



Annual Report

**2024-2025**

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## Message from the Chair

As we reflect on the past year, the increasing frequency and complexity of global disasters have become starkly apparent. In many parts of the world, disasters are no longer isolated events but multi-hazard crises compounded by conflict, economic instability, and climate change. This reality has underscored the urgent need for coordinated, cross-sectoral response efforts.

In such times, the role of cross-border and cross-sectoral collaboration is more vital than ever. The Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management (A-PAD) stands as an example of resilience in action, uniting civil society, the private sector, and humanitarian actors to deliver timely and effective support. Our collective efforts ensure that assistance reaches those who need it most, strengthening communities and fostering long-term recovery.

The devastating earthquake in Myanmar, occurring amidst political turbulence and a conflict-ridden environment, is a testament to the multifaceted challenges faced by vulnerable communities. These conditions complicate both immediate response efforts and long-term recovery. Damaged infrastructure, restricted access to aid, and distrust in authorities hinder rescue and relief operations. Civilians in affected areas, many already displaced or living in precarious conditions, face heightened vulnerability.

The escalating frequency of disaster response activities within our national platforms is a direct and concerning consequence of climate change. Rising global temperatures and shifting weather patterns are contributing to the intensification and greater occurrence of natural hazards such as typhoons, cyclones, flash floods, and wildfires. These extreme weather events are affecting various regions more frequently and severely, prompting national disaster management

systems to respond more often and with greater urgency. As a result, countries are facing growing pressure to strengthen their preparedness, coordination, and resilience efforts to effectively manage the escalating risks associated with climate-induced disasters.

The impacts of climate change - from cyclones and typhoons to flash floods, wildfires and earthquakes - continue to challenge our preparedness and response strategies. Through robust collaboration and shared expertise, A-PAD remains steadfast in its commitment to enhancing disaster resilience across the Asia-Pacific region.

Looking ahead, we aim to expand our reach, further strengthening national platforms, and broadening our network. We are committed to implementing innovative strategies to ensure a more comprehensive and coordinated approach to disaster management.

Together, with the unwavering commitment of our partners, we will continue to make a meaningful and lasting difference in the lives of those so profoundly affected by disasters.



**Prof. Quazi Quamruzzaman**  
**Chairman**  
**Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster**  
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# A-PAD at a Glance 2024-2025

## The A-PAD Regional Network



### National Platform Partner organizations

**+171** member organizations  
joined from the public, private and civil sectors.

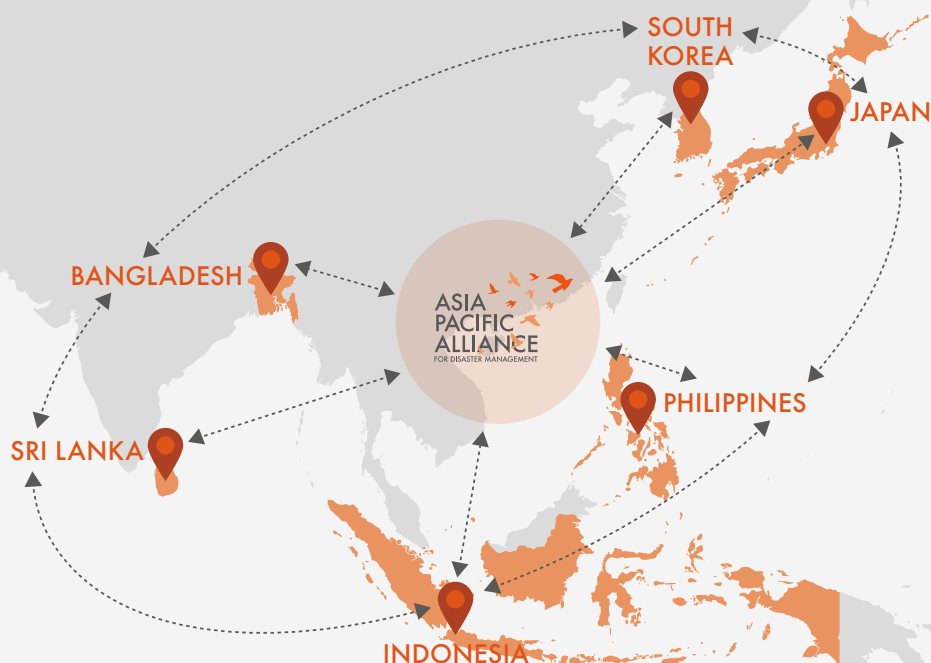
Reached a total of **1,185** partners.



