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ANNUAL REPORT

Chairperson's Message

Over the past year, the world has faced a convergence of crises testing our collective capacity to respond with urgency and compassion.

Climate change is no longer a distant projection — it is a lived reality. Devastating floods across South and Southeast Asia have displaced millions and deepened existing vulnerabilities, reminding us that climate risk is humanitarian risk. At the same time, the ongoing war in Ukraine and growing instability in the Middle East continue to generate immense human suffering, demanding both immediate relief and long-term commitment to recovery and resilience.

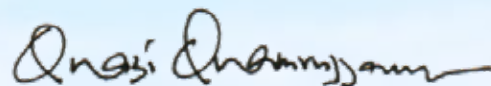
In this complex landscape, no single sector can respond alone. Networks such as A-PAD demonstrate the power of bringing together civil society, the private sector, and public institutions to act in a coordinated and agile manner. We are honored that this collaborative approach has been recognized through the Iwasa Award in the Peace and Human Rights category — a reflection of our partners' dedication and a reminder of our

responsibility to keep strengthening this platform.

Looking ahead, A-PAD remains committed to expanding its network across the Asia-Pacific region, deepening partnerships, and ensuring our model can be activated swiftly wherever it is needed. With innovation, inclusivity, and sustained investment, we will continue to shape a humanitarian system that is more agile, equitable, and sustainable.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all our partners, supporters, and communities. Together, we will strive toward a more secure and resilient future for all.

Prof. Quazi Quamruzzaman
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A-PAD at a Glance 2025-2026

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National Platform Partner Organizations

New partners joined in FY2025 :
+61 institutions

Total number of partners : **1,348 institutions**

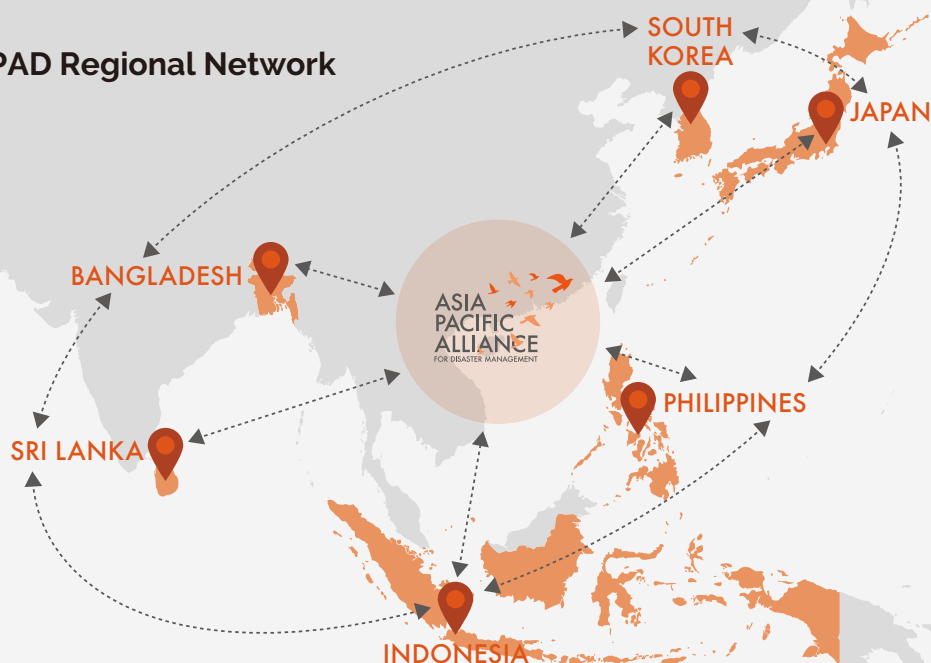


MOFA Grant Programs in National Platforms

Direct beneficiaries :

87,747 people

The A-PAD Regional Network



Emergency Response

Direct beneficiaries : **255,314 people**



Fundraising (excl. MOFA)

Total funds raised : approx. **252.3 M JPY**



Emergency Response Expenditure

Total amount spent : approx. **139.3 M JPY**

Joint Training & Partnership with Taiwan's National Fire Agency



From November 3–14, 2025, A-PAD and Taiwan's National Fire Agency (NFA), conducted the Joint Indo-Pacific Region Rope Rescue Training and Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Training at the NFA Training Centre in Nantou County, Taiwan.



