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

ADRF — ASIAN DISASTER READINESS FUND

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The **Asian Disaster Readiness Fund (ADRF)** is an innovative financing mechanism designed to secure support from multiple donors, all focused on advancing localization.

The Fund supports the Asian Preparedness Partnership (APP), ADPC's major localization program which started in 2017. The APP includes ADPC member countries—Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Pakistan, the Philippines, Nepal, and Sri Lanka—and is supported by the Gates Foundation. It helps establish National Preparedness Partnerships (NPPs) that unite government, civil society, and the private sector, and other relevant stakeholders.

The ADRF, launched on 30 July 2024, enables NPPs to support locally-led Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) actions, strengthening preparedness, recovery, risk reduction, and climate action.

Currently, thematic areas co-created by the NPPs that can be included in their non-competitive proposals to access the ADRF are as follows:

OUTCOME

Strengthened sub-national and local organizations for disaster preparedness through partnerships, community engagement, and joint locally-led actions

01 Strengthening forecast-based, locally-led early warning and early action systems to each the at-risk last mile communities.

02 Enhancing multi-hazard contingency planning and emergency response plans, policies, and/or strategies at the local level

03 Integrating climate risks, strengthening locally-led climate change and community-based adaptation.

04 Enhancing community resilience through Community based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) approaches.

INNOVATIVE FEATURES OF ADRF

Co-governed and flexible funding

- Co-managed by national partners, which include government, private sector, and civil society.
- Access to the ADRF is granted through a closed, non-competitive proposal process.
- Each partner is responsible for managing the ADRF grant using their own financial system, which covers both operational and indirect costs.
- Funding is released based on agreed-upon indicators and targets.

Bottom-up, multi-stakeholder co-creation and implementation

- "By the local, for the local" approach, empowering countries to make decisions on priorities, project scope, activities, and expected outcomes.
- Emphasizes the inclusion of at-risk and vulnerable groups to ensure meaningful and diverse participation.
- Fosters learning and knowledge exchange between national and local partners, creating a feedback loop that informs practice and enhances bottom-up accountability.
- Accountability is ensured through the monitoring and evaluation processes outlined in the grant agreement between ADPC and its partners.

Handholding and mentoring among countries

- Peer-to-peer learning as a key approach to building and strengthening partners' capacity.
- Created the ADRF Committee which is composed of two representatives from ADPC and one primary representative from each of the six APP implementing countries.
- Members act as mentors, reviewing and providing guidance to improve country proposals before endorsing them for funding, ensuring that they align with the fund's objectives, principles, and criteria. The Committee also tracks the progress and impact of funded actions and projects, offering constructive feedback. Additionally, it advocates for fundraising and resource mobilization to support the ADRF.

The Asian Disaster Readiness Fund looks forward to supporting the APP and other localization models to be co-created in collaboration with ADPC member countries

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