### MOFA Grant Programs in National Platforms

**94,000** people

were benefitted from the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) Grant Programs in National Platforms.



### Fundraising

More than **210.0** million JPY  
raised by National Platforms.



### Emergency Response Projects

More than **130.0** million JPY  
allocated to disaster relief projects reaching

**127,000** people.



# Myanmar Earthquake Emergency Assistance

The powerful earthquakes on March 28 claimed more than 3,800 lives and displaced a significant number of people in Myanmar.

## Survivors found and rescued 6 days after the disaster

A-PAD's partner NGO, GEA, conducted search and rescue operations in the rubble of collapsed buildings and successfully rescued two survivors in Naypyidaw on April 2.

## Procurement and distribution



A-PAD Sri Lanka played a key role in the emergency procurement of vital medical supplies to support the medical teams deployed by the Sri Lankan government.



The GEA team locally procured essential supplies for the displaced population and distributed family-sized hygiene kits.



## Country Highlights



# Bangladesh

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- ❖ A fully operational disaster management coordination center has been established across eight divisional areas, benefiting a total of 30,078 individuals.
- ❖ The 6th International Symposium was successfully organized in collaboration with government officials, international participants, and representatives from JICA, JETRO, the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh, and various public and private stakeholders.
- ❖ 13 organizations signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) expanding the network to 74 partner organizations.
- ❖ 9 network partner meetings were held across 45 vulnerable locations during the 2024-2025 period, collectively involving 280 villages.
- ❖ 65 training workshops and seminars on networking and capacity building were organized over 196 days, with the participation of over 4,500 people. A-PAD Bangladesh has trained and formed 560 volunteers from eight divisions.
- ❖ 1,181 women, youth, and local stakeholders actively participated in a disaster drill focused on search and rescue operations.
- ❖ 761 children have received training in life-saving skills as a key part of disaster preparedness initiatives.
- ❖ 20,790 individuals affected by Cyclone Remal received food assistance and emergency health services.
- ❖ 76,040 flood-affected individuals received emergency support, including essential items such as clean drinking water, food, clothes, hygiene kits, and emergency medical services.
- ❖ A health camp was organized in partnership with network partners, benefiting a total of 16,000 patients.
- ❖ A-PAD Bangladesh participated in an interactive showcase at APMCDRR-2024.

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# Indonesia

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- ❖ **Strengthening Disaster Preparedness in the Hospitality Sector:** Since 2020, A-PAD Indonesia has partnered with the Indonesian Hotel and Restaurant Association (PHRI) on the Disaster Safe Certification (DSC) program. Between April 2024 and March 2025, 57 hotels across Bali, Lombok, Labuan Bajo, and West Bandung were certified.
- ❖ **Standardizing Post-Disaster Impact Assessments with DALA:** In collaboration with the Disaster Risk Reduction Center at the University of Indonesia (DRRC UI), A-PAD held DALA (Damage and Loss Assessment) dissemination sessions in Serang in July 2024. The sessions introduced standardized damage and loss assessment guidelines to 389 participants, including humanitarian workers and CSOs.
- ❖ **Baseline Survey for Program Development:** To initiate the 2025 program, A-PAD Indonesia and local BPBDs conducted disaster preparedness surveys in Tulamben (Bali), Batu Kumbung (West Nusa Tenggara), and Golo Mori (East Nusa Tenggara), ensuring program alignment with regional priorities and tourism sector needs.
- ❖ **Launching 2025 Programs:** In March 2025, A-PAD Indonesia commenced its program activities in Bali, West Nusa Tenggara, and East Nusa Tenggara to support disaster-resilient tourism

villages. The program, funded by Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), focuses on capacity building, early warning systems, and inclusive preparedness.

