

Annual Report 2022

Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management



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Message from the Chair

For the past ten years, the Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management (A-PAD) has embarked on a successful journey improving disaster risk management across the Asia-Pacific and responding to natural disasters in collaboration with governments, public and private organizations, and various other stakeholders. At present, disasters stand as a major barrier to the development of rural and urban areas.

Networking is one of the most important and promising means that holds the potential to reduce disaster-related loss and environmental damages. The goal of networking is to provide a scientific and advanced risk management approach to natural disasters in the Asia-Pacific and to strengthen the A-PAD countries according to their own needs.

Regions of the Pacific are especially vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. In June 2022, A-PAD Bangladesh, in collaboration with the government and the Karnaphuli Group, responded to flash floods. In November, A-PAD Indonesia provided emergency assistance for the people affected by the West Java Earthquake. We are also proud of A-PAD Philippines' prompt response to Tropical Storm Nalgae this past October.

A-PAD also responded to emergency situations outside the A-PAD member countries. More than 50,000 people unfortunately lost their lives from the Turkey-Syria Earthquake that struck in February 2023. A-PAD responded by assisting with search-and-rescue and rehabilitation.

To meet the expectations of our many partners around the world, we are committed to creating safer, more peaceful, and resilient communities by strengthening our network among the Asia-Pacific countries. A-PAD resolves to increase our scope of work in the disaster management sector and we believe that A-PAD will become a role model in sustainable disaster management across the Asia-Pacific region. We hope that our networking will become stronger and promote disaster reduction strategies around the world.

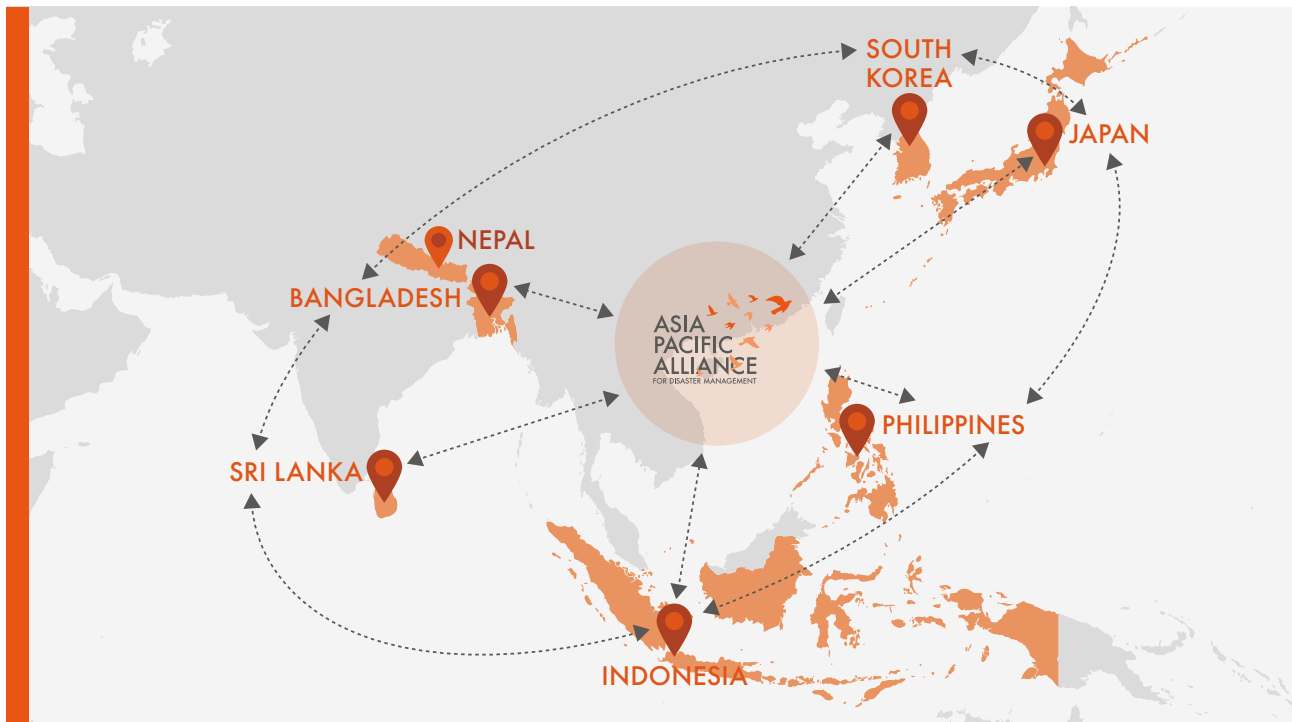
On behalf of A-PAD, I sincerely thank our partners who have supported us in the last 10 years and for keeping faith that A-PAD will deliver exceptional disaster management. In particular, I am grateful to the people of Japan and our regional partners in A-PAD countries for their continuous assistance in making our journey successful. We hope this support will continue into the future.



