



SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

**INTERNATIONAL COURSE
COMMUNITY PLANS FOR DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT
ONLINE EDITION**

From October 19th to December 4th, 2026

Call for applications available at <https://www.agcid.gob.cl/becas/becas-para-extranjeros/ofertas-vigentes> Chilean Agency for International Cooperation for Development y AGCID

BACKGROUND

Latin America and the Caribbean is characterized as the second region in the world most prone to various natural disasters (United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, 2020).

Their occurrence carries threats not only to people's lives and property, but can also reverse nations' development progress, erode resilience, and increase vulnerability.

In this context, Chile has promoted international cooperation initiatives aimed at strengthening capacities in disaster risk management. Among these, the Project for Building Resilience and Sustainable Societies in the Face of Disasters in Latin America – KIZUNA – stands out. Developed jointly by the Chilean Agency for International Development Cooperation (AGCID), the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), and the National Service for Disaster Prevention and Response (SENAPRED), this initiative trained thousands of professionals and technicians from Latin America and the Caribbean between 2015 and 2025.

To continue these efforts, AGCID is promoting the International Course on Community Plans for Disaster Risk Management (Online Edition), in partnership with the National Disaster Prevention and Response Service (SENAPRED), the Chilean government agency responsible for planning and coordinating public and private resources for the prevention and response to emergencies and disasters of natural origin or caused by human activity. The course aims to contribute to the development of professional, institutional, and public policy capacities to foster communities that are better prepared and more resilient to natural disasters.

GENERAL INFORMATION

HIGHER GOAL

Promote the strengthening of disaster risk governance and foster effective management in line with the principles established in the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs 2030), with the purpose of promoting the development of resilient societies in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES

Strengthen the skills necessary for the preparation, development and/or updating of the communal/local plans for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Emergency Plans (EP), as instruments for local planning in Disaster Risk Management.

III. EXPECTED RESULTS

Course participants are expected to improve their knowledge and skills in:

1. Recognize the general context of Chile's planning instruments for Disaster Risk Management within the framework of Law No. 21,364.
2. Distinguish the different types of plans for Disaster Risk Management, their definitions and main features.

3. Implement the structure and information of the format and instructions for the preparation of community plans for Disaster Risk Reduction, considering existing methodological guides developed with the cooperation of JICA.
4. Implement the structure and information of the format and instructions for the preparation of communal/local emergency plans and their corresponding annexes for threat plans.
5. Formulation of an Action Plan in accordance with the needs of the country, to be applied in the workplace, in the field of prevention and integrated post-disaster rehabilitation, with emphasis on DRR, based on the knowledge acquired.
6. Monitoring the implementation of the Action Plans of former participants.

IV. COURSE FORMAT

- The course will last six weeks, from October 19 to December 4, 2026.
requiring 26 hours of dedication.
- The course will be conducted online and asynchronously through the SENAPRED course platform (academia.senapred.gob.cl). Notwithstanding the foregoing, there may be synchronous master classes, which will be announced in advance and will be mandatory.
- The course will be conducted entirely in Spanish, so English-speaking applicants must demonstrate proficiency in Spanish.

V. BENEFITS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The Program will finance¹ :

- Program tuition and fees.
- Digital certificate of approval and participation issued by the SENAPRED Academic² .

VI. INVITED COUNTRIES

The governments of the following countries and regions will be invited to nominate applicants for the course: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Uruguay and the following CARICOM Member States: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.

¹ No additional items beyond those mentioned above will be funded. Personal expenses must be covered by each participant.

² The mission of the SENAPRED Academy is to promote and strengthen the transmission of knowledge in fire reduction, disaster risk, through training and outreach programs for the development of a preventive culture.

VII. TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

The total number of participants from invited countries will not exceed 20 in total, and there are no pre-established quotas per country.

