

International Day for Disaster Reduction 2009

Hospitals Safe from Disasters

Reduce risk. Protect health facilities. Save lives



What this day is about?

Protecting hospitals

Saving lives

Reducing risks to health



Why are hospitals casualties of disasters?



Chronically weak health systems

Under-investment in health

Poor facility location, design and construction

No emergency plan

Staff are not trained

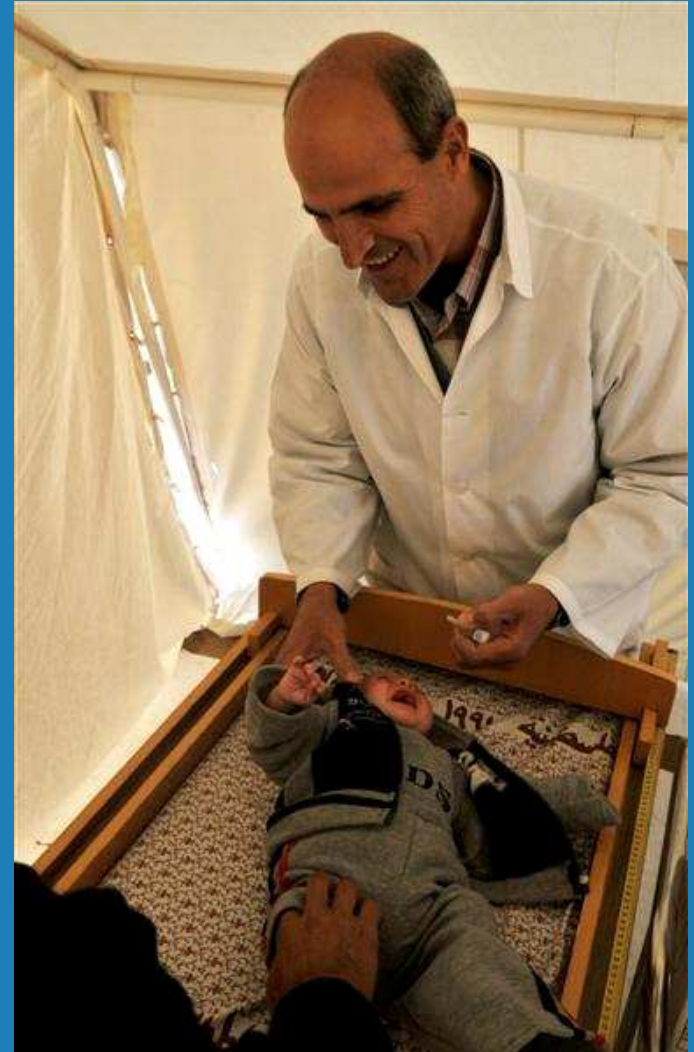
Why protect hospitals?

To save lives

Provide a safe haven

Protect economic investment

Maintain political confidence



How to protect hospitals?

Situate, design, build safe facilities

Assess, retrofit existing facilities

Protect essential services

Plan and train for emergencies

Build partnerships



Lessons learned: 1985 Mexico earthquake

5 hospitals collapsed, 22 damaged

6000 beds lost

561 people died at Juarez Hospital

Today

Hundreds trained in PAHO Hospital Safety Index

Index applied in many health facilities



What is being done?

Hyogo Framework

Legislation

Training

Assessments

Design and construction

Thematic platform

Global advocacy



Thematic Platform on Health Risk Reduction

Health risk reduction community

Improved investment

Stronger health role



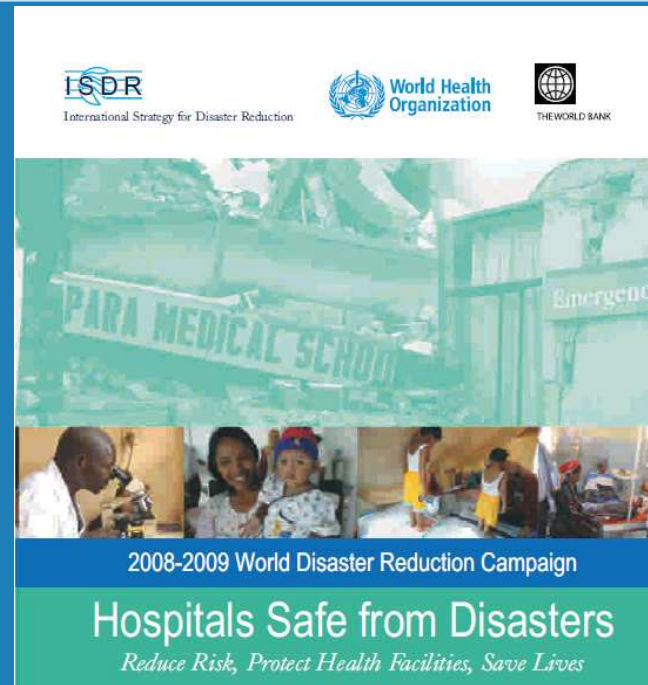
Global advocacy

Raises global awareness

Advocates for change

Highlights best practice

World Disaster Reduction Campaign



What can you do?

Form partnerships

Risk management programmes

Emergency response plans

Test and update plans

Train health workers

Learn lessons from past

National policies and programmes



Thank you

For further information, go to:

World Disaster Reduction Campaign

www.safehospitals.info/

World Health Day 2009

www.who.int/entity/world-health-day/2009/en/

WHO – Health Action in Crises

www.who.int/disasters