

ASIAN

PREPAREDNESS PARTNERSHIP





WHAT IS THE ASIAN PREPAREDNESS PARTNERSHIP?

The Asian Preparedness Partnership (APP) is a leading regional platform which aims to foster strategic multi-sectoral partnerships for improving disaster preparedness and emergency response in South and Southeast Asia. Founded in 2017 by Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) with support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the partnership was formed with representation from national governments, local humanitarian organizations network, and private sector networks. The six program countries include Cambodia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, and Sri Lanka.

APP builds upon the successful 2012 Cambodian Humanitarian Forum Program, supported by ADPC and USAID Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance. The program resulted in strengthening the local humanitarian network through capacity building for local NGOs. APP expands upon this concept by establishing networks, and capacity and knowledge exchange for disaster preparedness within countries, as well as across the region.

The unique model of APP adopts a 'network of networks' approach, which mobilizes governments, civil society organizations, and the private sector for a paradigm shift in the regional humanitarian ecosystem. It is a catalyst for moving local agendas and response actions forward, as advocated at the 2016 World Humanitarian Summit.

GOAL OF APP

APP strives to enhance inter-organizational coordination and dialogue through multi-sectoral partnerships, which includes capacity building, communication, knowledge sharing and dissemination, and coordination and partnership.

OBJECTIVES OF APP

To improve humanitarian leadership and coordination through systematic and local institutional strengthening.

To establish more effective partnerships among national and local humanitarian actors.

To attain better coordination of humanitarian actions by enhancing humanitarian information management and knowledge exchange.

By strengthening humanitarian leadership and technical capacity of key stakeholders in each country, APP aims to achieve better preparedness, response, and recovery from disasters.



PREPAREDNESS PARTNERSHIP OF CAMBODIA (PPC)

Cambodia is one of the most disaster-prone countries in Asia, affected by floods, fire, drought, typhoons/tropical storms, lightning, forest fires, insect infestations, post-disaster epidemics and collapse of river banks. These have caused significant loss of life and substantial damages to infrastructure, agriculture, and livelihoods.

PPC was established to improve humanitarian leadership and coordination among national and local humanitarian actors for preparedness for emergency response and recovery. The partnership includes representation from the government, specifically the National Committee for Disaster Management, the Cambodia Humanitarian Forum, and the Federation of Associations for Small and Medium Enterprises of Cambodia.

Examples of PPC activities conducted to date include a Business Resilience Forum, Workshop on Flood Simulation Exercise, Development of Multi-Media and Knowledge Products, and Training Courses on Disaster Management and Emergency Assessment.



MYANMAR PREPAREDNESS PARTNERSHIP (MPP)

Myanmar faces numerous hazards including cyclones, droughts, earthquakes, fire, floods, forest fires, landslides, storm surges, and tsunamis. In recent years, floods have been a major hazard, as well as landslides triggered by heavy rainfall and earthquakes. Investing in strengthening local capacities will help ensure efficient, effective, and sustainable emergency response and management for potential disasters, resulting in a reduction of loss of lives and assets.

To ensure well-coordinated response efforts to future disaster events in Myanmar, it is critical that local government organizations, NGOs, and civil society groups participate in the humanitarian assistance framework as first responders for any humanitarian emergency.

The MPP was established to improve coordinated emergency response and includes representation from the government, specifically the Department of Disaster Management, the Myanmar NGO Consortium for Preparedness and Response Network, and the Myanmar Private Disaster Preparedness Network.

MPP has been implementing activities such as Trainings have been conducted on Multi-Hazard Disaster Management, Business Resilience Forums, and District Level Emergency Response and Preparedness Workshops.

NEPAL PREPAREDNESS PARTNERSHIP (NPP)

Nepal is a country exposed to multi-hazards and is among the 20 most disaster-prone countries in the world. More than 80% of its population is at risk from natural hazards. Risks include cold waves, droughts, earthquakes, epidemics, floods, fires, glacial lake outburst floods, hailstorms, heat waves, landslides, and windstorms.

