

# Asian Preparedness Partnership

A unique multi-stakeholder regional partnership established by its six founding member countries - Cambodia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.

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## Phase 1

Strengthening Emergency Response Capacity of Local Humanitarian Actors in Asia

**Duration:** 1 August 2016 – 31 October 2019

**Target countries:** Cambodia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, and Sri Lanka

### Main Objective:

Enhance emergency response capacity of local actors (Government, LNGOs, and private sector) in six countries in Asia

### Key Outcomes:

- Strengthened multi-stakeholder coordination systems
- Strengthened National and Local capacities through training and knowledge exchange
- Learning and knowledge management systems initiated and institutionalized

## Phase 2

Strengthen the capacity of at risk-communities to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters through locally-led actions in selected high-risk countries of Asia.

**Duration:** 18 October 2019 – 31 July 2023

**Target countries:** Cambodia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, and Sri Lanka (*Lao PDR and Bangladesh through APP + Approach*)

### Main Objectives:

- Increase locally-led actions to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters in select high-risk countries of Asia
- Institutionalize efficient and cost-effective innovative approaches for locally-led Disaster Risk Management (DRM) actions
- Strengthen enabling environment for humanitarian system transformation through regional cooperation and global outreach

### Key Outcomes:



Sustained mechanisms for locally-led actions



Integrated National Preparedness Partnerships into existing coordination systems



Strengthened capacity of local champions, and organizations in preparedness for response



Enhanced inter and intra-regional collaboration for localization



Enhanced South-South learning and knowledge exchange among APP countries



Nurtured local innovations for disasters

## Changes as a result of APP in the last 5 years:



## Key highlights/ achievements of the program:

### Creating partnerships for improving multi-stakeholder coordination

- 6 multi-stakeholder National Preparedness Partnerships were established. Formalization of Lao Disaster Preparedness Partnership in process.
- 6 roadmaps developed to promote locally-led preparedness and response
- Engagement and participation of the private sector in disaster preparedness and response activities.
- 19 Joint locally-led actions undertaken for contingency planning, response, and assessments
- 26 policies and plans developed at national and sub-national levels

### Enhanced capacity of local actors through mainstreamed capacity development programs and local expert pool

- Enhanced knowledge and skills in disaster preparedness and response functions through orientations, learning events, training etc.
- 6,312 people trained, 181 trainings organized and 15 trainings institutionalized
- Developed 3 key self-assessment tools on Core Humanitarian Standard Assessment (CHSAT), Institutional Capacity Assessment (ICAT) and Institutional Engagement (TIE) before during and after disasters
- Improved adoption and use of humanitarian standards among local actors
- Improved preparedness levels of businesses through Business Continuity Management (BCM) and Business Continuity Planning (BCP) activities under APP

### Increased advocacy for localization through knowledge exchange and learning between APP countries

- Enhanced learning and knowledge sharing within APP countries through inclusion of multiple stakeholders within the APP umbrella
- 59 regional events were held for advocacy, learning and knowledge sharing

- Established a conduit of learning and knowledge exchange with the APP knowledge hub and digital media channels
- Connected experts through 3 Regional Technical Working Groups (RTWGs) on Private Sector Engagement; Inclusive Approaches in Localization; and Building the Nexus Between Risk Analytics, Early Warning, And EOCs

### Nurtured innovative approaches for locally-led DRM actions

- Launched 'Social Innovation Grand Challenge' to identify, curate, facilitate, and promote local innovations
- 3 Innovation Forums organized
- Nurtured 7 selected innovative solutions with grant funding and technical support
- Disseminated and scaled up innovative solutions for broader applications

### Scaling out of APP through APP + Approach

- Mobilized key partners in the Lao PDR Government, Not-for-Profit Associations and the private sector network for the establishment of the Lao Disaster Preparedness Partnership (LDPP)
- Established Bangladesh Preparedness Partnership (BPP) with the Government, Local Humanitarian Organizations Networks, Private Sector Networks and the Academia.
- Planned expansion to Indonesia and Timor Leste

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