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

A-PAD at a Glance 2022

The A-PAD Regional Network



National Platform Partner organizations

+113 member organizations joined from the public, private and civil sectors.

Reached a total of **1,029** partners.



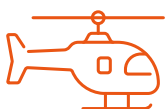
MOFA Grant Programs in National Platforms

102,000 people were benefitted from Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) Grant Programs in National Platforms.



Fundraising

More than **103.8** million JPY raised by National Platforms.



Emergency Response Projects

More than **96.9** million JPY allocated to disaster relief projects reaching **64,000** people.

A-PAD's 10th Anniversary

Companies, NGOs, and Governments Work Together to Support Disaster-Affected Areas

In October 2012, A-PAD announced its foundation at the Asia Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) held in Indonesia. Since then, A-PAD has established a public-private cooperative platform for disaster assistance in six Asian nations. In recent years, we have responded to COVID-19 and the earthquake-stricken areas in Turkey.

In the forum, Dr. Quazi Quamruzzaman, chairman of A-PAD, delivered the opening address and expressed his gratitude to everyone involved in the assistance activities.



A Hub for Disaster Assistance —Save more lives in less time

Special guests at the opening session included Ichiro Aisawa, Member of the House of Representatives and Chairman of Diet Caucus to Explore the Strategic Role of NGOs & NPOs, Yasuhisa Shiozaki, former Chief Cabinet Secretary, Taro Kono, Member of the House of Representatives and Secretary General of Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum for Disaster Management, and Shunsuke Takei, State Minister for Foreign Affairs. A-PAD effectively utilizes contributions and grants from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan to provide emergency assistance and was praised as “a Japanese initiative that brings innovation to Asia as a hub for disaster assistance.” It was encouraged that NGOs, governments, and businesses from various regions work closely together and enhance their activities through the cross-border framework for international disaster assistance.

Panel Discussion “Beyond Disaster Management”

Following the opening session, a panel discussion was held titled, “Beyond Disaster Management – Collaboration to Bring Progress to the Asia-Pacific.” Five panelists looked back on the past ten years and exchanged views on the future of the Asia-Pacific Region.



Facilitator

Kumi Fujisawa

Chairperson, Institute for International Socio-Economic Studies



Junko Chano

Executive Director, Sasakawa Peace Foundation

We decided to support A-PAD ten years ago because of its concept that effective support could be achieved through collaboration between external actors and the affected communities. We were fascinated by their enthusiasm and practical skills to create a better future in Asia.



Nobutaka Murao

Professor, Kwasei Gakuin University

From Beyond Disaster to Beyond Nation
— We call for peace with one voice.



Firzan Hashim

COO of A-PAD, Representative of A-PAD Sri Lanka

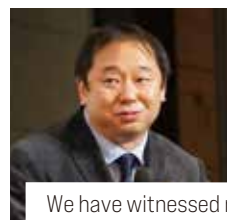
Climate change is the main cause of natural disasters. We should work together for the net zero (zero emission of greenhouse gases) goal.



Kazuya Endo

Director-General, International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

A-PAD's activities across the sectors are very meaningful.



