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Mobilize to Localize

Advancing Locally Led
Initiatives for Safer,
Well-Prepared,
and Resilient
Communities



BACKGROUND



World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) 2016

Initiated a humanitarian transformation to address unprecedented needs from conflicts, disasters, and climate change.

Localization

The heart of the transformation, placing people at the center of funding, decision-making, and action to reduce disaster risks and vulnerabilities.

Commitment

Supported by 50+ donors and aid agencies through the WHS Grand Bargain.

Goal

Strengthening national and local actors to enhance self-reliance, reduce dependency on international aid, and ensure sustainable development.

LOCALIZATION THEMATIC FRAMEWORK



OUTCOME

Strengthened national and local actors to take the lead in defining, planning, and implementing disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and climate actions.

INTERMEDIATE OUTCOMES

- Empowered national, local, and community actors through partnerships
- Generated and increased long-term, flexible funding that fosters financial independence
- Built-strengthened institutional and operational capacities of national, local, and community actors
- Strengthened coordination and collaboration among international, regional, national, local, and community actors/partners
- Increased inclusion and participation of national, local, and community actors (i.e., disaster-affected, at-risk and vulnerable groups) in programs/projects
- Enhanced visibility and influence of actors/partners, showcasing their initiatives and impact on policy and program/projects development/reform

ADPC defines localization as a process that strengthens national and local actors to lead in defining, planning, and implementing disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and climate actions toward safer, well-prepared, and resilient communities.

PILLARS, INTERMEDIATE OUTCOMES

Decision-making empowerment through partnerships

Empowered national, local, and community actors through partnerships

- Number of programs/projects fostering strategic, equitable, complementary, transparent and accountable partnerships
- Quality of partnerships, i.e., promote ownership throughout the program/project cycle

Long-term, flexible funding

Generated and increased long-term, flexible funding that fosters financial independence

- Number of long-term, flexible funding secured from donors and development partners
- Number of funding secured from national and/or local budgets
- Strategic allocation and use of funding that create measurable, positive impacts on communities' lives

Capacity development/strengthening

Built/strengthened institutional and operational capacities of national, local, and community actors

- Number of systems, processes, frameworks, standards, tools developed/enhanced
- Number of knowledge and learning exchange
- Number of training and trained
- Number of disaster preparedness measures executed effectively and efficiently during response
- Number of risk reduction and climate actions implemented, sustained and integrated into national, local, and community programs, with measurable, positive impacts on communities' lives

Coordination and collaboration

Strengthened coordination and collaboration among international, regional, national, local, and community actors/partners

- Number of facilitated and sustained coordination and collaboration among international, regional, national, local, and community actors/partners
- Number of established and/or enhanced coordination and collaboration mechanisms for disaster preparedness and response
- Number of international coordination mechanisms participated in during response
- Demonstrated leadership in coordinating disaster preparedness and during response

OUTCOMES, AND INDICATORS

Inclusion and participation

Increased inclusion and participation of national, local, and community actors (i.e., disaster-affected, at-risk and vulnerable groups) in programs/projects and response

- Number of programs/projects informed by national, local, and community risks, needs, priorities and solutions
- Number of programs/projects co-created with national, local, and community actors
- Meaningful participation (i.e., beyond consultation, of national, local, and community actors throughout the program/project cycle

Influence and visibility

Enhanced visibility and influence of actors/partners, showcasing their initiatives and impact on policy and program/project development/reform

- Number of international, regional, national, local events where actors/partners engaged in policy discussions and/or advocated for localization
- Number of advocacy materials and active online platforms promoting localization
- Influenced donor and government priorities, policies, and standards

ASIAN PREPAREDNESS PARTNERSHIP: A MULTI-STAKEHOLDER APPROACH TO LOCALIZATION

- ADPC's flagship program aimed at promoting localization
- Established in 2017, supported by the Gates Foundation
- Supports national actors establish National Preparedness Partnerships (NPPs), which bring together diverse key stakeholders.

APP AND ITS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS PARTNERSHIPS



Bangladesh engaged through APP + Approach

Multi-stakeholder partnerships and coordination

Locally-led actions to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters

South-South cooperation and knowledge exchange

Humanitarian innovation

Disaster impacts on at-risk communities are reduced

Government

Primary duty bearer, responsible for preventing and reducing disaster risk, and strengthening resilience through policies, systems, plans, programs, and budget allocation



Local NGOs

Work directly with communities, bridging DRR and development efforts, and supporting emergency response



Private Sector

Drives innovation and investment, supporting businesses and communities in reducing disaster risk and building resilience



Media

Raises awareness, drives behavior change, and amplifies engagement in disaster risk reduction and resilience efforts



Academia

Engages in learning, research, and knowledge sharing, informing DRR and resilience strategies, and building critical skills and capacities



The partnerships supports progress towards humanitarian ecosystem transformation.



Launched on July 30, 2024, the ADRF empowers NPPs to drive locally-led Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) efforts, enhancing preparedness, recovery, risk reduction, and climate action. The Fund enables NPPs to mobilize, engage, and support initiatives that ensure no one is left behind.

APP+ APPROACH

The achievements of the multi-stakeholder approach for locally-led actions under APP have generated interest beyond the core APP countries. Through the 'APP+' approach, other countries in the region with high-risk profiles and strong networks for local actors have shown interest in replicating the multi-stakeholder country partnership model. At the same time, the APP+ approach facilitates south-south learning and knowledge exchange between the APP countries and other countries in the region and beyond where ADPC has flagship programs on enhancing Disaster Risk Management (DRM).

CO-CREATING DIVERSE LOCALIZATION MODELS

ADPC is currently implementing the Strengthening Partnerships for Community Resilience in Indonesia and Timor-Leste (SPRINT) project with local civil society organizations (CSOs). SPRINT aims to mitigate disaster impacts, decrease reliance on external aid, and promote faster, more resilient recovery. The project strengthens the institutional, leadership, technical, and organizational capacities of local organizations, empowering them to lead disaster resilience efforts.

In 2025, ADPC will continue working alongside member countries to co-create diverse localization models, such as women-led, inclusive local government approaches, and children and youth-led initiatives, among others. Support for the Asian Disaster Readiness Fund (ADRF) will be instrumental in advancing both current and newly created localization models.



BY THE LOCAL, FOR THE LOCAL!

LOCALIZE FOR A SAFER,
WELL-PREPARED,
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