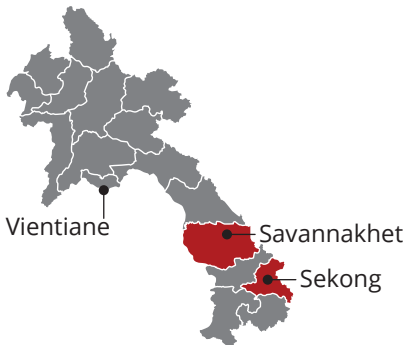




Strengthening Preparedness for Emergency Response through Multi-Stakeholder Cooperation in Lao PDR

Implementation Locations



A program for “Strengthening Preparedness for Emergency Response through Multi-Stakeholder Cooperation in Southeast Asia” was launched with additional support from United States Agency for International Development Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID BHA) in July 2020. Under this initiative, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) will work with selected partners in Lao PDR to adapt the Asian Preparedness Partnership (APP) partnership model towards establishing a “Lao Preparedness Partnership” platform with representation from the government, local humanitarian organizations, and the private sector.

Key Partners



Government:
Department of Social Welfare (DSW)
Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare (MoLSW)



Local Humanitarian Network:
Lao Civil Society Organizations



Private Sector Network:
Lao National Chamber of Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LNCCI)

Improved humanitarian response to disasters in Lao PDR

Strengthened Coordination Mechanisms and Partnership

- **Organizing** inter-sectoral and inter-sectoral coordination meetings to mobilize key partners
- **Collaborating** with partners for disaster risk reduction forums and policy dialogs
- **Formalizing** private sector engagement in disaster preparedness

Capacity Development

- **Conducting** national and sub-national level trainings courses on priority disaster management themes
- **Engaging** the private sector including small and medium enterprises (SMEs) for technical support and awareness
- **Contextualizing** tools to assess humanitarian standards and engagement of local actors

Knowledge Management, Sharing & Dissemination

- **Promoting** and publicizing disaster risk reduction days
- **Developing** case studies and process documentation
- **Circulating** knowledge products on disaster awareness across different stakeholders



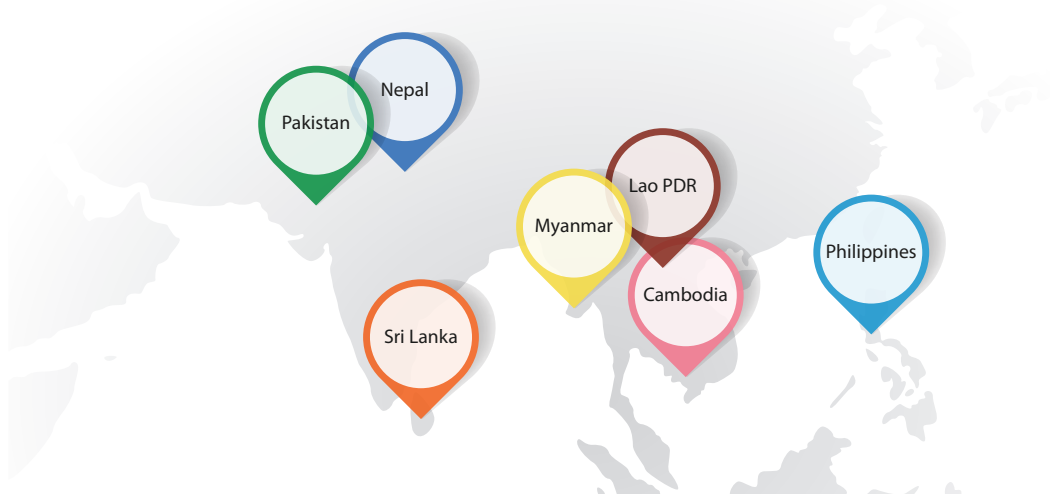


APP is a unique multi-stakeholder regional partnership established by the ADPC. It includes countries from South and Southeast Asia to better prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. The partnership is supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (the Foundation) and the USAID BHA.

APP strives to improve stakeholder coordination and dialogue between governments, local humanitarian organization networks, and the private sector to enhance capacities through partnerships, knowledge resources, training, and networking opportunities. The APP serves as a network of networks connecting these key local actors who are working on emergency response and disaster risk management at the national and sub-national levels for more coordinated and effective response at the time of disaster. It promotes locally led disaster preparedness, response, and recovery actions through improved coordination mechanisms, strengthened humanitarian leadership, training, and capacity development, systems transformation, innovation, south-south learning and knowledge exchange, and regional cooperation.

The partnership’s overall goal: “Safer and well-prepared communities through locally-led disaster risk management (DRM) actions, so that disaster impacts on at-risk communities of Asia will be reduced”.

The APP’s efforts are contributing to priority 4 of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) 2015-2030 for ‘enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response’. The partnership’s commitments are also aligned with the World Humanitarian Summit and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. National Preparedness Partnerships have been established in Cambodia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines and Sri Lanka.



A process whereby local, sub-national and national humanitarian actors, namely governments, civil society and non-government organizations, the private sector, media, academia etc., take a lead role, in a collaborative manner to plan and implement priority actions in disaster preparedness, humanitarian response, and recovery through mobilizing internal resources and external humanitarian funding.”

- APP on localization



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