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# Txts from the Frontline

An update from the Global Network  
for Disaster Reduction (GNDR)

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The GNDR has undertaken SMS-based surveys to determine people's perceptions of progress in Disaster Reduction in various countries world-wide. These surveys are intended to complement 'Views from the Frontline 2011' face-to-face surveys. So far:

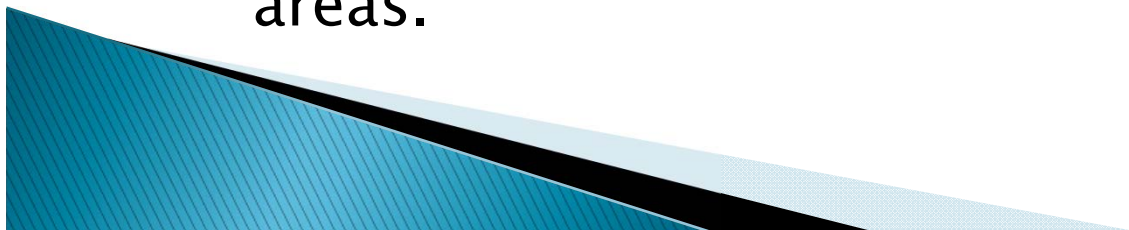
- ▶ 12,482 surveys were generated
- ▶ From 10 countries
- ▶ India, Jamaica, Kenya, Nigeria, Philippines, Pakistan, Trinidad & Tobago, Cambodia, Madagascar and Uruguay.



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# Findings in brief

- ▶ Perceived threat of disaster
  - Over half of the entire sample surveyed thought they were at minimal or low risk
  - Perceived level of threat increases with age
  - Women tend to perceive threat levels as higher than men do.
  - Local government and others perceive the level of threat similarly.
  - Those in rural areas regard themselves as being at higher risk of natural disasters than those in urban areas.





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## Findings in brief (contd)

- ▶ Changes in Disaster losses
  - On average, the entire sample respondents feel losses have increased
  - Children (particularly in Pakistan and the Philippines) have a gloomy view of how losses have changed
  - Women and those involved in local government have a more pessimistic view of changes in losses





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## Findings in brief (contd)

- ▶ Links between threat and changes
  - Respondents who regard the risk of disaster as high also feel losses have increased: Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago and Uruguay
  - Respondents from Madagascar only felt that though the risk was high, their losses have decreased.





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## Next steps

- ▶ The SMS survey is currently in Phase 2, which is being carried out in a wider base of countries.
- ▶ Check the website for regular updates.