Kensuke Onishi

CEO of A-PAD

We have witnessed more volcano eruptions, conflicts, and refugees than ever before. We are scoping various kinds of disasters and humanitarian aid.

The Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management (A-PAD) held its 10th Anniversary Forum on February 28, 2023, in Tokyo.

More than 100 people attended from Japan and abroad, including the six member-nations, companies, government officials, municipalities, NGOs, and the media.



Disaster Management Awards Six Group/Individual Awardees

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Awardees of the newly-established A-PAD Awards were announced from the six member-nations for their contributions to restoring disaster-affected areas and raising disaster preparedness through their assistance activities in the past 10 years.



Kentaro Kawabe, CEO of Z Holdings Corporation, expressing his delight in receiving the award



BPBD Bali

Established standards for "Disaster Safe Hotel" and possible countermeasures against disasters during the international conferences held in Bali in 2022.



The Philippines

Mr. Carlo Buenaflor (Founder, Fleet of Hope)

Contributed significantly to rebuilding livelihoods of fishermen devastated by Typhoon Rai in 2021 by donating 140 fishing boats.



Indonesia

Disaster Channel.co

Opened a portal site to provide disaster-related information and knowledge, raising public awareness of disaster preparedness and helped build a network.



Sri Lanka

News 1st

The largest media group in Sri Lanka, News 1st supported A-PAD and reported its activities through media channels. Their assistance contributed to developing disaster-resilience in society.



Bangladesh

Saber Hossain Chowdhury,

As a representative of Kamaphuli Group, Saber Hossain Chowdhury coordinated the relationship between A-PAD Bangladesh and the private sector in spreading medical cards for those in poverty.



Japan

Yahoo Japan Corporation

Established a response platform called SEMA for companies to provide their goods and services in case of disaster.

Disaster Management Training

Disaster management training was held on March 1-2 in Tokyo with about 30 participants from the member countries of A-PAD and other groups.

On Day 1, participants shared about the cooperative actions they took during disasters in the past ten years, talked about the strengths and characteristics of A-PAD, and discussed future objectives and action items.

On Day 2, they visited Sona Area Tokyo, a facility in Ariake, to learn about disaster preparedness through various activities. During the visit, they joined Tokyo Direct-hit Earthquake 72h TOUR, where they learned skills to survive the initial post-quake hours when assistance would be limited.



Turkey Earthquake Emergency Assistance

The powerful earthquakes on February 6 claimed more than 54,000 lives and displaced many people in Turkey and Syria (as of March 2023). A-PAD staff members were immediately dispatched to Turkey and engaged in emergency relief work.



Search-and-Rescue with Local NGO

On February 6-10, A-PAD and its partner NGO in Turkey, GEA, continuously conducted search and rescue for those trapped under the rubble of collapsed buildings and rescued 41 survivors. With the critical 72-hour window closed, GEA's representative commented, "We will never give up even in the despair."



Procurement and Installation of 110 Tent

On February 15, A-PAD donated 110 tents to Adiyaman, one of the most heavily affected cities, in cooperation with two Taiwanese companies. Through Education and Research Hospital, the tents were distributed for the storage of medical supplies. At the request of Turkey's Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD), A-PAD also set up 50 tents to accommodate evacuees.



Area without Assistance

As part of ARROWS, A-PAD is continuing the delivery of supplies in Hatay Province. The team distributed in-kind assistance including food and daily necessities for 100 households in the suburban town of Arsuz where assistance had not yet reached. Locals contributed greatly in procuring and packing the aid items.

Board Members and Country Leaders

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Quamruzzaman**

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(A-PAD Bangladesh)*



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Director, CEO



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(A-PAD Korea)*



Messages from Partners

Md. Anowarul Islam

Project Director, Seven One Limited, Bangladesh



A-PAD Bangladesh has contributed greatly to building up resilient community and creating continuous awareness of disaster management. They assisted in the capacity building of local communities and the

private sector in developing sustainable, emergency healthcare initiatives to tackle any potential impact of natural or man made disasters. A-PAD Bangladesh has been enthusiastically supporting communities vulnerable to different disasters with aid support, alternative livelihood and capacity development for climate resilience. We acknowledge and will always support A-PAD Bangladesh's developing initiatives for social well-being and prosperity.

