

Annual Report 2021

**Asia Pacific Alliance
for Disaster Management**

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Message from the Chair

For the last 10 years, the Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management (A-PAD) has been working on a Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) model involving all sectors of society. Our experience shows the role of the "multi-sectoral" approach for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) is very practical and effective. As a result, A-PAD's "Multi-Sector Platform Model" is now universally accepted. The benefit of integrating these actors and processes in the form of multi-sector partnerships has been recognized as a key means to not only reducing disaster risk, but also to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It is of great significance that A-PAD is celebrating its 10th Anniversary!

The world has changed with COVID-19 and the war in Ukraine led to a major humanitarian crisis. The war and the protracted pandemic have crippled global supply chains, sending prices of commodities and everyday items to new highs in many countries. The cumulative impact of these dynamic pressures generating risks has become increasingly difficult to ignore because of their growing complexity and interrelationships. Another issue developing countries are now facing is the international community no longer being prepared or able to respond and fund major investments in safety measures like DRRM as it had in the past. In this context, cross-border connections and mutual cooperation are important for global economic recovery. I appreciate that A-PAD has responded to COVID-19 so extensively in the Asia-Pacific region.

Disasters directly impact the health of the population. The medical sector has a fundamental role in managing the health risks and consequences of emergencies and disasters. The medical sector is the frontrunner in managing infectious risks and responding to any outbreaks like COVID-19. During the pandemic, A-PAD has been effectively strengthening our medical support functions, a crucial component of Disaster Management.

A successful and sustainable Disaster Management network requires strong multi-stakeholder partnership. I sincerely thank the governments, private sector, civil society, and others who engaged with A-PAD to strengthen our response platform.

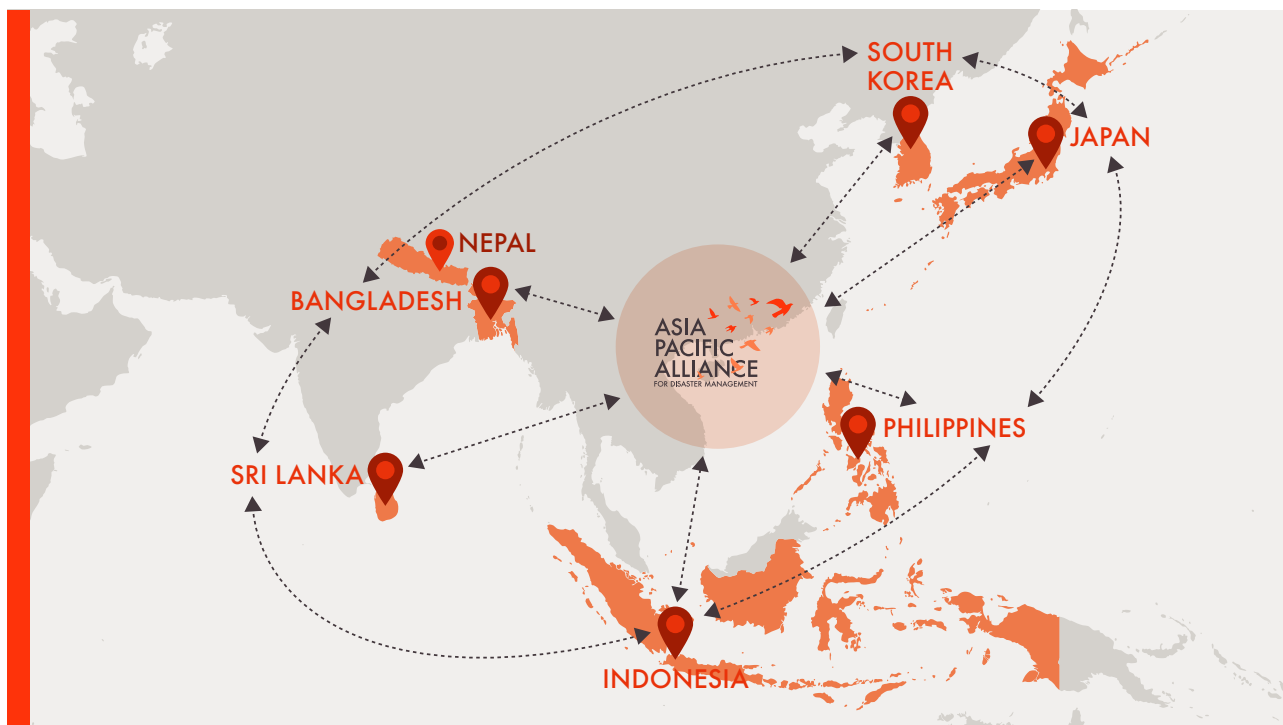
I always look forward to hearing about A-PAD's successes in advocating and implementing effective DRRM and deeply admire our organization's commitment to saving lives when disaster strikes.



