



From  
the People of Japan

# UNITAR Women's Leadership in Tsunami-based Disaster Risk Reduction for World Tsunami Awareness Day 2024

## Shimanami Collective 2024 - 2025

***“UNITAR Women's Leadership in Tsunami-based Disaster Risk Reduction for World Tsunami Awareness Day 2024”*** aims to equip learners with lifelong skills to develop a more inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Plan contextualized to the needs of their communities and countries. Women are highly encouraged to apply.

The programme will run in two phases from September 2024 – March 2025. Through the course, you will engage in online courses, workshops, and coaching and mentoring sessions in key topics related to women's leadership and inclusive disaster risk reduction. Top-performers will be invited to come together for a regional in-person workshop in Fiji.

The programme will be delivered in **English**. You will receive a UNITAR certificate of completion if you complete the course and meet minimum criteria.

The programme is free for participants and conducted by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) with the financial support of the Government and People of Japan.

### How to Apply

Please access and complete the **application form** from the below link or scan the QR code.

UNITAR will inform you if you are selected to participate in the programme.

<https://forms.office.com/e/kU5kwki6yA?origin=lprLink>



## Who is Eligible?

Participants will be selected through an open call for applications on these specific criteria:

- At least 18 years old and over
- Passionate in making a difference in their society
- Interested in disaster risk reduction
- Keen to deepen their involvement with women's empowerment
- Good command of the English language (oral and written)
- Computer literate with stable internet connectivity
- Committed to completing the programme

Participants will be selected from various backgrounds to achieve diverse representations and perspectives. Women applicants will receive priority

## What is The Programme Structure?

The programme will run in two phases:

For **Phase I, 100 motivated individuals from the government, civil and private sectors** will enrol in a self-paced online course. This phase is divided into three sections and will conclude with final group presentations.

- Section 1: Introduction to disaster risk reduction and Japan's experience
- Section 2: Climate change and disaster risk reduction in the region
- Section 3: Women's leadership and an all-inclusive disaster risk reduction approach
- Final group presentations: Participants will develop an inclusive disaster risk reduction plan and present it in groups

In **Phase II, 20 of the top-performing participants will be selected for an in-depth, face-to-face regional workshop in Fiji**. The participants will be coached to develop a group country presentation, where they will fine-tune their individual plans, and will present them to peers and experts at the end of Phase II.



## What will You Learn?

The overall course is designed to encourage participants to increase their knowledge in DRR, including Sendai Framework, Sustainable Development Goals, gender-responsive DRR, multi-stakeholder coalition in DRR, community-based DRR, climate change, etc.

Throughout the programme, participants will have exposure to Japan's experiences and reconstruction efforts following major disasters. They will also learn from relevant experiences relating to the Pacific and Asia region that will help with their overall learning.

By the end of this training programme, following the completion of webinars, along with e-courses, participants should be able to:

- Develop an inclusive country DRR plan
- Describe the key principles of disaster risk reduction, with a focus on the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction
- Outline community-based DRR and what it means for an “all-of-society approach”
- Illustrate the importance of gender-inclusive leadership in the context of DRR



## What is The Programme Schedule?

Note: This schedule is tentative and subject to change

The training programme will take place in two phases from **September 2024 – March 2025**. The programme will launch online on **4 September 2024**. You will be expected to dedicate approximately **1 – 3 hours per week** to fully take part in the programme.

<b>August 2024</b>	Initiation	Call for nominations/applications
<b>Sept - Nov 2024</b>	Phase I	Online training
<b>March 2025</b>	Phase II	Regional In-person workshop in Fiji

### Call for Nominations/Applications



- Social media
- Media announcements
- Local partner communications

August 2024

### Training Phase I – “Online Webinar and E-course learning”



- 100 participants
- Asynchronous online learning
- Expert-led online training with coaching support
- Each participant develops their project plan that contributes to solving real problems related to disaster risk reduction
- Peers/experts review the self-led project plans

Sep-Nov 2024

**Top 20 performers** from Training Phase I invited to join phase II based on the merit of their project plan

### Training Phase II – Regional In-person Workshop”



- Activity to be held in Fiji
- Participants will develop a group country presentation where they fine-tune their individual DRR plan for their respective country and community
- Participants trained will translate the knowledge gained to effectively coach others within their communities on gender-inclusive disaster risk reduction

March 2025

## About UNITAR

United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) was established in 1963 as an autonomous body within the United Nations and is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. As a training arm of the United Nations system, UNITAR provides innovative learning solutions to individuals, organizations and institutions to enhance global decision-making and support country-level action for shaping a better future. UNITAR designs and conducts some 500 different global training activities per year for more than 133,000 participants. Our alumni include diplomats and other government officials, non-governmental representatives, and local authorities.

The Division for Prosperity is one of the eight divisions of UNITAR and consists of the Trade and Finance Programme Unit and the Hiroshima Office. We offer cutting-edge training and learning opportunities that promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth.

UNITAR Prosperity has extensive expertise in developing and delivering training on entrepreneurship and leadership in conflict and post-conflict countries. Empowering leaders in marginalized communities for many years, the Division has a unique understanding of the needs of participants as they work towards peace and stability.

### Contact

For queries and questions regarding the programme, please contact us at [drp-prosperity@unitar.org](mailto:drp-prosperity@unitar.org)  
[www.unitar.org/prosperity](http://www.unitar.org/prosperity)

**500** Trainings

---

500 different trainings are conducted worldwide each year.

**50+** Experience

---

Established in 1963, UNITAR has more than 50 years of experience in diplomatic training.

**80,000**  
Trained

---

More than 80,000 participants took part in UNITAR