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## Foreword

It is a great honour and a real pleasure for me to celebrate the 10th year anniversary of A-PAD. It has been a fruitful journey - inspiring and fulfilling.

We live in a developing world where disasters are increasingly regular, aggravating poverty and are obstacles to achieving sustainable development goals. The constant need to coordinate our efforts and work together is vindicated in almost every context given the modern day challenges the world is facing including natural disasters, pandemics, wars, acts of extremism, and many others. Significantly, the role of leadership in solving unique challenges through innovative solutions cannot be emphasized enough.

Against this backdrop, A-PAD undoubtedly created a favourable opportunity for the international community to engage more effectively in disaster risk reduction (DRR) in an ever-increasing, interconnected world. It is encouraging to have seen positive developments over the past few years with local, national, regional, and international capacities in managing crises.

During the last 10 years, the Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management or A-PAD has been working on a model for DRR involving all sectors of society. Our experiences show that a "multi-sectoral" approach for DRR and disaster management is practical as well as highly effective. In fact, A-PAD's "Multi-Sectoral Platform Model" is now universally accepted. Today, the benefit of integrating actors and processes in the form of multi-sector partnerships has been recognized by the world and is seen as a key function not only towards reducing disaster risks but also in achieving Sustainable Development Goals.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported the A-PAD platform including our partners, sponsors, and collaborators. Without you, A-PAD could not have grown as quickly and as effectively. Most importantly, I congratulate our member countries for 10 years of service to the region, while I am also excited and eager to see our growth and impact in the next 10 years. I am rest assured that the upcoming decade will only be more successful as I believe we have already built a strong foundation of the network, moving forward.

I wish A-PAD all the very best in its future endeavours, and may the organization be blessed with the strength to save as many more lives and businesses as possible.



**Quazi Quamruzzaman (Dr)**  
Chairman, A-PAD International

## Preface

A-PAD has come a long way since its initiation at the 5th Asian Ministerial Conference on DRR in October 2012 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. As we celebrate 10 years of establishment in 2022, I remain proud of our achievements and contributions to the Asia-Pacific region and the world at large.

Following the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, I saw the vital role the private sector can play in DRR by utilizing their core business strength(s).

Civic Force, in an exemplary feat, harnessed the strength of the private sector, thereby allowing itself to amplify its efforts reaching a greater number of people. My intention was to create a platform to support such activities, Thus A-PAD International was born.

In reflecting upon the lessons that great disasters have taught us in the past with regards to infrastructure resilience, risk identification, risk reduction, and disaster preparedness, working in tandem with key stakeholders from varying sectors was deemed essential to understand impact, response and recovery. This contributed towards facilitating effective disaster risk management. In addition, resilience is known to strengthen when shared. Therefore, sharing the knowledge gained from the 2011 earthquake to ensure that other countries are better prepared for disasters was considered priority. In the process, the Japan platform was duplicated in six countries in the Asia Pacific, thereby strengthening regional resilience.

Following the progress of the national platforms (NPFs) over the past decade, it is imperative to highlight the uniqueness of each platform. The platforms have adapted to their local contexts, localizing the A-PAD model whilst diversifying and specializing in fields such as business resilience, medicine and search and rescue (SAR). Even under the influence of COVID-19, the national platforms were able to function and provide assistance.

Having achieved a successful decade of cross-national collaboration in delivering effective and efficient disaster assistance, A-PAD remains committed to reaching more people in less time. Moreover, A-PAD will also respond to the global health challenges faced by Asian countries. I thank all who have contributed towards the growth and development of the organization, and wish A-PAD a successful future that is coloured by greater heights.