Prof. Dr. Quazi Quamruzzaman,
A-PAD, Chairman.

A-PAD At a Glance 2021

The A-PAD Regional Network



National Platform Partner organizations

+107 member organizations
joined from the public, private and civil sectors.

Total number of
partners reached

850



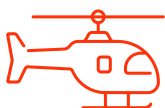
MOFA Grant Programs in National Platforms

68,000 people were benefitted by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Grant Programs in National Platforms.



Fundraising

More than **152.6** m JPY raised by National Platforms.



Disaster Relief Projects

More than **48.7** m JPY allocated to
disaster relief projects benefiting **60,000** people.



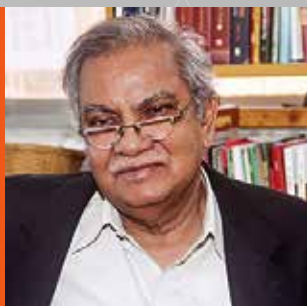
COVID-19 Risk Reduction Project

322,000 people benefitted from the COVID-19 Risk Reduction Project.

Board Members and Country Leaders

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Quamruzzaman**

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(A-PAD Bangladesh)*



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Messages from Partners

Dr. Tahmina Parvin

*Executive Member,
Disaster Health and Environment
Management Foundation
(DHEM Foundation), Bangladesh*



It is impossible to stop hazards but we can work together using our own strengths. We learn from the past, look towards the future and work together. It is a great experience to work with A-PAD Bangladesh in responding to different hazards.

Ir. I Gusti Bagus Sugiharta

*Head of BPBD West Nusa Tenggara
Province, Indonesia*



The NTB Provincial Government appreciates the support of A-PAD Indonesia in helping the government here to be safe so that tourists return and trust in NTB as a tourist destination. One of the important steps is jointly building concrete steps in tourism resilience by building contingency plans in tourism areas.

Mr. Kaoru Yamamoto

*Community Relations Project Leader,
Japan Operations, Amazon Japan*



Amazon Japan would like to contribute to the community in disaster relief activities in alignment with your organization. Our employee volunteer network is available nationwide and we will ensure to build up their knowledge regarding disaster relief in order to be effective in the activities we participate in.

Ms. Jiyun Song

ART & TRADE, CEO, Korea



A-PAD Korea is a necessary organization for disaster sites. They do their best to help as many people as possible, even in difficult to reach places. Even with a small number of staff, it is an organization that provides huge support to disaster sites.

Mr. Kush Kumar Joshi

President, NBI, Nepal



The private sector alone employs more than 4 million people. This sector can raise awareness and train them on how to be safe during emergencies. It needs to conduct safety drills and trainings on a periodic basis and develop strategy and implementation plans for occupational safety and health. In turn, the trained employees will transfer the knowledge to their families and friends who will further advance it to the community, extending it even wider.

Prof. Karl Lenin C. Benigno

*Vice President for Administration,
Northwestern University, Philippines*



Northwestern University is proud to be an active partner and member of the Regional Platform Alliance of A-PAD Philippines. Our exposure to the different training and activities organized by A-PAD Philippines strengthened the university's disaster management capacity. Over the years, the school has been recognized as one of the few resilient educational institutions in the Ilocos Region (Region 1). With A-PAD Philippines as our partner, there is no doubt that Northwestern University can overcome whatever disasters that may come, and together we can save more lives in less time.

Ms. Tiina Mylly

*Conflict and Fragility Specialist,
Connecting Business Initiative (CBI),
Sri Lanka.*



A-PAD Sri Lanka is a key partner in reducing disaster losses in Sri Lanka. By involving the private sector, the network complements national disaster risk reduction efforts.

Country Highlights



Bangladesh

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- ❖ Continuing 7 disaster management coordination centers in 7 divisional areas in Bangladesh.
- ❖ 15 new partners joined the platform and, at present, A-PAD Bangladesh has 40 networking partners.
- ❖ Conducted 56 training programs. A-PAD Bangladesh arranged a total of 656 events on disaster management.
- ❖ Arranged 5 strategic planning network meetings in 35 villages and worked with a total of 155 villages on disaster management.
- ❖ Increased community resilience by 20% in working areas. Rural communities are now more aware of disaster management.
- ❖ A-PAD Bangladesh responded with local partners DHEM & DCH Trust during the Moghbazar explosion.
- ❖ Conducted public health awareness campaigns for COVID-19 in 7 divisions and distributed 35,000 leaflets, 35 banners, 56 signboards, 1,400 posters, 35,000 soaps, 35,000 cloth masks, 12,000 surgical face masks, 4,200 gloves and 260 hand sanitizers.
- ❖ A-PAD Bangladesh's training workshops, seminars, COVID-19 response and international symposium were covered in 75 + print media across 7 divisional areas.
- ❖ A-PAD Bangladesh reached more than 1 million people and held 336 meetings in 2021 to build relationships with local communities and sustainable disaster management.