Mr. Pieter Marcel

Chairman of the West Manggarai DRR Forum, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia



We have truly felt the significance of A-PAD's presence in our area. Moving forward, we hope that A-PAD will provide guidance for establishing hotels in this area, ensuring that these hotels are truly resilient against

disasters. We seek instructions for building disaster-resilient hotels. In doing so, the tourists who come here need not worry or fear, as they will undoubtedly feel comfortable and return to their homes safely with positive impressions of Labuan Bajo.

Mr. Donatus Matus

Chairman of ASITA (Association of the Indonesian Tours and Travel Agencies) of West Manggarai Regency, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia



Despite A-PAD's relatively short journey, their dedication and efforts in disaster management is commendable. One notable achievement is A-PAD's provision of capacity building

training for verifiers in disaster-resilient hotels program with cross sectoral collaboration. Our hope is that A-PAD will continue to thrive in Labuan Bajo and expand throughout Flores Island, becoming increasingly recognized by the community. I express my sincere wish for A-PAD's long-term presence alongside us working towards sustainable resilience in disasters.

Mr. Chandra Aprinova

Head Division for Tour Destination - Tourism of West Nusa Tenggara (NTB), Indonesia



The NTB Tourism Board collaborates with A-PAD to foster resilience in tourism areas in Indonesia. One of their initiatives includes training disaster-resilient hotel assessors and

conducting disaster management awareness campaigns in tourism regions. Hopefully, A-PAD will continue to advance with its programs aimed at building resilience in tourism areas by strengthening disaster response institutions. This effort includes enhancing the capacity of tourism industry players and conducting disaster response simulations in tourist destinations.

Ms. Junko Chano

Executive Director, Program, Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan



It gives me great pleasure to celebrate the 10th anniversary of A-PAD with you all. I had the privilege of witnessing and participating in a series of activities that preceded the

establishment of A-PAD. It has been amazing to observe A-PAD grow. As the frequency and severity of natural disasters intensify, the work of A-PAD becomes increasingly relevant and important; you are the ones who uphold the confidence and solidarity of the people throughout the region. Congratulations, and keep going!

Messages from Partners

Mr. Jinho Noh

Secretary-General of Peace Winds Korea, Korea



A-PAD Korea is a necessary emergency relief organization in South Korea. It is an organization with an excellent ability to find gaps and provide support to those in need. Working together at the

relief site in Turkey for the earthquake was a great help to each other. I look forward to collaborating in many activities together in the future.

Mr. Kush Kumar Joshi

President, NBI, Nepal



We believe that by engaging the private sector, we can make a difference in building resilience within our communities. Partnership with A-PAD helped us rally the Nepalese private sector

to collaborate on disaster preparedness and enhance awareness on disaster response and recovery. We'll continue to prioritize disaster risk reduction management (DRRM) in our business operations and collaborate with stakeholders. Thank you, A-PAD, for helping us instill urgency in the business community for preparedness and risk reduction. We look forward to further collaboration.

Mr. Charles Kenneth Co

President of Cebu City Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Philippines



Congratulations A-PAD PH! As Central Visayas Lead Convener for A-PAD PH, our forged partnership empowers us to be more effective as we respond to challenges posed by

disasters.

Our shared efforts at providing relief, comfort and early rehabilitation uplifts the lives and livelihood of our countrymen from remote mountain barangays, isolated islets, and populated metropolises. We

touched lives rudely disrupted and devastated by COVID Pandemic and Typhoon Odette.

The "Power of We" is evidenced in our partnership! With enhanced capacities and reaffirmed passion our "we" is a testament- our commitment to be relevant and significant to our communities affected by disasters! Praise God Almighty!