- ❖ **Humanitarian Response to Major Flooding in Bekasi:** Following severe flooding in Bekasi that affected over 61,000 residents, A-PAD Indonesia provided aid to 3,000 people in March 2025. This included food, hygiene kits, and other essential items. In partnership with DoctorShare and Indonesia Global Compact Network (IGCN), medical services reached 915 people in Pondok Gede Permai and Cipayang, and lunchboxes were distributed to sanitation workers.
- ❖ **Expanding Community-Led Resilience Through Village DRR-CCA Forums:** In early 2025, A-PAD Indonesia and local BPBD offices supported the development of community-based Disaster Risk Reduction–Climate Change Adaptation (DRR–CCA) Forums in Batu Kumbung, Golo Mori, and Tulamben. These forums act as strategic platforms for coordination among local authorities, village leaders, village-owned enterprises (BUMDes), the Emergency Operations Control Center (Pusdalops), tourism groups, and youth organizations to strengthen preparedness, build local capacity, and promote inclusive, community-driven disaster and climate resilience.



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- ❖ Civic Force entered into a partnership agreement on March 24 with Wakayama Prefecture and the Wakayama Prefectural Entertainment Business Cooperative to provide support during large-scale disasters. The anticipated Nankai Trough Megaquake has the potential to cause significant damage, including tsunamis, along the Pacific coast, particularly in Wakayama's Kii Peninsula. The agreement ensures collaboration to provide emergency countermeasures for evacuees who cannot access designated evacuation centers. The Cooperative will offer facilities and parking lots at member pachinko parlors, while Civic Force will manage the procurement, supply, and transportation of emergency supplies. This marks the first disaster agreement involving a prefectural government, an entertainment business cooperative, and an NPO.
- ❖ Civic Force responded to three emergencies: heavy rain in Northern Japan in July, heavy rain in the Noto Peninsula in September, and a wildfire in Iwate in February 2025. The organization provided relief goods and support tailored to the needs of over 1,400 affected individuals. The heavy rainfall that struck the Noto Peninsula in Ishikawa

Prefecture in September was particularly devastating, as the area was already recovering from a major earthquake on New Year's Day. This subsequent heavy rain caused floods and landslides, resulting in several fatalities and missing persons.

- ❖ This year, Civic Force effectively distributed relief supplies through Good Links, an online matching platform operated by the organization. As of March 31, 2025, Good Links had 73 registered members and had successfully matched needs with supplies in 244 cases, reaching over 9,000 people, including single parents and families in need.
- ❖ Strengthened Partnerships: Civic Force maintains partnerships with eight local governments, including Wakayama Prefecture, which joined in FY 2024. In the private sector, the Social Emergency Management Alliance (SEMA) comprises 112 companies and six CSO members, including ten new companies that joined in FY 2024.
- ❖ Public Relations: Civic Force received coverage on local and nationwide news outlets 12 times.

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- ❖ In response to record-breaking torrential rains across South Korea, A-PAD Korea provided support to flood-affected communities in Seodaeyeon, Nonsan, and Cheongju. Activities included distributing daily necessities kits, dehumidifiers, and fans to dry homes and supplying washing machines and refrigerators to help restore daily life.
- ❖ On July 8, after a missile strike on Ukraine's largest children's hospital in Kyiv, A-PAD Korea promptly responded by providing relief items, essential medical equipment, hygiene supplies, and meals to patients and caregivers.
- ❖ In Bagong Silangan, a remote village near Manila with limited education access, A-PAD Korea helped establish and operate a children's learning center. The project offers a safe environment for academic and emotional development. A Christmas celebration brought together children, teachers, and parents, strengthening community ties.
- ❖ A-PAD Korea led the planning and coordination of a simulation training program for the Integrated Response Team of National Volunteer Centers. About 350 participants, including local officials and volunteers, engaged in modules such as mobility-impaired simulations, mindfulness sessions, shelter setup, and coordination drills.
- ❖ Conducted approximately 30 disaster response education sessions covering basic evacuation procedures, the climate crisis, compound disasters, and hands-on activities like emergency backpack sticker making. The program aimed to increase awareness and readiness for emergencies.
- ❖ A-PAD Korea, in partnership with local organizations, sourced vegetables from nearby farms and provided food assistance in Gaza. Clean drinking water was also delivered to refugees in cooperation with local water suppliers.



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❖ Through close collaboration and partnership with the Department of Health, Philippine College of Emergency Medicine and Philippine Medical Association, approximately 51 doctors and medical personnel were trained in Basic Emergency Care Course. This initiative equipped participants with essential emergency response skills and identified 15 future trainers to extend the program's reach and impact. By increasing the number of skilled medical volunteers, A-PAD Philippines is effectively addressing gaps in emergency care and reinforcing lifesaving systems across the regions.