Indonesia

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- ❖ A-PAD Indonesia's 2021 key activities focused on stakeholder engagement, knowledge management, community-based resilience capacity building, hotel and restaurant disaster safety standards, and national/international forums.
- ❖ A-PAD Indonesia delivered a total of 1,088,545 JPY in donations towards the West Lombok flood, the Banten earthquake, and the Semeru volcanic eruption. Donors included the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indofood, Indonesia Global Compact Network, APGAI, and doctoSHARE. A-PAD Indonesia also developed a CSO Damage and Loss Assessment (DALA) together with CSOs working in emergencies.
- ❖ Increased resilience in the tourism industry by reaching more than 1,000 beneficiaries including 16 hotels trained in Bali and 60 hotel managers trained on Disaster Safety Certification in West Nusa Tenggara.
- ❖ A-PAD Indonesia hosted the Disaster Resilience Outlook Forum 2022: Private Sector Leaders Forum in Bali #RoadToGPDRR gathering professionals in the hospitality and tourism industry and disaster activists. Discussion topics included lessons learned and looking for common ideas about disaster management for future strategy references.
- ❖ A-PAD Indonesia aims to make Disasterchannel.co one of the main media resources in disseminating information and knowledge in order to increase the capacity and resilience of the tourism industry against disasters. Disasterchannel.co has been visited by 23,030 viewers.
- ❖ A-PAD Indonesia is a member of the Indonesia Chamber of Commerce and the Indonesia Global Compact Network.



Japan

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- ❖ **Emergency Relief – Landslide in Atami, Shizuoka:** In July 2021, a massive landslide occurred in Atami, which left 28 people dead or missing. 128 houses were either partially or completely destroyed. In collaboration with the local government and five CSOs, Civic Force provided a free community bus, taxi tickets, packed lunches, school supplies, cleaning equipment and hygiene items.
- ❖ **Emergency Relief - Torrential Rain in Kyushu, Japan:** In August 2021, heavy rain fell in western Japan, including Kyushu, affecting 8,209 houses. Civic Force distributed relief supplies including taxi tickets and emergency kits to community centers and other buildings used as temporary shelter.
- ❖ **Civic Force Merges with A-PAD Japan:** In May, Civic Force merged with The Asia-Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management Japan (A-PAD Japan).
- ❖ **Civic Force Partners with Japan Professional Baseball Players:** Civic Force signed a disaster assistance partnership agreement with the Japan Professional Baseball Players Association (JPBPA). In conjunction with this new partnership, the Japan Professional Baseball Players Association Disaster Assistance Fund (“Players Fund”) was established. The Players Fund will leverage the baseball fan base to advocate for more support before and during disaster.
- ❖ **Strengthening of Partnerships:** Civic Force has seven local government partners including one that joined in 2021. In the private sector, SEMA (Social Emergency Management Alliance) has 69 companies and seven CSO members with 10 new companies joining in 2021.
- ❖ **Public Relations:** Civic Force was covered 28 times in local and national news.



Korea

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- ❖ In February 2021, after Myanmar's national emergency was announced, ordinary citizens were greatly affected by the bloody crackdown. In response, A-PAD Korea raised an emergency fund for humanitarian aid. First aid sets, emergency medical kits, and living supplies were provided.
- ❖ In preparation for disasters, leaders proposed ways to strengthen their relationship with union members through disaster response education and to seek new solidarity with the community on disaster issues, including improving disaster preparedness capabilities through community buildings.
- ❖ To support non-profit private organizations in Seoul, A-PAD Korea is developing a disaster response board game. It will be used as a resource for disaster education for elementary school students.
- ❖ The Philippine typhoon 'Lai' caused enormous damage. The occurrence of a complex disaster along with COVID-19 has caused great confusion in the Philippines. In order to support the most vulnerable groups, emergency fundraising and on-site emergency support activities were carried out by opening fundraising boxes.
- ❖ Ul-jin Forest Fire Damage emergency relief project in response to the worst forest fire in 22 years. We are active in Uljin from March 2022 to the present. In the early days after the disaster, we supported firefighters and provided goods for victims, and we are currently working on a long-term recovery project. Various activities such as psychological support and photography have been of great help to the victims.



