

# **Annual Report 2020**

**Asia Pacific Alliance  
for Disaster Management**

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## Acronym

ANC	Antenatal Care	DMC	Disaster Management Centre
A-PAD	Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management	MSMEs	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
ARROWS	Airborne Rescue & Relief Operations With Search	MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
BCM	Business Continuity Management	NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
CIMIC	Civil-Military Cooperation	PHC	Primary Health Care
CIS	Community Initiative Society	PNC	Postnatal Care
COVID-19	Coronavirus Disease 2019	PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
CSO	Civil Society Organization	SAR	Search and Rescue
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility	SEMA	Social Emergency Management Alliance
DC	DisasterChannel.co	SMEs	Small and Medium-sized Enterprises
DCHT	Dhaka Community Hospital Trust	TOT	Training of Trainers

## Preface

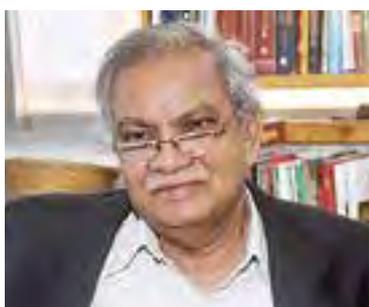
Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management (A-PAD) plays a significant role in pursuing an integrated multi-hazard approach for sustainable development. Our mission is to reduce the incidence and severity of disasters by strengthening the capacity of disaster-prone countries in the Asia-Pacific region as well as investing in sustainable disaster preparedness and mitigation.

2020 was a remarkably difficult year with the world experiencing a new set of challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Under such circumstances, the six country networks of A-PAD rose to the occasion not only in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, but also in response to emergencies of varied nature.

As we move forward, we must bolster the network in relevant national, regional and international levels. To achieve this, we must enhance already existing public-private partnerships (PPP) and capitalize on the usage of knowledge, innovation and education to build a culture of safety and resilience at all levels.

We are immensely grateful for the warm reception and continuous support given by respective Governments, private sector partners and other entities in achieving resilience and sustainability.

As we strive towards becoming one of the leading policy makers in disaster management globally, we remain steadfast in our commitment towards the Asia Pacific region by proffering our best services.



**Prof. Dr. Quazi Quamruzzaman,  
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## *Foreword*

A-PAD International has come a long way since its initiation at the 5th Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in October 2012 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. In the Asia-Pacific Region, A-PAD operates in Japan, Bangladesh, Korea, Indonesia, Phillipines and Sri Lanka. We are now glad to announce that a new A-PAD national platform will be established in Nepal which will allow for greater interconnectivity with the South Asian region.

The first year of the new decade will be unforgettable for the unprecedented challenges that the world faced due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our national platforms have played an active role in mitigating the spread of the virus through various relief efforts. During the early stages of the pandemic, A-PAD Japan & A-PAD SL supported China through the provision of face masks.

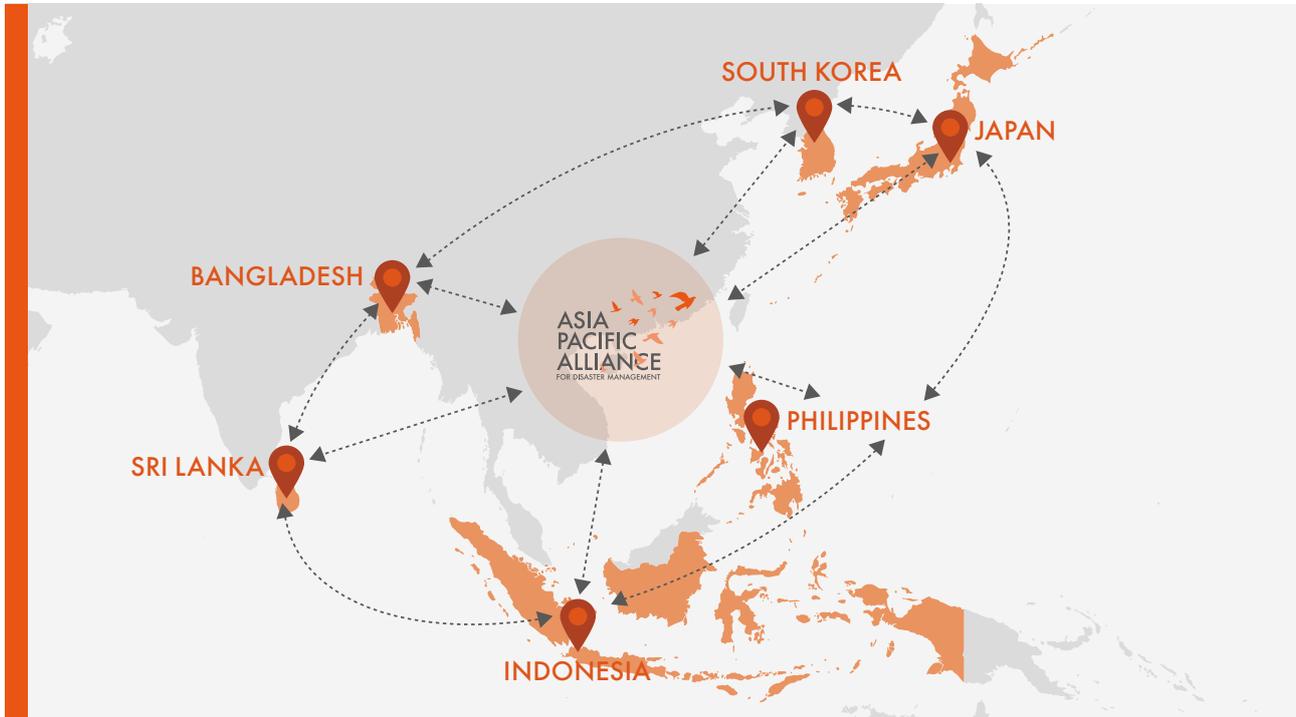
Along with this, there was a strong need to respond to intersecting disasters such as the floods in Kyushu, Japan, Cyclone Amphan in Bangladesh and Typhoon Goni in the Phillipines. In addition to providing relief items such as food, water and clothing, A-PAD provided COVID-19 precautionary supplies including hand sanitizers, face masks and other items. All these outcomes exceeded our expectations in their success and served to reach those in need. Even as we are confronted with the challenge of adapting to the new normal, I remain confident that our national platforms will go from strength to strength.



