



Government of the Netherlands

DRR-Team

Reducing the risk of water-related disasters

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To advise on urgent water issues and their prevention anywhere in the world a Dutch Risk Reduction-Team (DRR-Team) can be rapidly be deployed for a short term advisory mission. This team of top water experts from the Netherlands advises governments in case of water-related disasters like flooding, water pollution or drought, as a result of - for example - climate change. Through the Dutch embassy a national government can request the assistance of DRR-Team. A DRR-Team request should meet a number of conditions which are explained in this fact sheet.

DRR-Team request and mission

- The request should be presented by a national authority, preferably through the Dutch embassy.
- The request should be related to a recent disaster or to prevent a disaster which is likely to happen at short notice (urgency).
- The disaster should be water-related (flooding/ water pollution/ drought).
- The Dutch expertise should have an added value.
- The country should be able to follow up on the recommendations after the mission.

Other relevant elements

- *Thematic focus*
Possible themes are river basin management, flood risk management, (flash) flood early warning, water governance, water quality, water scarcity (drought), groundwater management, irrigation, waste water treatment etc. More than two themes can be covered in case of a logical connection between the themes;

- *Topographical focus*
Water management is often the responsibility of several national and local stakeholders, such as ministries, agencies, municipalities etc. The geographical/hydrological situation and the institutional setting can vary. Note that if many specific situations need to be assessed for advice this can have an effect on the coherence of the advice;
- *Commitment of the requesting authorities*
DRR-Team makes observations and produces advice based on the high-level knowledge and experience within the Dutch (private) water sector. It provides support in understanding the underlying issues regarding water-related disasters and gives recommendations for managing these water challenges effectively. DRR-Team does not develop or implement projects and therefore the national and local authorities should be committed with regard to further development and implementation of the advice;
- *International funding advice is often included*
National and local authorities should be able to organise and cooperate in the follow-up and a strong local partner can be relevant. In addition availability of national and international funding is relevant for maximising the chances of a follow-up. Moreover, if a specific water-related disaster potentially requires large infrastructural solutions a follow-up by RVO programmes like D2B and DRIVE might be possible and may be taken into consideration.

Kindly note that DRR-Team is a flexible programme and that these conditions are generic. For questions concerning DRR-Team please contact us at drr-team@rvo.nl. In addition you can find more information at www.drrteam.nl.

DRR-Team is executed by the Netherlands Enterprise Agency, on behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management. With DRR-Team we contribute to SDG 6 and SDG 11.

