

## Pre- workshop activity

In order to maximize the outcomes of the learning workshop, the representative from NRCS of the four countries, are encouraged to undertake the following prior to the workshop:

- 1) Prepare a country presentation covering the following (approx 30 min)
  - a. Institutional arrangements for early warning in the country –hydro meteorological and geo-physical hazards
  - b. Early warning information flow from national level to community level
  - c. Role and mandate of NRCS in the early warning system (national and local level)
  - d. Operational linkage of NRCS with early warning/ intermediary agencies (covering national and local level)
  - e. Internal arrangements and capacity within NRCS (national to local level) on receipt and dissemination of early warning information
  - f. Brief on NRCS early warning projects (completed and ongoing)
  - g. Recent experience of NRCS in early warning - any specific hazard event (from national to local level)
  - h. Details on existing training manual on early warning system
  - i. Challenges and gaps in existing early warning system.
  
- 2) Bring a copy of available training manual on disaster management / early warning systems (if available).

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# REGIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOP ON EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS

## In collaboration with

*Flood Forecasting and Warning Center (FFWC)*

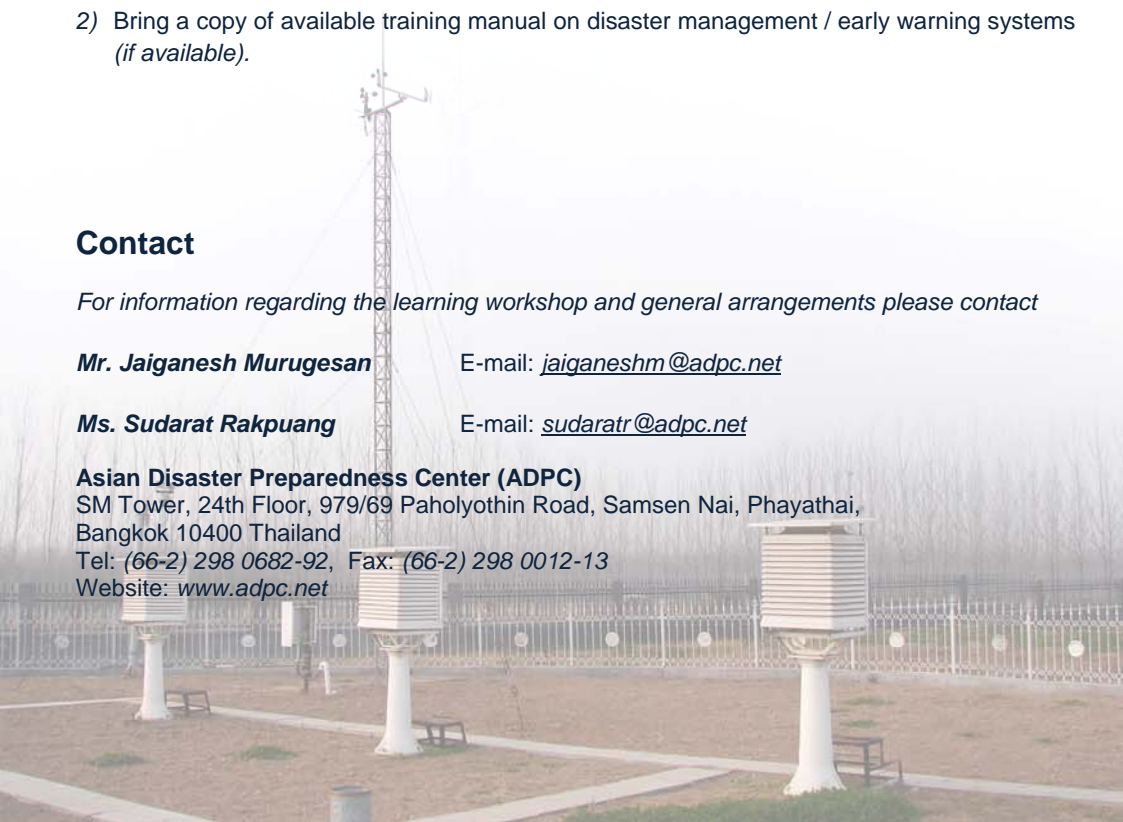
*Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS)*

## Organised under

*“Facilitating the integration of tsunami warning by strengthening multi-hazard warning systems in Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Indonesia and the Philippines project”*

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## Background

The Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), with support from the American Red Cross (ARC), is implementing a regional project titled "Facilitating the integration of tsunami warning by strengthening multi-hazard warning systems in Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Indonesia and the Philippines". The regional project aims to strengthen early warning systems in the project countries through the following activities:

- a) Improving inter-agency collaboration and coordination through national stakeholder forums
- b) Linking mass-based organizations, such as National Red Cross Societies (NRCS), to the national and local level early warning systems for synergy of programs and projects
- c) Building institutional capacities in utilizing hazard risk information for contingency planning and targeted emergency response
- d) Periodic early warning system audits to ensure effective and efficient system functionality and reliability
- e) Ensuring community connectivity, and emergency preparedness and readiness

As on date, Early Warning/ Climate Forums have been established and organized in Sri Lanka, Vietnam, and Indonesia, with participation of key sectoral agencies and NRCS, while the process is ongoing in the Philippines. Initial consultation meetings were held with NRCS on development of training curriculum on "translating hazard risk information into impact outlook and response options". One of the key activities of the project is to organize a Regional Learning Workshop on Early Warning Systems in Bangladesh, with participation of NRCS from target countries, IFRC and other relevant stakeholders, to share and learn from experiences on early warning systems.



## Objectives

The objective of the Regional Learning Workshop in Bangladesh is twofold:

- 1) Experience sharing and learning on early warning systems: To share and learn from early warning experiences of NRCS of project countries, and learn from BDRCS experience in early warning systems under the Cyclone Preparedness Program (CPP) and ADPC's Climate Forecast Applications in Bangladesh Project (Flood Forecasting)
- 2) Consultation meeting to develop training module outline for NRCS on "translating hazard risk information into impact outlook and response options"

## Structure

The Regional Learning Workshop is structured into three parts over five days:

- Experience-sharing on Early Warning Systems (1 day)
- Field visit to BDRCS's Cyclone Preparedness Program (CPP) and ADPC's Climate Forecast Applications in Bangladesh Project (CFAB) demonstration sites (3 days)
- Consultation on training manual development and project implementation (1 day)



## Participants

- The participants for the Regional Learning Workshop are representatives from NRCS and National Hydro-Meteorological Services (NHMS's) of the four target countries, and representatives from IFRC and BDRCS.
- NRCS is encouraged to nominate three staffs (nomination form attached) who are responsible for implementation of the project, or staff experienced in disaster management/ early warning (one from the National Headquarters and one each from two pilot provinces) who will assist in implementation of the project.
- Discussions during the learning workshop will be in English, hence NRCS /NHMS is requested to consider nominating participant who are conversant in English, or ensure at least one participant is familiar with English.
- All travel-related expenses, such as visa, air travel, accommodation, and a modest living allowance, will be covered directly by ADPC, while life/major health insurance of the participant is the responsibility of his/her institution.

