

## TORQAID MONTHLY UPDATE: MAY 2020<sup>1</sup>

The following are the main events and items relating to this TorqAid May 2020 Monthly Update – [www.torqaid.com/may-update](http://www.torqaid.com/may-update).



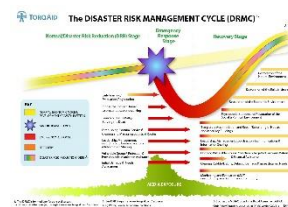
### Online Participatory Disaster Risk Management (PDRM) program

A new, revised, online accredited PDRM is being facilitated from the 27<sup>th</sup> July through to the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – see [www.torqaid.com/online-pdrm-program](http://www.torqaid.com/online-pdrm-program). This includes new material on the 2019/2020 Australian bushfires, the current Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, and Climate Change. The first module on Key Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Issues & Diagrams is running from the 8<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June. Students can choose any number of modules, but four of these, plus three assignment questions, are required by students seeking Advanced Standing/Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).



### Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Diagrammatic Framework – [www.torqaid.com/drm-framework](http://www.torqaid.com/drm-framework)

Key items from this article are included throughout in the online PDRM program. These include the Disaster Risk Management Cycle (DRMC) and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) diagram – Module 1; The Project Management Cycle (PMC) and Humanitarian Evaluation Criteria (HEC) – Module 2: and Risk Management (Module 3).



### TorqAid Toolkit – [www.torqaid.com/torqaid-toolkit](http://www.torqaid.com/torqaid-toolkit)



The May 2020 edition of the TorqAid Toolkit is now out – this is a compendium of invaluable resources for the Australian and global humanitarian or development practitioner. Attention is drawn to this material throughout the teaching of the PDRM.

### Australian Bushfires - [www.torqaid.com/bushfires](http://www.torqaid.com/bushfires)

As well as Australian bushfire recovery being covered in as a case study in the first module of the online PDRM program, Chris has been involved in bushfire related work since the beginning of the year. He prepared an article of the fires for the Geography Teachers Association of Victoria (GTAV) in January (see copy of this on link above), and since March has been working as Bushfire Recovery Adviser (BRA) for a state wide church agency.



### COVID-19 [www.torqaid.com/coronavirus](http://www.torqaid.com/coronavirus)



Mention of the Coronavirus COVID-19 is mentioned in four of the online PDRM modules, namely Module 1 (DRM Issues & diagrams), Module 2 (Risk Management), Module 4 (Complex Emergencies, Conflict-related situations, and Pandemics), and Module 5 (Sustainable Development Goals {SDGs} & Climate Change).

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<sup>1</sup> The photo is 'Bangla Boat' taken on the beach at Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh in June 2018. The Football World Cup was taking place at the time, and you can see the Brazilian (!) flag fluttering from the top of the mast.