**Kensuke Onishi**  
CEO, A-PAD International

# Introduction



A-PAD aircraft in Tonga with relief supplies, 2022

## 2022 Marks 10 Years of A-PAD Operations in Facilitating Effective and Efficient Disaster Assistance.



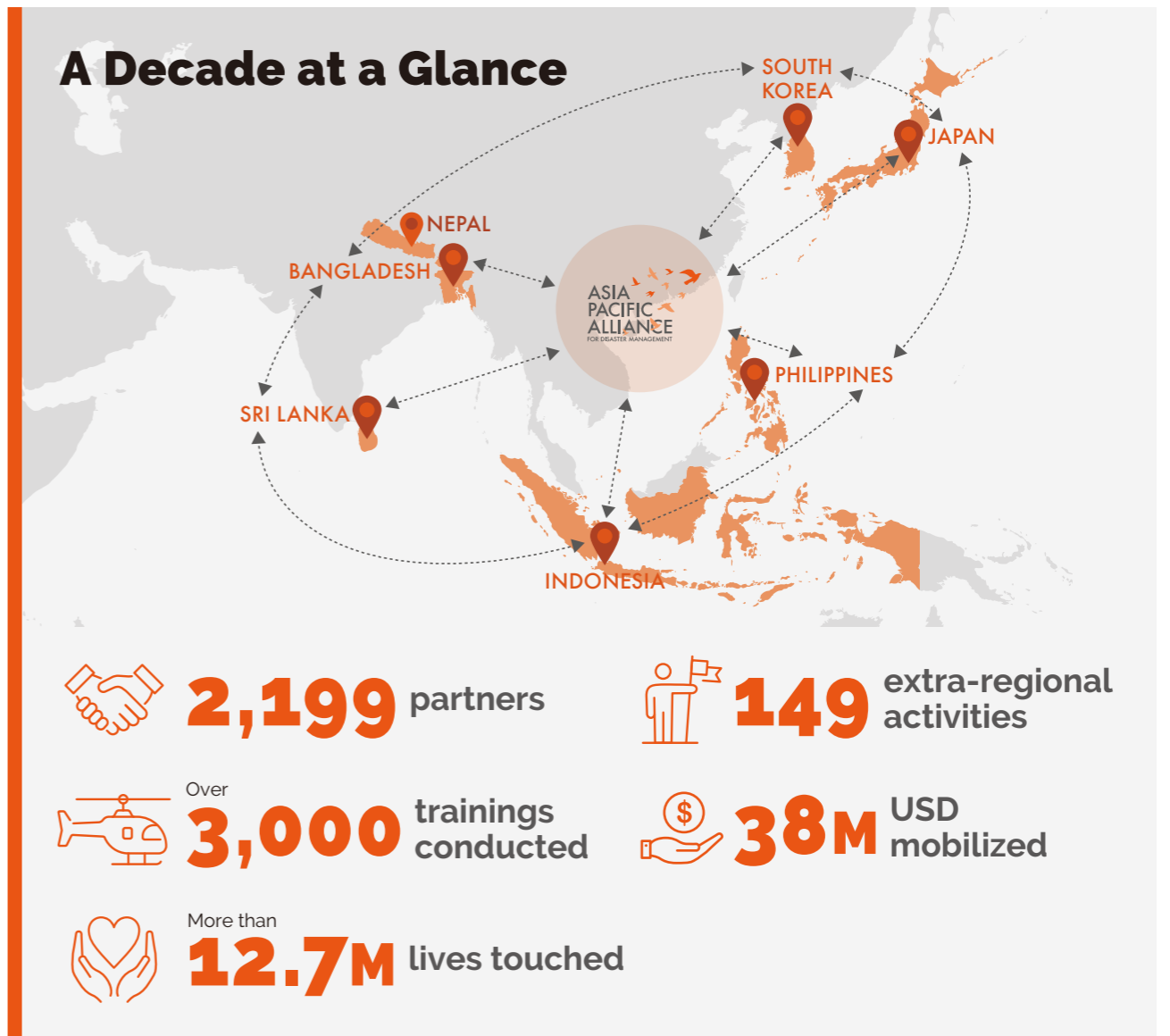
The Asia and the Pacific region have experienced some of the most damaging disasters in recent decades, with alarming consequences to human welfare. Following the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake, representatives from Japan, Sri Lanka, South Korea, Philippines and Indonesia agreed to create a framework for action in times of disasters, to prevent, address and minimize damage. The establishment of a comprehensive system of cooperation and support drawing on the private sector, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), local communities, central governments and local authorities was deemed required.