**Mr. Kensuke Onishi**  
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# A-PAD at a Glance 2020

## The A-PAD Regional Network



**950**



**+ Member organisations**

From the public, private and civil society sectors are working with A-PAD to advance disaster management.

More than

**1 Million**



**Masks**

We re provided to medical institutions tackling COVID 19.

**200,550**



Benefited from COVID 19 precautionary items.

**209,550**



Benefited from relief items provided by A-PAD national platforms.

**1 Million USD**



raised from public and private companies in South Korea for COVID & natural disaster responses.

**10,500,000 IDR**



Donation granted to A-PAD Indonesia from Indonesia Paradise Property (IPP) for emergency response.



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# Country Highlights



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- ❖ Conducted public health awareness campaigns for COVID-19 in 7 divisions and distributed supplies such as PPEs, masks, hand sanitizers, and soap and soapy water to vulnerable communities.
- ❖ During the pandemic, one of the NPF members of A-PAD BGD distributed masks to the local community in Habiganj.
- ❖ Established disaster management coordination centers in 7 of 8 divisions of Bangladesh and signed MOUs with 14 organizations.
- ❖ Established disaster coordination centers in 7 divisions that promoted disaster awareness and provided emergency health facilities.
- ❖ Distributed relief goods to 500 families (5,000 people) affected by Cyclone Amphan including 500 food packs, 474 tarpaulin, and 50,000 ORS.
- ❖ 14 new partners joined the platform in 2020 and now A-PAD BGD has 25 network partners.
- ❖ A-PAD BGD's training workshops, seminars, and international symposiums were covered in 35+ print media across 7 divisions.
- ❖ International symposium was organized by A-PAD BGD for national and international partners.



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- ❖ Supported communities in an industrial zone in Banten Province, West Java through an integrated program to reduce COVID-19 risks by providing a communal water tank and handwashing facilities, health and hygiene campaigns, and distributing posters and masks to 5,000 people.
- ❖ Organized the Disaster Resilience Outlook Forum 2021 event that involved over 20 experts and was attended by 700+ participants from government, private sector / associations, academic and civil society.
- ❖ Implemented the Disaster Safety Certificate program in cooperation with local government and hotel & tourism sectors in Bali and NTB. SME facilitator training for business association was also conducted.
- ❖ Delivered assistance to the victims of the earthquake, providing food packages for 1,000 people, a water tanker for 3,000 people, COVID-19 precaution items for 550 people, and installed portable handwashing stations in 5 IDP camps.
- ❖ Received a donation of IDR 10,500,000 and 1,000 masks from Indonesia Paradise Property (IPP) for emergency response, and in-kind assistance such as contributing a key resource person to speak at seminars and webinars.
- ❖ Established partnerships with 2 local government agencies, 3 CSOs, 2 hotel groups, and 4 business forums at the local and national levels.
- ❖ Appeared on a talk show program broadcasted by National Radio in NTB Province twice, a segment on an online news program, and co-organized 6 webinars on the Disaster Channel broadcasting to 15,780 visitors.
- ❖ Strengthened partnership was shown during the emergency response for West Sulawesi not only in establishing a joint Emergency Post (POSKO) on the ground, but also a public donation call to action via online communication.



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- ❖ Masks from A-PAD Japan's large emergency supply stockpile were sent to China in January 2020.
- ❖ More than 1 million masks were provided to affected hospitals across Japan in addition to dispatching medical teams.
- ❖ Was one of the first to respond to the heavy rains in Kyushu, and strengthened the relationship and efficiency between the Kyushu Consortium and SEMA, an emergency disaster response alliance that promotes a collaborative system between private companies and CSOs.
- ❖ Responded to the heavy rains in Kyushu, distributing clothing, drinks, hand sanitizers, etc to evacuation centers while we assessed damages and needs.
- ❖ Has six local government partners and two were added during 2020. SEMA, of which A-PAD is a co-founder, has 59 companies and 7 CSO members.
- ❖ Monthly features on local and national news for an estimated total of 40 media coverages.
- ❖ Established "ARROWS" medical/SAR team with sister organizations and it worked effectively under COVID-19.