VIII. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The international course is aimed at people who meet the following application requirements:

Applicant qualifications:

- i. Be a citizen of the country being convened and have residency in one of these countries. If temporarily residing in a country other than the one of your citizenship, you must apply through the focal point of the country of which you are a citizen.
- ii. Be nominated by your Government in accordance with the procedures indicated in Paragraph IX.
- iii. Possess work experience in the public or private sector in disaster risk reduction. It is desirable to be part of the National Civil Protection System (SNPC), or National Civil Defense System or Disaster Risk Management System of your country and/or have influence in decision-making at the local level within the SNPC or National Civil Defense System or Disaster Risk Management System.
Disaster Risk in your country;
- iv. Have an advanced level of the Spanish language, both spoken and written; and, if applicable English-speaking citizens must demonstrate proficiency in the Spanish language.
- v. Have internet access for online classes.

Important note:

- Priority will be given in the selection to candidates who are working on projects related to the national development of their country.

IX. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Candidates must submit their application, along with all requested information, digitally via email (a complete copy of their application, including signatures and seals) to the Focal Point in their country of origin (Annex IV) for official processing. The required documents are as follows:

- a. Signed application form (Annex I);
 - b. Signed action plan proposal (Annex II);
 - c. Signed letter of commitment (Annex III); d.
- Degree certificate

Interested parties must submit their applications to the respective Focal Point in each country (see list of focal points in Annex IV) in order to formalize their application. **Applications received without formalization by the Focal Point will not be considered in the selection process.**

Each focal point will determine the deadline for receiving applications; therefore, it is the responsibility of each applicant to consult directly with the focal point in their country. (Annex IV) the respective deadline.

This call for applications for the International course will have the following stages and reference application dates:

Stage	Dates
Deadline for applications at the focal point of each country	To be confirmed with the Focal point of each country
Call for applications closes	September 23, 2026
Application submission to the AGCID Scholarship Platform by focal points	September 24 and 25 of 2026
Selection Committee Evaluation	October 1 and 2, 2026
Publication of results and notification of selected candidates	October 7, 2026

The closing date for the call expires definitively on **September 23, 2026, regardless of the power of each focal point to set an earlier date for receiving applications.**

This must be confirmed in the country of origin of each interested party, in accordance with the contacts in Annex IV.

TO CONSIDER:

- No incomplete, illegible, or late applications will be processed.

Only applications officially submitted by the focal point will be evaluated. No application submitted directly by the applicant will be considered, even if it includes a letter of acceptance from the country of origin.

- It is the responsibility of the applicants to carefully read the call for applications with all its requirements, application procedures and all attached documents; as well as to submit their application complying with the professional requirements specified in each offer.

- The data expressed in the application form and its respective annexes have the character of a sworn statement, therefore, in the case of having falsified, adulterated, hidden or presented inaccurate information in order to obtain the scholarship, the applicant will assume the respective administrative, civil and criminal sanctions, in accordance with the regulations of his/her country of origin.

Furthermore, the applicant will be ineligible to apply to future calls for proposals indefinitely. This must be communicated by the Committee formed for the implementation of the scholarship.

X. SELECTION

The selection will be made by a Technical Committee comprised of representatives from AGCID and SENAPRED. This same Committee may assess the appropriateness of including other experts in natural disasters and/or public investment.

The results of the selection will be published on October 7, 2026 on the AGCID website, available at www.agcid.cl, for the information of all interested parties.

SENAPRED will contact each selected person by email to notify them, according to the contact information provided in the application form, and will directly coordinate all the procedures related to their participation.

Important: Only those selected will be notified and, once they have confirmed acceptance of the scholarship, they will be sent a guide with the corresponding instructions and procedures to follow.

The final decision regarding who receives the scholarship is the sole responsibility of the Selection Committee and this decision is final.

XI. REGULATION

Those selected must respect the following rules:

- Complete all the necessary procedures for your participation in the program, including obtaining the authorization from your superior or others.
- Provide current contact information (Annex I: Application Form) and periodically check your email accounts, in case of official requests and notices from the coordinating team, according to the dates described in section IX.
- Strictly adhere to the course program. Requests for changes or alterations to the initially established course program will not be accepted.
- Respect the instructions given by teachers and ensure good coexistence among the scholarship recipients of the course.
- Participate in the asynchronous sessions and complete at least 75% of them. If a synchronous master class is held, you must attend 100% of it. Absences will be authorized in duly justified cases indicated by the implementing agency (SENAPRED).

