness and response capacity

The thoughtful and collaborative engagement of the private sector and international response community,

- increases the overall effectiveness of disaster management
- decreases risks to business operations and
- restores economies and accelerates reinvestment, while protecting investors and establishing goodwill in new and existing markets.

Preparing and rebuilding civil infrastructure systems require specialized skills, materials and technology found only in the engineering-construction industry.

DRN is guided by the knowledge that disaster assistance is most effective when,

- strategically linked to the knowledge and experience of the humanitarian assistance sector
- organized in advanced and sustained with adequate resources and funding
- directed at local capacity building
- rooted in a framework that acknowledges the interdependence of risk reduction, relief, recovery and reconstruction
- driven by actual needs
- consistent with international codes and standards
- based on the advancement of best practices
- accountable to beneficiaries and partners
- transparent in all actions

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#### DRN MISSION

The Disaster Resource Network (DRN) organizes and mobilizes the resources of the international engineering-construction industry to reduce the vulnerabilities and rebuild the lives and livelihoods of those affected by natural disasters.

#### DRN PURPOSE

DRN helps engineering-construction companies translate their core competencies into specific disaster response and mitigation activities that fill identified gaps in the field. These strategic partnerships add value to the broader international response effort and provide participating businesses an alternative for meeting corporate social responsibility commitments.

In all aspects of its work, DRN adheres to the Sphere Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response as well as the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement's Code of Conduct.

#### DUE DILIGENCE

The success of DRN's work depends upon the people, companies and organizations with whom we partner. When disaster strikes, decisions must be made in a timely, efficient and cost-effective manner. Strong due diligence procedures must be in place to ensure the integrity of these decisions.

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