❖ The Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Training equipped 134 A-PAD Philippines volunteers across six regions with the skills and knowledge necessary to address mental health challenges in disaster contexts, reinforcing their commitment to this critical aspect of emergency response. Simultaneously, 124 volunteers collaborated to design six regional action plans, ensuring a unified and community-centered approach to disaster preparedness and resilience.

❖ 180 microenterprises strengthened their future sustainability by developing their own Business Continuity Plans (BCPs). Their concerns were also integrated into 18 Barangay Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plans, ensuring small businesses have a voice in community resilience efforts.

❖ In 2024, A-PAD Philippines strengthened

partnerships through thematic multi-stakeholder activities, engaging 289 individuals from across nine regions. A-PAD Philippines proudly welcomed new partners from Central Luzon, Western Visayas, and CARAGA, expanding its growing network of champions for resilience.

❖ Through A-PAD Philippines' emergency relief programs, the organization reached over 2,077 families, providing not only essential supplies but also a message of care, strength, and hope. Additionally, 73 water filter buckets were distributed to the hardest-hit areas, helping families regain access to clean, life-giving water. Every act of support served as a reminder that they are not alone.

❖ A-PAD Philippines proudly hosted 32 international delegates from A-PAD member countries during the APMCDRR 2024 in Manila, held from October 14–18. This milestone event was followed by the A-PAD Philippines National Platform Meeting, which gathered over 60 representatives from key sectors — Academia, Business, Civil Society, Media, Medicine, and A-PAD International. Through dynamic panel discussions, participants tackled critical topics such as resilient microenterprises, medical innovations, academic contributions to disaster preparedness, and advancements in emergency medical services. These engagements sparked fresh insights, deepened partnerships, and strengthened the shared commitment to building a more resilient future together.

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- ❖ To strengthen disaster resilience, A-PAD Sri Lanka conducted 13 disaster risk reduction (DRR) workshops, reaching nearly 600 individuals from communities, businesses, youth, and children. The workshops covered a wide range of topics including DRR, climate change, tsunami preparedness, flood safety, MSME resilience, and the importance of diversity and inclusion in disaster planning.
- ❖ A-PAD Sri Lanka expanded its specialized Search and Rescue (SAR) training program by conducting a Level 02 Swift Water SAR training, along with two locally-led refresher sessions on swift water and technical rope rescue. Notably, for the first time, a 14-member team received training in Taiwan in collaboration with the National Fire Agency.
- ❖ The A-PAD International Symposium, themed "Turning the Tide: 20 Years of Tsunami Readiness and Resilience," brought together 190 in-person participants from diverse sectors. The symposium served as a platform to assess two decades of progress in tsunami preparedness, foster cross-sector collaboration, and amplify private sector and youth engagement in DRR.
- ❖ Amplifying A-PAD's role in regional and global disaster resilience efforts, the platform participated in several key international forums, including the AVPN Global Conference (Abu Dhabi), National Business Initiative Symposium (Kathmandu), Philanthropy for Better Cities Forum (Hong Kong), Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on DRR (Manila), AVPN Southeast Asia Summit (Singapore), and the CBI Workshop (Istanbul).
- ❖ During the 2024 Southwest Monsoon Emergency Response, A-PAD deployed SAR teams across the country for search, rescue, and relief operations. In Galle—one of the hardest-hit areas—A-PAD coordinated the distribution of clean drinking water to over 5,000 individuals, hygiene kits to more than 100 people, and dry ration packs to nearly 1,000 vulnerable community members.
- ❖ In response to the October floods, A-PAD Sri Lanka launched "Reviving Education", a targeted initiative to support schoolchildren affected by the disaster. The program provided educational packs to 1,500 students across 29 Grama Niladhari divisions.
- ❖ In FY 2024, A-PAD Sri Lanka contributed to two national policy initiatives and actively participated in the 67th convening of the National Disaster Management Coordinating Committee (NDMCC), reinforcing its commitment to multi-sectoral coordination.
- ❖ Reaffirming its global commitments, A-PAD Sri Lanka signed the Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations and continued its impactful engagement with the Business Council to advance child rights and promote sustainable development across the country.



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