# South Korea

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- ❖ Provided 50,000 meals to 110 children's centers around Daegu in April 2020 which was severely affected by COVID-19, and contributed to community economic activities by ordering meals for children at local restaurants.
- ❖ Raised more than 1 billion won in South Korea and responded to flood-affected areas in Chungbuk Province in August 2020. With strong cooperation with I Consumer Cooperative, the largest consumer cooperative in Korea, and more than 100 local cooperatives, the relief team provided NFIs to around 600 households.
- ❖ Provided a Disaster Management Leadership program to 3 middle schools, a local government volunteer center, and to leaders of the I Consumer Cooperative.
- ❖ Roughly 1 billion KRW was raised in South Korea through public and private grants. 3 companies provided NFIs, human resources and funded more than 100 million won.
- ❖ Maintains a strong partnership MOU with I Consumer Cooperatives which includes more than 100 local consumer cooperatives. Established new partnerships with two local government volunteer centers, one disaster research university, and two national companies.
- ❖ Monthly features on local news and some national news for an estimated total of 10 media coverages.
- ❖ Spearheaded several fundraising programs for Sri Lanka and Myanmar.



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- ❖ In partnership with the Chamber of Commerce co-launched a fundraising campaign to support frontline workers at hospitals and health centers and provided PPEs, hygiene supplies, and hot meals.
- ❖ Coordinated emergency response relief operations at three major disasters: Taal Volcano Eruption, COVID-19, and Super Typhoon Goni in 2020 through the preemptive Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan (EPRP).
- ❖ Fleet of Hope: Collaborative Fundraising Campaign in partnership with Que Rica to revive livelihoods of the Super Typhoon Goni-affected communities in the coastal areas of Bicol Region.
- ❖ Through "Fleet of Hope" 100 motorized fishing boats called "banka" were provided to fishermen who lost their only means of livelihood.
- ❖ Private sector contributions for the Taal, COVID-19 and Super Typhoon Goni emergency responses were roughly around 10M PHP.
- ❖ Conducted emergency relief operations in 40 communities in three Albay, Camarines Sur and Catanduanes Provinces in Bicol region.
- ❖ Distributed relief items to a total 6,055 households in the affected provinces in Bicol region.
- ❖ The platform's COVID-19 response activity, Hot Kitchen Project, was featured on the Philippine Information Agency's website
- ❖ Consists of more than 120 members and six Regional Platforms.



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- ❖ An alumni network of Internationally Certified Swift Water Rescuers in Levels 01 and 02 was created through civil military cooperation (CIMIC).
- ❖ Public Private Partnerships were enhanced with 1,073 people representing 664 organizations attending meetings. Capacity building trainings reached 1,473 people representing various sectors.
- ❖ Provided face masks to Wuhan, China, in partnership with HSBC Sri Lanka & Hongkong and Aitken Spence Cargo.
- ❖ Provided hands-free sanitizer machines and masks to over 200,000 persons and 75 organizations including schools.
- ❖ Providing Past Paper Packs: Over 3000 school children with no access to digital education were reached during the lockdown period.
- ❖ 50 companies and 20 SMEs provided support during COVID-19 outbreaks in SL. 01 private sector donor and 20 SME vendors supported families affected by the Easter Sunday Attacks via Project Phoenix.
- ❖ 100 companies including the media convened and spread awareness among businesses regarding early preparedness for monsoons in SL.
- ❖ 600 partner agencies supported the pandemic via A-PAD platform in 2020 with the health sector and media playing key roles. 202 media highlights were achieved, while 15 conferences and seminars were attended internationally.
- ❖ Rapid response was provided during island-wide curfew through private sector supply chains. The platform received international recognition and influenced national policies, representing the private sector.

# COVID-19 Response Highlights



- ❖ **A-PAD JPN** sent masks to China in January 2020. Drawing from its large inventory, A-PAD JPN provided more than 1 million masks and sent medical teams to affected hospitals in Japan.
- ❖ **A-PAD BGD** conducted public health awareness campaigns for COVID-19 in 7 divisions and distributed supplies such as PPEs, masks, hand sanitizers, and soap and soapy water to vulnerable communities.
- ❖ **A-PAD SL** provided face masks to Wuhan, China, in partnership with HSBC Sri Lanka, Hongkong and Aitken Spence Cargo. It also provided sanitizers, gloves and masks in partnership with private companies to domestic hospitals and local governments.
- ❖ **A-PAD PH** and the Chamber of Commerce co-launched a fundraising campaign to support frontline workers at hospitals and health centers and provided PPEs, hygiene supplies, and hot meals.
- ❖ **A-PAD IND** supported communities in an industrial zone in Banten Province, West Java through an integrated program to reduce COVID-19 risks by providing a communal water tank and handwashing facilities, health and hygiene campaigns, and distributing posters and masks to 5,000 people.
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