Against this backdrop, five disaster aid national platforms from countries in the Asia-Pacific region launched a trans-national disaster aid alliance for the purpose of facilitating collaboration among countries in the Asia-Pacific region.











The establishment of A-PAD was announced at the 5th Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in October 2012 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Since its inception, the regional platform has expanded to host seven national platforms in Japan, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, South Korea, Philippines and Nepal.

The strength of the regional platform lies in the individual identity and unique capabilities the national platforms have cultivated for themselves, resulting in a resounding collective of expertise in varied sectors. With a decade of expertise, A-PAD has risen to be a leading entity in linking the private sector with governments and humanitarian sector in disaster management living up to its motto "saving more lives in less time".

## A Decade at a Glance



## A-PAD Board Members and Country Leads

				
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# Bangladesh



CIS & A-PAD Bangladesh flood response: Foodpack distribution

A-PAD Bangladesh supports human rights, social empowerment, disaster preparedness, mitigation, climate change, health risk management, capacity building, and relief activities to reduce the impact of disasters on low income and underprivileged communities. In partnership with key stakeholders and local communities, the platform strives to develop and strengthen its networks - thereby enhancing its reach and impact.

## A-PAD Bangladesh: Overview



**51** national partners from 07 divisional areas



**25** extra-regional activities have been conducted



Over **2,500** trainings in DRR, Capacity Building and COVID-19 Awareness



**2.3M** USD funds mobilized



More than **1.5M** people reached

## Critical Interventions

### Capacity building project for the establishment and sustainable management of a multi-sector platform for disaster management in Bangladesh (Period: 2020 - 2023)

The platform engages in capacity building approaches through community involvement and gives precedence to awareness raising, learning, and responsibility on disaster management. Engaging with communities, different stakeholders, government entities, national and international partners make strong partnerships for preventing disaster mitigation. Under the national platform, there are 41 networking members nationally who are directly involved in disaster response since its inception.

### Covid-19 risk reduction project by community sensitization and awareness program in Bangladesh (Period: 2021)

The platform has strengthened its capacity to prevent, detect, and respond to local COVID-19 cases by utilizing more accurate data to inform public health authorities in making data driven decisions which will subsequently strengthen the public health workforce. Moreover, A-PAD Bangladesh aims at ensuring equal access to information and adequate levels of awareness on COVID-19 among the poor and disadvantaged communities.

### Super Cyclone "AMPHAN" emergency response in Patuakhali and Bagerhat, Bangladesh (Period: 2020)

A-PAD Bangladesh addressed emergency relief and health needs of the affected families by providing alimnt and non-alimnt items. A-PAD Bangladesh supported national authorities and CSOs in delivering assistance to most vulnerable communities capitalizing on comparative advantages and reduced vulnerabilities to restore the safety and dignity of the most vulnerable populations while concurrently strengthening their resilience.

### Emergency disaster response in flash flood-affected areas of Bangladesh (Period: 2022)

The northeastern region faced disastrous flash floods in May 2022. The rapid emergency health response implemented by A-PAD Bangladesh was essential as it conducted several community-based mobile healthcare support camps to reach the vulnerable communities affected by floods with curative and preventive health care services. The platform provided essential medicine for the flood-affected communities reaching over 10,000 families.



Rohingya Crisis Bangladesh 2017



# Indonesia



A-PAD Indonesia: Emergency response

A primary focus of A-PAD Indonesia is stakeholder engagement, knowledge management, community-based resilience, capacity building and facilitating engagements with national and international forums. The platform has increased resilience in the tourism industry by focusing on hotel and restaurant safety to disasters. Moreover, the platform aims to make DisasterChannel.co one of its main media resources in disseminating knowledge to strengthen the resilience of the tourism industry.