Ms. Florian Rhiza Nery

*Network Coordination Specialist, OCHA-UNDP
Connecting Business initiative (CBI), Sri Lanka*



We take this crisis as an opportunity to think of new solutions. We need a multi-stakeholder approach that will unlock the potential of the private sector's capacity in harnessing and

leveraging resources. No one actor can do this alone and this is our message at the Connecting Business initiative (CBI), a programme by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and the United Nations Development Programme-that local business networks such as A-PAD Sri Lanka have a critical role to play in providing expertise and solutions to complex crises.

Dr. Rohan M. Fernando

*Executive Director - Plantations and Business Development
of the Group Covering Sustainability and Branding, Aitken
Spence PLC, Sri Lanka*



It has been a rewarding experience to work with A-PAD in the last several years. The work A-PAD does is unparalleled, particularly at a time where disaster preparedness is of high

concern. A-PAD brings in international expertise from countries such as Japan and Korea from whom we have had the good fortune to learn from. Such expertise is not limited to disaster management but includes sustainability as well. We would love to continue working with A-PAD and take sustainability to another level both at Aitken Spence and in Sri Lanka.

Country Highlights



Bangladesh

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- ❖ Established 8 Disaster Management Coordination Centers in 8 divisions in Bangladesh.
- ❖ Organized the 4th International Symposium with government officials, the Ministry of Disaster Management & Relief, the Embassy of Japan, and public and private stakeholders.
- ❖ 10 organizations signed MOUs that reached 51 networking partners.
- ❖ Arranged 7 strategic planning network meetings for 35 villages in 2022 and one networking partners meeting for 5 villages, totaling 195 villages reached for disaster management.
- ❖ Held 69 training workshops on networking and capacity building in 8 divisional areas.
- ❖ Increased community resilience by 35 % in working areas. At present, rural communities are more aware of disaster management and emergency response.
- ❖ A-PAD Bangladesh, in collaboration with the Karnaphuli Group, DHEM Foundation and Seven One Limited, responded in Habiganj, Sunamganj, Netrokona and Kurigram districts. As a result, more than 26 flood-prone areas and about 22,160 affected people directly benefitted.
- ❖ Provided 5,000 meals with the ORS and distributed water purification tablets
- ❖ A-PAD Bangladesh reached more than 1.5 million people and conducted 486 awareness programs and meetings to build relationships with the government.
- ❖ Conducted a disaster drill targeting three groups including women, junior high school students, and other youth.
- ❖ In collaboration with government officials and networking partners, A-PAD launched a disaster awareness campaign to promote and motivate communities for greater disaster management.

Country Highlights



Indonesia

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- ❖ A-PAD Indonesia's 2022 key activities focused on engaging public-private partnerships in disaster management in West Nusa Tenggara which was critical in rolling out the Safe Hotel Certification Program. The program started in Bali, then expanded to Lombok (West Nusa Tenggara) and Labuan Bajo (East Nusa Tenggara) as tourism priority destinations. We have covered 38 large hotels in Bali and will further reach out to 40+ hotels in Lombok and Labuan Bajo by the end of 2023.
- ❖ A-PAD Indonesia delivered a total of 24,711,307 JPY in donations for various emergency responses in the country.
- ❖ Increased resilience in the tourism industry by reaching more than 17,760 beneficiaries.
- ❖ Several high profile events were conducted such as the Private Sector Leaders Forum 2022 in May during GPDRR (Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction) and the Disaster Risk Outlook Forum 2022 in July and August. Participated in a talk show on the role of the private sector in disaster management during Disaster Risk Management Month in October. A-PAD has engaged more than 1,000 participants from various sectors.
- ❖ A-PAD Indonesia aimed to make Disasterchannel.co one of leading media outlets in disaster management to increase the capacity and resilience of the tourism industry. Disasterchannel.co has been visited by 27,328 viewers.
- ❖ Partnerships continued to grow with 147 partners and 44 organizations joining in 2022. Apart from being a member of the Indonesia Global Compact Network (IGCN) and the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce on Social and Disaster Management, A-PAD Indonesia also joined the Jakarta Japan Club, comprising of over 700 Japanese companies operating in Indonesia.
- ❖ A-PAD Indonesia mobilized emergency and early recovery support for victims of the 5.6 magnitude Cianjur Earthquake in November. The earthquake severely damaged 57,000+ houses/public facilities and over 116,000 people were displaced in Cianjur Regency, West Java. The total number of quakes and tremors were recorded at around 1,290 times. A-PAD Indonesia, in collaboration with Indonesia Global Compact, doctorSHARE, and Yayasan Kusuma Buana, delivered household items, WASH facilities as well as basic medical services. APAD also channeled donations (in-kind and money) to many private sector members of IGCN.
- ❖ With significant support from The Jakarta Japan Club, we have mobilized approximately 669M IDR to support clean water access, hygienic latrines, temporary shelter and economic livelihood activities. This assistance was implemented utilizing the Total Community Approach where the community is the key driver in the change process to build stronger ownership as well as ensuring its sustainable, long term resilience.