XII. COURSE PROGRAM

This course consists of four independent study modules which, generally speaking, include an introductory phase, in-depth conceptual exploration, and practical work. **Notwithstanding the above, there may be synchronous lectures, which, if scheduled, will be announced well in advance and will be mandatory.**

Within each module, the proposed topics will be addressed through content capsules, in addition to downloadable material that allows participants to delve deeper into topics of interest. The self-directed study process will be supported by formative assessments, which will allow for monitoring and tracking of learning progress.

COURSE NAME:	<i>Community Plans for Disaster Risk Management</i>
PARTICIPANTS (AMOUNT)	20
POPULATION AIM	1. Coordinators, implementers, managers in Disaster Prevention and Response at the national, regional, provincial or communal level. 2. Members of the Committees for Disaster Risk Management or Civil Protection or Civil Defense or Emergency Response 3. Members of institutions that respond to or prepare for emergencies, disasters, and catastrophes 4. Officials working in the areas of civil protection, civil defense, or disaster risk management
REQUIREMENTS INCOME	Subject to approval by the Selection Committee, in addition to those mentioned in section X of this call for applications. 6 weeks
DURATION	

GENERAL OBJECTIVES	
CONCEPTUAL	Strengthening the skills necessary for the preparation, development and/or updating of community/local plans for risk reduction Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Emergency Plans (EP), as instruments for local planning in Disaster Risk Management
PROCEDURAL	Action Plan
ATTITUDINAL	i. Recognize the general context of Chile's planning instruments for Disaster Risk Management within the framework of Law No. 21,364. ii. Distinguish the different types of Disaster Risk Management plans, their definitions, and main characteristics. iii. Implement the structure and information of the format and instructions for the development of municipal Disaster Risk Reduction plans, considering existing methodological guides. iv. Implement the structure and information of the format and instructions for the preparation of communal/local emergency plans and their corresponding annexes for threat plans. v. Formulation of an Action Plan in accordance with the needs of the country, to be applied in the workplace, in the field of prevention and integrated post-disaster rehabilitation, with emphasis on DRR, based on the knowledge acquired.

SYLLABUS AND SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES		
SYLLABUS	COGNITIVE OBJECTIVES	PROCEDURAL OBJECTIVES
Master Class	in the development and implementation of Community Disaster Risk Management Plans in another country of the region.	Increase the capacities of participants Communal in another country in the region.
Module 0: Introduction and welcome	Presentation of the course purpose, review of	the training path and use of the platform. course methodology.
Module 1: Context of Plans in GRD	Recognize the general context of planning instruments for international regulations, national, regional and community Disaster Risk Management (DRM) policy. within the framework of Law No. 21,364.	
Module 2: Community Plan for the Risk Reduction Disasters (DRR)	Distinguish the structure of content and information required in the Community Plan DRR, considering for this, the construction instructions for its for DRR. preparation and the complementary guide developed by JICA.	Stages and components for the for of the Community Plan review of the
Module 3: Plan Communal of Emergencies	Implement the structure and information, and instructions for the construction of the Community Plans Emergency	stages and components for the format Community Plan for the development of Emergencies.
Module 4: Plan Communal by Threats	To provide foundations, guidelines and tools for the development of the Stages and components	for the Threat Plan. construction of the Threat Plan.
Closure and certification	Final evaluation.	Satisfaction survey and certification.

INSTRUCTION PROCESS	
TECHNIQUE METHODOLOGICAL	The course will be conducted remotely, through asynchronous and self-instructional modules contained in a virtual classroom and synchronous lectures (to be confirmed) via online platforms, with a total duration of 6 weeks.
ATTENDANCE	100% attendance at synchronous activity (Master Class) and 75% requirement for asynchronous course
INSTRUMENTS OF ASSESSMENT	Formative assessments: no grade. Final summative assessment: 60% passing grade. Standard: 60% difficulty.

XV. CONTACTS

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