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**Activities and Roles of NGOs  
In Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia**



"Safe community environments and disaster resilient societies"



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**STATUS OF DISASTERS IN ASIA**

- Asia is the most disaster prone continent
- 90% of people affected by natural disasters
- 40% of all reported disasters
- 62 % of economic damage in 2008 (34 % in 2000-2007)
- Affects economies, lives, fabric of human society
- Sheer scale and complexity of natural disasters in recent times
- Many countries struggling to recover



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## STATUS OF DISASTERS IN ASIA

- These disasters are on a rising trend as a result of many factors including global **climate change**, rapid and unplanned **urbanization**, **environmental degradation** and **depletion of water resources**.
- As a result, there is a feverish intensification of initiatives to address better disaster recovery, disaster reduction, and disaster preparedness



## STATUS OF DISASTERS IN ASIA

- Multilevel networking and collaboration have increased among stakeholders of whom NGOs feature prominently, apart from governments and international organizations.
- NGOs play an undeniably critical role
  - their actions range from humanitarian aid to disaster reduction/preparedness and to recovery/rehabilitation.



## ASIAN NGOs

- Total number uncertain
- Different definitions/classifications
- Local/national vs International
- Capacities vary
- What is certain is that the number is increasing
- Roles are more evident - they can influence the people



## CHALLENGES OF NGOs IN ASIA

- NGOs should complement each other
- NGOs need to be responsible, transparent and accountable
- Benchmarking necessary
- Good practices should be disseminated



## ESTABLISHMENT OF ADRRN

- Meeting in February 2002, Kobe, Japan
- Initiative of ADRC & UN-OCHA Kobe
- More than 30 NGOs gathered from all over Asia
- Asian NGOs wanting to take charge
- **Asian Disaster Reduction & Response Network (ADRRN) was formed**



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## ADRRN - MISSION

Promote coordination and collaboration among NGOs and other stakeholders for effective and efficient disaster reduction and response in the Asia-Pacific region



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## ADRRN - OBJECTIVES

- To develop an interactive network of NGOs committed to achieving excellence in the field of disaster reduction and response.
- To raise the relevant concerns of NGOs in the Asia-Pacific region to the larger community of NGOs globally, through various international forums and platforms
- To promote best practices and standards in disaster reduction and response
- To provide a mechanism for sharing reliable information and facilitating capacity building among network members and other stakeholders.



## ADRRN - CURRENT STRENGTH

34 member NGOs from 16 Countries in Asia-Pacific

- Chairperson
  - Manu Gupta (SEEDS India) - Secretariat also in SEEDS India
- Executive Committee Members
  - Milet Mendoza (Tabang Mindanao, Philippines)
  - Aik Cheng Heng (MERCY Malaysia)
  - Amod Dixit (NSET, Nepal)
  - Naeem Salimee (CoAR, Afghanistan)
- Advisors
  - Terje Skavdal (UN/OCHA Regional Office for Asia-Pacific)
  - Rajib Shaw (Kyoto University)
  - ADRC and UNISDR are also member of the Advisory Board of ADRRN



## ADRRN - CURRENT STRENGTH

With a strong footprint in the region, the ADRNN network members are constantly engaged with local communities strengthening their ability to combat disasters, providing humanitarian aid like food, water, shelter and health care, protecting critical facilities like schools and hospitals, creating awareness, advocating for policy changes and improving the capacity of community based organizations.



## ADRRN - MEMBERSHIP

ADRRN membership is open to national NGOs with headquarter in Asia-Pacific region and **working in the field of climate change adaptation and disaster reduction and response.**

### Types of Membership

1. National NGOs in the Asia Pacific region are eligible as **“Core Members”** with voting rights in the network.
2. Academic Institutes and United Nations organizations or other organizations can also join the network as **“Associate Members”**. Associate members are not entitled to voting rights in the network.



## ADRRN - MEMBERSHIP

### Requirements for membership

1. Experience in **climate change adaptation** and disaster reduction and response
2. Must be head-quartered in the Asia-Pacific region
3. Vision and objective of the organization in synergy with ADRRN
4. In agreement with ADRRN statutes and member responsibility



## ADRRN - MEMBERS

### Afghanistan

1. Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance - CHA
2. Coordination of Afghan Relief- COAR
3. Sanayee Development Organization- SDO
4. Skills Training and Rehabilitation Society- STARS

### Australia

5. Australian Aid International- AAI

### Bangladesh

6. Bangladesh Disaster Preparedness Centre-BDPC
7. Dwip Unnayan Songstha-DUS
8. COAST Trust



## ADRRN - MEMBERS

### Cambodia

9. Nak Akphivath Sahakum - NAS
10. Organization for Building Community Resource - OBCR
11. Save the Earth - Cambodia

### India

12. All India Disaster Mitigation Institute-AIDMI
13. Anekal Rehabilitation and Development Centre-READ
14. SEEDS India
15. Organization for Development Education-UNNATI

### Indonesia

16. Forum Bangun Aceh-FBA
17. Masyarakat Penanggulangan Bencana Indonesia-MPBI
18. SHEEP Indonesia
19. 118 Emergency Ambulance Service
20. KOGAMI-Tsunami Alert Community



## ADRRN - MEMBERS

### Malaysia

21. MERCY Malaysia

### Maldives

22. CARE Society

### Myanmar

23. Minglar Myanmar

### Pakistan

25. Participatory Development Initiative-PDI
26. Pattan Development Organization-PATTAN
27. Hope Worldwide Pakistan-HOPE
28. New World Hope Organization
29. STAR Foundation





## ADRRN - MEMBERS

### Philippines

30. Centre for Disaster Preparedness- CDP
31. Nagdilaab Foundation-NFI
32. CARITAS Manila

### Sri Lanka

33. L.J.Sarvodaya Shramdana Sangamaya
34. Muslim Foundation for Culture and Development-MFCD

### Associate Members

1. Save the Children
2. Kyoto University
3. SEEDS ASIA
4. Dhaka Community Hospital



## ADRRN – PROJECTS

ADRRN member NGOs working in humanitarian sector are directly in touch with the “Change Agents” – workers, community leaders, school teachers, masons, health workers.....



## ADRRN – PROJECTS

### INDIA : SEEDS India

Micro credit program for immediate Livelihood recovery



### INDONESIA : MERCY MALAYSIA

Development of Resource Center & Sustainable Knowledge Bank

### SRI LANKA : SARVODAYA

Eco-village & Preparedness for long term Recovery



### MYANMAR : SEEDS Asia

Mobile /Water Knowledge Resource Centre



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## ADRRN – WHAT HAS WORKED ....

- Asian spirit
- Strong & Committed Core Group
- Volunteering time and efforts for the network
- Implementing activities on the ground
- Complementing each other's roles
- Regular communication, meetings, website, etc.

Member NGOs see great value in their participation in the network activities



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## ADRRN - CHALLENGES STILL REMAIN

- Recognition at national level
- Sustained funding for secretariat
- Legal Status : Registration etc.
- Membership criteria
- Guiding principles



Every organization has its own unique identity



If we can encourage diversity....



....true unity can prevail!

## ADRRN

Asian Disaster Reduction and  
Response Network

<http://www.adrrn.net/index.html>



**For safer and resilient communities in Asia**



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# THANK YOU!

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