Country Highlights



Japan

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❖ **Emergency Relief - Tonga Volcano Eruption:**
On January 15, 2022, the massive undersea volcano erupted and triggered tsunami waves around the Pacific. In Tonga, over 80% of the population was affected. Post-eruption, Tonga reported its first case of COVID-19. A-PAD staff delivered masks and water purification tablets to Tonga.

❖ **Emergency Relief - August 2022 Heavy Rain:**
On August 3, 2022, record level heavy rains fell over Hokuriku and Tohoku, causing flooding and leaving destruction across the regions. Over 6,000 houses were damaged. Civic Force delivered 500 emergency water bags and power-assisted wagons to Niigata Prefecture. Civic Force partnered with a local community organization and held consulting workshops for parents and children in the two flooded areas from November to February 2023.

❖ **Emergency Relief - Typhoon 14, September:**
In Nobeoka City, Miyazaki Prefecture, more than 300 houses were flooded above floor level. Civic Force donated food for 300 people in the disaster-hit areas through a partner organization.

❖ **Started Social Online Matching System "Good Links":** Good Links is a digital platform that connects goods and services from companies to non-profit organizations that are working to solving social issues.

❖ **Strengthened Partnerships:** Civic Force maintains 7 local government partners. In the private sector, SEMA (Social Emergency Management Alliance) includes 72 companies and 6 CSO members including six new companies that joined in 2022.

❖ **Public Relations:** Featured monthly on local and national news an estimated 25 times.

Country Highlights



Korea

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- ❖ Major flood damage occurred in the Seoul area including a local children's center. It had not received support and so A-PAD Korea carried out a restoration project so that around 300 children in six centers could safely return.
- ❖ Several disaster prevention picnics for youth were held. It was well received as a program to train disaster response leaders. For about eight hours, youth participated in various programs including basic disaster response experiences, board games, and learning about emergency backpacks.
- ❖ Uljin Forest Fire Community Recovery Project: After the emergency phase, recovery efforts including providing psychological support for victims and visiting photo studios were carried out. Post-emergency, victims can feel significant emptiness. To fill the vacancy, A-PAD Korea remained in Uljin and conducted photo-taking, frame-making, and psychotherapy programs.
- ❖ Circulation Lab Project: This project helped people sympathize with how important it is to protect our dignity in the event of a disaster. Under the theme of "Thinking of Dignity in Disaster Situations," a four-month circulation lab project was held to include 99 unit participants and exhibitions and workshops in Gyeongju.
- ❖ Emergency response to Turkey Earthquake: A-PAD Korea provided emergency assistance in Hatay and Iskenderun for about three months. Activities included support for children's school supplies, installation and maintenance of shower containers, production and distribution of sanitary items packages, providing laundry detergent. We also provided wheelchairs to people with mobility difficulties. It is a long road to recovery, but APAD will continue to provide support.