Nepal

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- ❖ Emergency relief material benefited more than 280 flood-affected households in Sunsari District (Itahari Sub-metropolitan city-08 and Duhabi Municipality-09) Province-1, Nepal.
- ❖ Review workshop about disaster information management system was conducted. Representatives from District Emergency Operation Centers, Provincial Emergency Operation Center in Province-1, District Disaster Management Committee, Nepal Red Cross Society from Dhankuta, Sunsari, Udayapur district joined the workshop.
- ❖ Emergency preparedness response planning and resource mapping workshop was held in Kathmandu and Sunsari District. A-PAD has trained 80 organizations on disaster risk reduction (DRR) resources and 360 organizations' DRR resources will be collected in total.
- ❖ DRR orientation was completed for more than 140 young volunteers in Sunsari District regarding disaster response, roles of young people and volunteerism. Intensive training was also provided to 40 select volunteers. Volunteers are now available for each

municipality in the district and those volunteers will support the local government for disaster risk reduction management (DRRM).

- ❖ A-PAD Platform Coordination Meetings, National Platform Preparatory Meetings and Regional Platform Preparatory Meetings were held among private sector, government, civil society organizations, media and academia for the establishment of the multi-sectoral A-PAD platform in Nepal
- ❖ An oxygen plant was handed over to Chainpur Hospital, Sankhuwasabha where the local government is highly committed to operate it sustainably.
- ❖ Disaster information management and communication equipment were handed over to District Emergency Operation Centers (DEOCs) in Sunsari District, Dhankuta District, and Udayapur District, and the Provincial Emergency Operation Centre (PEOC) in Morang District in Province-1.
- ❖ Held Central Programme Advisory Committee meeting with Social Welfare Council (SWC).



Philippines

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- ❖ Distributed 10 emergency medical tents each to Cebu, Davao, and Metro Naga Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Inc. for the COVID-19 Risk Reduction Project. Likewise, one hundred packs of modular tents were also given to Naga City. These medical and modular tents aim to reduce risks of spread of COVID-19 or other infectious disease at the evacuation centers. It is intended to serve as an isolation or triage for people showing symptoms of virus while at the evacuation centers.
- ❖ Concluded the early recovery project and awarded 140 fishing bancas to 140 fisherfolks in 11 municipalities and one city along the along the Gulf of Lagonoy, covering the provinces of Albay, Camarines Sur and Catanduanes. These areas were heavily affected by Typhoon Goni in November 2020.
- ❖ Took part in the coordination and mitigation for the Typhoon Odette preparation in Davao City Disaster Risk Reduction Management

Office (DRRMO), Cebu Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (CCCII), and Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation (PDRF) Emergency Operations Center.

Initiated a "Call for Donation" campaign together with partners from the Chambers of Commerce in Cebu, Davao and Metro Naga for the survivors of Typhoon Odette.

- ❖ Conducted Disaster Emergency Needs Assessments in typhoon-affected areas in Cebu and Southern Leyte to gather on-the-ground information about the impact and immediate needs of the community.
- ❖ In partnership with Davao City Chamber of Commerce, Surigao City Chamber of Commerce and Davao Sur Chamber of Commerce, 500 units of food packs, bottled water and blankets were immediately distributed to communities in Surigao City that were heavily affected by Super Typhoon Rai.



Sri Lanka

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- ❖ Hosted the A-PAD International Symposium on "Civil-Military Dialogue in Search and Rescue" for its national and international partners.
- ❖ Was commended as a key stakeholder in the United Nations Humanitarian Country Team (UNHCT). Moreover, was elected as the CBI Member Network Representative of the Board of CBI for 2021.
- ❖ Has been instrumental in influencing policies and represented the private sector at 06 policy initiatives at the national level during crucial timelines.
- ❖ Was engaged in 22 disaster response initiatives during the period of October 2020 – October 2021 and was able to reach nearly 2 million individuals who faced emergency situations.
- ❖ Over 5,000 direct beneficiaries and nearly 21,000 indirect beneficiaries affected by Easter Attack of 2019 have been supported by Project Phoenix.
- ❖ Provided 3,000 meals for those affected by the southwest monsoon through the "Meals that Heal" initiative in partnership with Union Assurance PLC.
- ❖ Provided 1,500 ration packs in partnership with Gammadda NewsFirst Media Organization to those affected by the northeast monsoon floods in October 2021.
- ❖ Provided two ventilators, six oxygen machines, 20 beds to ICCs and 300 oximeters in response to COVID-19 in partnership with HSBC SL.
- ❖ Provided 500 ration packs to vulnerable communities affected by the pandemic in partnership with Union Assurance.

