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A Disaster Resilient Asia
with Asian Disaster Preparedness Center

Introduction

Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) is an intergovernmental organization that works to build the resilience of people and institutions to disasters and climate change impacts in Asia and the Pacific. Using its expertise and scientific knowledge-base, ADPC assists countries in their efforts to address the root causes of disasters and climate change. It was established as a technical capacity building center in 1986 and became an intergovernmental organization after nine founding members ratified its Charter. Member countries include Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Thailand.

It uses all the resources at its disposal for the community and public benefit.

Our Team

ADPC has a dedicated team of professionals including hydrologists, meteorologists, social scientists, environmentalists, and GIS specialists, and experts in the policy, gender, and medical fields. Our team is our greatest asset and they are determined to find the best possible solutions for disaster prone communities and countries.

Why should we invest in resilience?

Home to over 4.4 billion people, Asia and the Pacific loses thousands of lives and billions of dollars to disasters every year. Unplanned urbanization and informal development across the region puts lives at risk and threatens development gains. Urban areas in Asia and the Pacific are growing rapidly with 56 of the 100 most vulnerable cities to disaster risk located in this region.

Changes in weather patterns, including intense and more frequent storms and prolonged dry spells, have increased the frequency and unpredictability of disaster events. The cost of humanitarian response often surpasses the coping ability of national governments and that of the international community, necessitating more investments in disaster risk reduction and resilience.

Strategic themes

ADPC addresses resilience challenges by focusing on the following themes:



Risk governance

ADPC assists governments to translate their policies on climate and disaster risk reduction into action. We also support risk-sensitive development from the national to community level in addition to providing usable risk information for better decision-making related to disaster and climate risk management.



Climate resilience

ADPC uses science-based information to develop tools that help governments and communities manage disaster risks associated with extreme hydro-meteorological events now and in the future. We integrate disaster risk reduction and climate risk management with social development to build capacities to respond and adapt to a changing climate.



Resilient recovery

ADPC assists countries, communities, and the private sector to prepare and implement post-disaster recovery plans to reduce the impact of future disasters using internationally accepted methodologies. We use these tools to foster resilient recovery, strengthen post-disaster institutional arrangements and build capacities of regional, national, and provincial authorities.



Urban resilience

ADPC provides technical and policy support to authorities and urban communities in planning for safer and more resilient cities. We work across sectors and with businesses to reduce disasters and future climate risks for everyone across multiple interconnected urban services.



Health risk management

ADPC helps strengthen health services and systems to be able to respond to emergencies and maintain their operations during disasters. We integrate health risks into the wider disaster risk reduction sector to ensure that the community's physical and social needs are met.



Preparedness for response

ADPC helps coordinate plans for emergency response and builds the capabilities of response workers, institutions and communities enabling them to act quickly and efficiently after an emergency.



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Cross-cutting themes



Gender and diversity

ADPC supports the contribution and participation of marginalized groups in its programming through gender and diversity analysis and activities that promote gender equality and social inclusiveness. This strategic approach focuses on women as agents of change in disaster risk reduction.



Regional and transboundary cooperation

ADPC works with governments, regional and inter-governmental organizations to foster cooperation in regional and transboundary issues related to DRR. This includes emergency preparedness, response and resilient recovery. Through our work, we contribute to a common understanding and approach to address regional and transboundary issues.



Poverty and livelihoods

ADPC recognizes that disasters, poverty and resilience are interconnected and addresses this complex relationship in two ways. We promote pro-poor policies and actions across our programs while promoting and advocating for pro-poor perspectives among our partners.

Three decades of capacity building

ADPC focuses on institutional and individual capacity building in disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation in Asia and the Pacific. Thousands of people from around the world have benefited from ADPC training courses. We regularly offer a broad range of capacity building programs on a variety of topics.

Regional Consultative Committee on Disaster Management (RCC)

Established in 2000 as one of the first regional dialogue platforms to promote consultation and cooperation on reducing disaster risk, the RCC on Disaster Management promotes peer advocacy and the exchange of experiences in disaster risk reduction. ADPC, as its secretariat, initiated the committee to bring countries in Asia and the Pacific together to achieve common goals in DRR, explore ways to transform policies into practice, and promote regional cooperation.

Partners

ADPC works at the national and local level in partnership with governments, development partners, UN agencies, civil society, and the private sector to put resilience at the core of development.



Vision

Safer Communities and Sustainable Development through Disaster Risk Reduction

Goals

- Support countries in Asia and the Pacific to mainstream disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation in development.
- Support communities and countries in Asia and the Pacific to establish systems and capacities that reduce disaster and climate risk impacts.
- Serve as a pro-active and responsive regional resource center for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation.
- Promote and share disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation knowledge and experience as a strong partner and networker.
- Serve as an incubator for innovation to address challenging and emerging issues in disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation.

The ADPC revised Strategy 2020 is informed by the post-2015 development agenda and associated global frameworks including the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR), the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and Voluntary Commitments of the World Humanitarian Summit.



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