A total of 26 trainees participated, including 12 from A-PAD Sri Lanka. Alongside classroom learning and team exercises, trainees practiced high-altitude rope rescue on steep cliffs and hands-on USAR techniques for earthquake scenarios. Participants came from multiple countries and organizations, united by a shared commitment to saving lives. One Sri Lankan participant noted they were impressed by the equipment and technology unavailable in their home country, while a participant from the Philippines emphasized the importance of this kind of practical training given the severe flooding their country faces.

The real-world value of this training was demonstrated almost immediately. Trained team members from A-PAD Sri Lanka contributed to the rescue of 21 individuals during the Response to Cyclone Ditwah in November 2025 and subsequently applied the rope rescue skills acquired through the training during mountain rescue operations at Little Adam's Peak, successfully rescuing international tourists. This is a direct example of

cross-border training strengthening local response capacity.

On November 14, 2025, A-PAD and the NFA formally signed the Agreement on Disaster Response in the Asia-Pacific Region at Taiwan's Central Emergency Disaster Management Headquarters, establishing a framework for ongoing cooperation through joint training and research. The ceremony was attended by NFA Director General Huang-Chang Hsiao, A-PAD Head of Management Office Kaori Neki, and A-PAD Chief Operating Officer and Sri Lanka Country Director Firzan Hashim, alongside representatives from the Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association and Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

A-PAD will continue to build on this agreement, strengthening cooperation with Taiwan and expanding practical training opportunities for member countries across the Asia-Pacific region.

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 27,387 individuals.
- ❖ 200 participants joined the International Symposium organized in collaboration with government officials, international participants, JICA, JBCCI, and the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh.
- ❖ 13 organizations signed MOUs, bringing the total number of network partners to 87.
- ❖ 8 network partner meetings held in 50 vulnerable locations for the period spanning 2025–2026, collectively involving a total of 315 villages.
- ❖ 61 training workshops and seminars organized on networking and capacity strengthening, with more than 2,568 participants.
- ❖ A-PAD Bangladesh has trained and formed 520 volunteers from 8 divisions.
- ❖ 1,600 women, youth, and local stakeholders actively participated in a disaster drill focused on search and rescue operations.
- ❖ 675 children have undergone training in life-saving skills as an integral component of disaster preparedness initiatives.
- ❖ 6,200 fire-affected individuals (January 2026) received emergency support including clean drinking water, food, clothing, hygiene kits, and emergency medical services.
- ❖ Organized a health camp in partnership with network partners, benefiting a total of 15,000 patients.
- ❖ Strengthened collaboration with the Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network (ADRRN), a network of 98 member organizations across 18 countries.

Country Highlights



Indonesia

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- ❖ Institutionalized Disaster Risk Reduction–Climate Change Adaptation (DRR–CCA) Forums with 88 members across 3 provinces as fully functional, multi-stakeholder governance platforms at the village level.
- ❖ Established fully operational anticipatory action systems including EWEA mechanisms with clear triggers and response protocols, validated through an October 2025 simulation with 415 participants (100% comprehension rate).
- ❖ Introduced Disaster Safety Certification (DSC) for the hospitality sector, assessing 69 hotels and resorts across three provinces; the initiative triggered government-led scale-up in Bali using public funding.
- ❖ Integrated disaster risk and climate adaptation into village and tourism planning, producing risk maps and DRR–CCA plans aligned with local policies to protect tourism assets and reduce vulnerability.
- ❖ Engaged over 3,400 stakeholders by December 2025 through the Disaster-Resilient Tourist Village model, strengthening early warning systems, evacuation infrastructure, and emergency equipment.
- ❖ Responded to flash floods and landslides in North Sumatra (Dec 2025–Mar 2026) and the eruption of Mount Lewotobi Laki-laki (Oct–Nov 2025), reaching a combined total of 94,268 individuals (including 81,867 individuals, 12,401 households, and 1,493 school children from North Sumatra, alongside those affected by the eruption of Mount Lewotobi Laki-laki) through construction of 27 MCK units and 60 sustainable water points, producing over 8.5 million liters of clean water.

