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NETWORKING EVENT REPORT

<b>Submitted by Lead Organization</b>	
<b>Name of lead organization</b>	AMERICAN RED CROSS
<b>City and country where lead organization is based</b>	WASHINGTON DC, USA
<b>Title of the event</b>	Community Driven Solutions to Urban Disaster Risk Management Networking Event
<b>Date of Networking Event</b>	10/17/2016
<b>Networking Event room number</b>	R7
<b>Name of partner organizations with city and country where these organizations are based</b>	IFRC, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND; UNHABITAT, NewYork, USA, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, COSTA RICA; EVA STUDIO, LONDON, UK; PETAJAKARTA, JAKARTA, INDONESIA, SLUM DWELLERS INT., NAIROBI, KENYA
<b>Number of participants</b>	100
<b>Percentage of women participants</b>	70%
<b>Background information on Networking Event (themes, issues, context).</b>	This networking event convened diverse stakeholders to explore the key elements that make poor urban communities' self-reliant and resilient and how humanitarian and development actors can support and catalyze this process. The event stimulated discussions around how to leverage inherent abilities of communities to develop innovative solutions to address ever-increasing risk of emergent disasters and everyday adversities particularly in informal settings in urban areas. The community solutions, which were presented during the event, demonstrated the multiplier effects of connecting diverse actors and networks that already exist in cities.



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<p><b>Concise summary of the event proceedings, including key points discussed.</b></p>	<p>After the keynote speech by Mr. Decorte, the participants were invited to join the discussions on a rotating basis at the following solution tables: 1. Community based GIS mapping and building city coalitions for urban flood preparedness (Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania) alternating with 2. Harnessing emerging technologies to serve community-identified needs, particularly to address fire risk in slum areas (Nairobi, Kenya). 3. Role of public spaces in informal settlements in building community resilience and cohesion (Port-au-Prince, Haiti). 4. Creating safer and inclusive settlements by using community driven approaches – lessons from Asia Pacific. 5. Micro-credit approaches to house retrofitting and the overall urban interventions (Habitat for Humanity) 6. PetaBencana.id: Harnessing the power of social media to gather, sort, and display information about flooding for Jakarta residents in real time (Jakarta, Indonesia). After three rotations for each table, the participants were invited to share their feedback and reflections. The event was closed with a key note speech by Ms. Beukes wrapping up the session and sharing her insights.</p>
<p><b>Recommendations emerged from discussions at the Networking Event .</b></p>	<p>The participants raised the point of having more local stakeholders presented at the event. The participants expressed that having the event organized in small groups allowed more in depth conversation with the presenters. It was not possible to have simultaneous translation since the participants rotated among 6 tables but instead some groups switched between English and Spanish, and in some other groups, participants volunteered for translation.</p>
<p><b>Full name, title, and organization of the 1st speaker</b></p>	<p>Filiep Decorte, Deputy Director NY Office, Belgium, UN-Habitat</p>
<p><b>Full name, title, and organization of the 2nd speaker</b></p>	<p>Anni Beukes, Data Officer, SLUM DWELLERS INT</p>