

A global call for action

The World Health Organization and its South-East Asia Regional Office are partnering with the UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR) and the World Bank on the 2008-09 World Disaster Reduction Campaign, whose theme is **Hospitals Safe from Disasters**.

Over the next two years, countries at risk from natural disasters, international and national agencies, universities, professional associations and individuals will work to raise awareness of how and why we must protect this critical infrastructure.

Building and maintaining disaster-resilient health facilities was a priority set by 168 nations when they adopted the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA), calling for ensuring *“that all **new** hospitals are built with a level of resilience that strengthens their capacity to remain functional in disaster situations and implementing mitigation measures to reinforce **existing** health facilities, particularly those providing primary health care”*.

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