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Japan

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- ❖ Developed a new disaster-response logistics model in Wakayama Prefecture utilizing pachinko halls as emergency relief supply hubs, leveraging their large parking areas and high capacity through collaboration with pachinko industry associations and local governments.
- ❖ Launched a complementary initiative storing Civic Force relief supplies in municipal disaster preparedness warehouses, with local governments providing storage space and private-sector partners offering financial support, enabling strategic pre-positioning of relief supplies nationwide.
- ❖ Responded to heavy rainfall in Kyushu (August 2025) and a large-scale tornado in Shizuoka (September 2025), providing assistance to more than 250 people; notably coordinated volunteer interpreters to support foreign nationals in Makinohara City and Yoshida Town.
- ❖ Provided relief supplies through 'Good Links,' an online matching platform with 104 registered members, completing 118 matching cases and reaching more than 21,000 people including single parents and families in need.
- ❖ Strengthened partnerships: 9 local government partners including Kainan City (new in FY2025); SEMA includes 120 companies and 6 CSO members.
- ❖ Public relations: Featured on local and nationwide news 13 times.



Country Highlights



South Korea

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❖ In response to the wildfires that broke out in March 2025, A-PAD Korea quickly formed an emergency response team and delivered hygiene supplies to frontline workers, distributing 2,000 sets of underwear and 3,000 pairs of work socks.

❖ Launched the 'Small Changes General Truck' project to address limitations of standardized clothing distribution. Over five days, the truck visited 17 locations across disaster-affected areas, directly assisting more than 850 wildfire evacuees.

❖ Launched the 'Spring Again' project to support the emotional recovery of wildfire evacuees who lost photos and albums. Through photography sessions, 400 participants were dressed in colorful traditional hanbok and photographed by professional photographers.

❖ With support from the Beautiful Foundation, distributed essential household items—including TV stands, tableware, and bedding sets—to 750 households living in temporary housing following the wildfires.

❖ With support from the Disaster Victims' Rights Center, carried out community space initiatives including a star-themed mural at a bus stop and a small pond at a community center to provide spaces for rest and emotional healing.



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Philippines

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- ❖ Expanded the Microenterprise Resilience Program (MERP) Training of Trainers with 25 cross-sector participants equipped as facilitators, establishing a growing network of MERP trainers nationwide.
- ❖ Implemented the country's first private sector-led, medical-focused earthquake simulation drill in partnership with the Philippine Medical Association (PMA) and the Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation (PDRF), integrating international response teams from Peace Winds Japan and Taiwan.
- ❖ Strengthened frontline healthcare through the Basic Emergency Care Course (BECC), equipping 50 healthcare providers from Eastern Visayas and the Bicol Region with life-saving skills for resource-limited settings.
- ❖ Convened an international symposium themed 'Resilience in Practice' with over 80 leaders from government, private sector, academia, civil society, and medical institutions to address EMS gaps and interoperability.
- ❖ Conducted nine regional meetings and partnership engagements to reinforce multi-sectoral coordination.
- ❖ Trained nearly 200 volunteers as 'digital frontliners' through the Social Media Training for Disaster Resilience and Climate Action, strengthening risk communication and fact-checking capabilities.
- ❖ Led youth-driven community initiatives including mural painting, first-aid training, and mangrove planting across multiple regions.
- ❖ Provided food assistance to at least 1,071 households in Bogo City following the Magnitude 6.9 earthquake in Northern Cebu (September 2025), in partnership with UCLM and CCCI.
- ❖ Reached 2,245 households in San Remigio and Balamban Cebu with food and non-food items in partnership with Peace Winds Japan and Japan Platform.
- ❖ Delivered food assistance to 600 families in Aurora Province following Super Typhoon Uwan (November 2025), prioritizing vulnerable coastal communities.

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- ❖ Hosted the A-PAD Sri Lanka International Symposium 2025, themed 'Strengthening Collaboration in an Era of Escalating Crises,' bringing together over 150 stakeholders and generating recommendations that gained strong relevance after Cyclone Ditwah.
- ❖ Following the November 2025 Joint Indo-Pacific Rope Rescue and USAR Training in Taiwan, trained team members applied advanced skills during Little Adam's Peak mountain rescue operations, successfully assisting in the rescue of international tourists.
- ❖ Contributed to national policy development by providing inputs to the National Disaster Management Plan (2023-2030), National Health Strategic Master Plan (2026-2035), and national standards for lifejackets.
- ❖ Expanded the partner network to 725 partners, strengthening coordinated response mechanisms and enabling faster resource mobilization.
- ❖ In response to Cyclone Ditwah (November 2025), implemented a comprehensive humanitarian response across 6 districts in 5 provinces, reaching 48,000+ direct beneficiaries through food security, WASH, non-food relief, education support, and emergency telecommunications.
- ❖ Actively engaged with the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) following Cyclone Ditwah, contributing to coordinated response planning, the Rapid Joint Needs Assessment, and the Post-Disaster Needs Assessment.



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