Country Highlights



Nepal



- ❖ Completed the first MOFA Japan project in Nepal titled "Establishment of a Multi-sectoral Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction to Support Resiliency of Disaster Prone Communities".
- ❖ Hosted the International Symposium on "Establishment of a Multi-sectoral Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) in Nepal" with more than 160 national and international stakeholders participating in the event in Kathmandu.
- ❖ Distributed emergency relief materials to 176 households for the Saptakoshi flood that affected communities in Belaka Municipality in Udayapur and Barakhethra Municipality in Sunsari Districts in Province 1.
- ❖ Collected information from 227 companies, 22 governmental organizations, 16 hospitals, 19 local NGOs, 18 police offices, 38 schools and 4 temples to establish a database that can be used in times of disaster.
- ❖ Presented the idea of a DRRM platform and BCPs at a Business Continuity Plan (BCP) program in Biratnagar organized by the Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry.
- ❖ Completed volunteer trainings: 140 volunteers had an orientation about volunteerism, and 40 of them joined intensive trainings afterwards to gain more practical knowledge and skills on DRRM.
- ❖ Gained consensus from more than 30 stakeholders regarding the creation of a detailed coordination scheme and decision-making process for the DRRM platform in Nepal.

Country Highlights



Philippines

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- ❖ Hosted the A-PAD International Symposium on Pandemic Resilience: "Multi-Sector Partnership on Disaster Risk Management and Emergency Response."
- ❖ Responded to three major emergencies and was able to provide food and non food supplies to more than 7,000 individuals who were severely affected by landslide and strong typhoons.
- ❖ Established partnerships with medical societies and institutions across different regions to establish a coordination mechanism for health emergencies and disaster management.
- ❖ Pioneered the implementation of disaster risk communication to more than 30 communication experts from the local government, regional disaster agencies, academia, civil society organizations, and the media.
- ❖ Aided 248 micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in being more resilient by offering training and mentoring sessions to help them establish their own business continuity plans.
- ❖ Developed and published the Evacuation Center Management Handbook in collaboration with Ormoc City Local Government Unit.
- ❖ Established the A-PAD PH Human Resource Network (HRN) across the six regions in the country. Volunteers play a vital role in building resilience and providing support during and after emergencies.

Country Highlights



Sri Lanka

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- ❖ Hosted the A-PAD International Symposium on "Crisis in Crises: Unlocking the Power of Alliance towards Innovative Recovery" for national and international partners.
- ❖ Contributed towards policy initiatives and developed guidelines for the conduct of examinations amidst disasters, sustainable tourism practices, and participated in the Voluntary National Review Report on the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Sri Lanka.
- ❖ Served on the Executive Committee of UNDP OCHA Connecting Business initiative (CBI) and actively participated at global discussions including Humanitarian Networks and Partnership Weeks (HNPW), Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (APMCDRR) and UN Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) meetings.
- ❖ Strengthened disaster preparedness and business resilience of the private sector in the face of the Southwest Monsoon season in coordination with government authorities.
- ❖ With medicines in short supply given the worsening economic crisis, the platform facilitated the provision of vital and essential medicines in partnership with key public and private sector organizations as well as A-PAD's member platforms.
- ❖ Conducted 7 safe school trainings in disaster prone areas across the country enhancing the capacities of over 300 students.
- ❖ To ensure education continuity despite the economic context, A-PAD partnered with its members to support 500 families with stationery and ration supplies. Moreover, taking into account indirect yet essential needs of young girls, the platform provided hygiene and sanitary packs to over 200 students.
- ❖ Strengthened Sri Lanka's search-and-rescue (SAR) capabilities by conducting Technical Rope Rescue and Swift Water Rescue training to over 40 personnel. Currently, A-PAD's SAR cohort has over 100 members.
- ❖ Enhanced business resilience of tourism-based MSMEs in the Southern, Northern and Eastern provinces through capacity building trainings and the provision of asset requirements.
- ❖ To advance research and development in the field of disaster management, A-PAD SL established a Research Unit and launched a website to enable disaster management practitioners, policy makers and academics to utilize and contribute towards the knowledge hub.

