
2-2. Regional Workshop on Networking and Collaboration among NGOs of Asian Countries in Disaster reduction and Response

2-2-1. Purport

To reduce the damage and suffering of natural disasters in Asia, not only governments and international organizations but also NGOs have to play a constructive role. These NGOs implement support activities on the local community level, including relief activities in the early moments after a disaster strikes, recovery and reconstruction activities in the rebuilding stages, and even education and awareness activities imparted in calmer times from the perspective of disaster reduction. However, they have their limits and there is a need to build capacity and cooperate with other organizations.

To build a network of Asian disaster NGOs and promote cooperation beyond borders, ADRC held the “Regional Workshop on Networking and Collaboration among NGOs of Asian Countries in Disaster Reduction and Response” described below.

2-2-2. Outline

1) Dates

February 20 - 22, 2002

2) Place

Kobe Portopia Hotel

3) Organized by

ADRC, OCHA Kobe and ASEAN Foundation

4) Supported by

Cabinet Office of Japan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake Memorial Institute

5) Participants

Tsui Edo Secretary-General, OCHA New York
Salvano Briceno Director, UN ISDR Secretariat(Geneva)
Ruben Umaly Executive Director, ASEAN Foundation (Indonesia)

35 persons from NGOs in 16 Asian countries

UN, Cabinet Office (Japan), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hyogo Prefecture, Red Cross, Red Crescent, Orissa State(India), etc.

Total: 80 persons

6) Results

The process of networking beyond borders was recognized as necessary for NGOs to operate, as networking would allow them to cooperate and share information and experiences with one another.

The participating NGOs will attempt to form a network amongst themselves with ADRC and OCHA Kobe as acting secretariat.

The individual NGOs will in the meantime continue building networks in their individual countries and compile a list of NGOs in their respective countries. They will publicize this list on ADRC's website as the start of a database of Asian disaster reduction NGOs.



A committee **will** be created to promote cooperation amongst NGOs and organize the next NGO meeting within one year's time.

Table 2-2-1 Participants

1.Member

Countries

Country	NGO	Representative	Core activities
Bangladesh	1. Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB)	Mr. Shamsul Huda	NGO network building, disaster reduction, disaster reduction management, etc. (Founded in 1974)
Bangladesh	2. Bangladesh Disaster Preparedness Center (BDPC)	Muhammad Saidur Rahman	Disaster reduction management, training in disaster reduction and recovery, etc. (Founded in 1991)
Cambodia	1. Aphiwat Strey	Mr. Chin Vuthy (Project Manager)	Disaster risk management
Cambodia	2. Nak Akphivath Sahakum (NAS)	Mr. Savun Sam Ol (Executive Director)	Flood reduction and recovery, irrigation system repairs, etc. (Founded in 1995)
China	1. Foreign Affairs Division of China Charity Federation	Mr. Ma Guilin (Deputy Director)	
India	1. UNNATI Organisation of Development Education	Binoy Acharya	Earthquake damage assessment, local counseling, etc. (Founded in 1990)
India	2. Karuna Foundation		Disaster damage reduction, disaster reduction management, etc.
India	3. SEEDS	Manu Gupta (Program Director)	Local disaster reduction management, disaster reduction, recovery, etc. (Founded in 1993)
Indonesia	1. Posko Informasi Rawan Pangan	Ms. Yanne Tamonob	Information sharing, early reporting, etc. (Founded in 1998)
Indonesia	2. Yayasan Lestari Hutan Indonesia	Dr. Rizaldi Boer	
Indonesia	3. KPPALA Indonesia	Mr. Eko Teguh Paripurno	
Country	NGO	Representative	Core activities
Japan	1. Japan Red Cross	Masanao Mori (International Relief Director)	Emergency aid, disaster relief, disaster reduction volunteer activities, etc. (Founded in 1877)
Japan	Rotary Yoneyama Scholarship Fund	Yukio Miyazaki (former General Affairs Director, Operations Director)	((Japan YMCA) life-long pursuit of learning, volunteer activities, Wellness International activities, etc. (Founded in 1880)
Japan	3. Kobe YMCA	Hiroshi Oe (LETS Director)	International understanding and education, life-long pursuit of learning, (Founded in 1886)
Japan	4. Shanti Volunteer Association	Hitoshi Ichikawa (Global Action Network Division Chief)	Emergency relief, education and cultural activities, etc (Founded in 1980)
Japan	7. AMDA	Tsukasa Konishi (Director, Emergency Response Division)	Medical aid, etc. (Founded in 1984)
Korea	1. Korean Sharing movement	Lee, Jong-Moo	Emergency relief, etc. (Founded in 1996)

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Malaysia	1. Malaysian Medical Relief Society (MERCY)	Dr. Jemilah bt. Mahmood (President)	Volunteer medical aid, emergency medical activities, etc. (Founded in 1999)
Mongolia	1. Mongolian Association of Private Herders Coops	Mr. Radnaabazar Amarbayasgalan	Supplemental transportation, etc. (Founded in 1991)
Mongolia	2. Environment-21 NGO	Jadamba Batbayar (Executive Director)	Counseling services, disaster reduction management, disaster reduction strengthening and backup activities, etc. (Founded in 1998)
Nepal	1. Nepal Geological Society	Mr. Rajendra Prasad Khanal (General Secretary)	Disaster reduction awareness, seismic research, etc. (Founded in 1979)
Philippines	1. Tabang Mindanaw	Ms. Merlie B. Mendoza (Executive Coordinator)	Sustainable agriculture, forestry, etc. (Founded in 1991)
Philippines	2. Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement (PRRM)	Honorable Congressman Mr. Wigberto Tanada	Disaster response, etc. (Founded in 1952)
Singapore	1. Singapore International Foundation	Dr. Tan Chi Chiu (Executive Director)	Humanitarian relief (Founded in 1991)
Sri Lanka	1. Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement	J.D. Gunasena (Head of International Division)	Drought relief, food aid, etc. (Founded in 1950)
Sri Lanka	2. Consortium of Humanitarian Agen.	Mr. Jwevan Thiagarajah (Executive Director)	Database creation of emergency response NGOs, mapping of disaster-prone areas, etc. (Founded in 1999)
Sri Lanka	3. Emace		Disaster damage reduction (Founded in 1997)
Thailand	1. Catholic Office for Emergency Relief and Refugee (COERR)	Rev. Fr. Pibul Visitnondachai	Food aid, humanitarian aid for disaster victims, etc. (Founded in 1978)
Vietnam	1. Center for School Equipment Cooperation and Humanity Education	Mrs. Nguyen Thi Kinh	Awareness activities, etc. (Founded in 2000)
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2. Observers

Country	NGO	Representative	Core activities
China	2. Disaster Relief and Social Relief Department of the Ministry of Civil Affairs	Mr. Li Baojun (Deputy Division Chief)	
Laos	IFRC Lao	Dr. Keedeng Thammalangsy (Secretary General)	
Vietnam	2. Officer Organization Department of Vietnam	Ho Tran Sy (Manager of Disaster Reduction & Estimation Division)	

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