The NPP was established to enhance the local networks, coordination mechanisms and develop the capacities of the key disaster preparedness and emergency response organizations and stakeholders within the country. The partnership includes representation from the government, specifically the Ministry of Home Affairs, Local Initiatives for Biodiversity, Research and Development, and the Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industries.

Examples of NPP activities conducted to date include trainings on Preparedness for Emergency Response, Training of Trainers on Business Continuity Management, Reporting on Disaster Mitigation and Prevention for Nepali Journalists, Development of Multi-Media Products, and orientation workshops and trainings on Protection of Structures Against Lightning.





PAKISTAN RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP (PRP)

Pakistan's efforts aimed at achieving fast growth and development are increasingly being undermined by the impact of natural disasters. Devastating earthquakes and floods have led to damage and losses in communities as well as the private sector.

PRP was established to promote partnerships among stakeholders, facilitate technical assistance for capacity building, promote knowledge exchange,

mobilize resources, and strengthen networks. The partnership includes representation from the government, specifically, National Disaster Management Authority, the National Humanitarian Network, the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Higher Education Commission and Press Information Department (media and academia). The PRP has laid the foundation for a public-private partnership for an effective humanitarian system in Pakistan.

In collaboration with National Disaster Management Authority, PRP mobilized the launching of the new improved National Disaster Response Plan. Other activities implemented by PRP include Training Workshops on the Role of Media in Preparedness for Effective Response, Role of Private Sector in Preparedness for Effective for Women Chamber of Commerce, and Linking Digital Resource Center with all stakeholders as a knowledge sharing platform. PRP also releases a bi-annual 'Humanitarian Resilience Journal' with a sector-specific approach to explore school safety, mainstreaming DRR into the health sector, and the science behind climate change and droughts.

PHILIPPINES PREPAREDNESS PARTNERSHIP (PHILPREP)

The Philippines is vulnerable to threats from over 300 volcanoes and major earthquakes and is affected by an average of 20 typhoons annually. Additionally, the country experiences landslides induced by earthquakes and heavy precipitation.

The national humanitarian network in the Philippines was organized by identifying and engaging existing disaster risk reduction networks with a good track record on emergency preparedness and response rather than recruiting individual organizations and practitioners as partners. PhilPrep includes representation from the government, specifically the Office of Civil Defense National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, the Philippines Disaster Risk Reduction Network and its secretariat, the Center for Disaster Preparedness, and the Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation.



Examples of PhilPrep activities conducted to date include a Youth Leadership Forum on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, Trainings and Workshops on Business Resilience and Business Continuity for Small and Medium Enterprises, National DRRM Plan Validation for the Private Sector, Forum on Uniting Businesses and Government for Building Disaster Resilient Communities, Rights-based Humanitarian Response Training for Local Actors, and hosting delegates from Sri Lanka to facilitate knowledge exchange for private sector resilience.



SRI LANKA PREPAREDNESS PARTNERSHIP (SLPP)

In Sri Lanka, the 2004 tsunami was the most catastrophic disaster recorded in the country's history. However, droughts, floods, landslides, coastal erosion, cyclones with accompanying sea surges, and lightning are also major natural hazards. Studies indicate that climate change may impact the frequency of hydro-meteorological hazards in Sri Lanka, which are on the rise.

The SLPP includes representation from the government, specifically the Disaster Management Center and National Disaster Relief Services Centre, Janathakshan, and the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce.



Examples of SLPP activities conducted to date include a workshop on engaging institutions for sector-specific disaster plans, a south-south learning exchange with the Philippines to understand their Emergency Operation Center and its facilities especially on flood control, and Trainings on camp management, Business continuity management for micro, small and medium scale enterprises, and Application of GIS for Effective Risk Assessments.

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