## A-PAD Indonesia: overview



**97** partners nationwide and in areas of West Nusa, Tenggara and Bali



Over **50** extra-regional activities have been conducted



Over **100** trainings conducted in disaster response, disaster safety certification, and community-based disaster risk reduction



**1.8M** USD funds mobilized



More than **65k** people reached

# Critical Interventions

## Building inter-sectoral collaboration in disaster emergency response

The platform facilitated the promotion of inter-sectoral collaboration in disaster and emergency response by developing a model of increased resilience in the tourism industry. This intervention has reached out to over 1,000 beneficiaries located within the West Nusa Tenggara and Bali regions.



## Increased capacity of A-PAD Indonesia in emergency response

A-PAD Indonesia has reached out to more than 1,500 beneficiaries in the areas of Palu, Banten, Semeru and East Lombok by increasing the capacity of the platform in responding to disasters.



## Development of sustainable business continuity plans

A-PAD Indonesia facilitated the development of sustainable business continuity plans (BCP) to increase the disaster resilience of communities. Such initiatives were disseminated amongst key disaster management stakeholders including government bodies, nongovernmental organizations and the business sector. This intervention has reached out to over 250 organizations nationwide.



Delegation of A-PAD country members on a field visit to Jaffna, Sri Lanka, 2015



# Japan



A-PAD Japan emergency response for Hokkaido Earthquake, 2018

A-PAD was established in 2012 with its Management Office (MO) located in Japan. The objective of the platform was firstly, to create a disaster aid platform in each country in the Asia-Pacific region and secondly, to establish and operate a regional alliance, which will facilitate mutual cooperation among National Platforms and across the member countries. In doing so, MO hoped to see facilitation and provision of effective and efficient disaster aid. In 2021, Civic Force, a leading disaster response organization merged with A-PAD Japan. Civic Force was established in 2009 in response to large-scale disasters in Japan and to provide timely and effective emergency assistance.

## A-PAD Japan: Overview



More than  
**1,100** partners



**20** extra-regional activities have been conducted



Over  
**50** trainings in SAR, DRR and capacity building have been conducted



**28M** USD funds mobilized

## Critical Interventions

### Great East Japan Earthquake

(Period: 2011-Present)

On 11th March 2011, a massive earthquake struck eastern Japan. Immediately, Civic Force transported relief items and reached out to its corporate partners, following which a team was dispatched to the affected areas. Over the past decade, Civic Force has taken part in recovery and reconstruction efforts including community revitalization and retreats.



Responding to 2011 Tohoku earthquake and tsunami

### 2018 West Japan Floods

(Period: July 2018-20)

In July 2018, record-breaking heavy rains caused enormous destruction to western Japan. In response, Civic Force collected information and dispatched a rescue team of doctors, nurses, rescue dogs and pilots to a hospital in Mabi Town, Okayama. The team successfully rescued all the patients stranded in the hospital and delivered relief supplies to shelters.



Delivering relief supplies to shelters, 2018

### Covid-19 emergency response

(Period: 2020-Present)

In December 2019, Civic Force helped establish a joint emergency team, Airborne Rescue and Relief Operations With Search (ARROWS) to provide more effective emergency assistance in natural disasters. As a member of ARROWS, Civic Force has dispatched medical and logistics personnel, provided equipment, installed trailers at healthcare facilities, and supported responses of local organizations.



COVID-19 Emergency Response 2021

### 2021 Summer Heavy Rain

In July 2021, the Izusan neighborhood of Atami City, Shizuoka Prefecture was struck by a massive mudslide, followed by torrential rains in Kyushu in August where many houses and buildings were damaged. Through NPO Partner Projects, Civic Force has supported local volunteer organizations in the affected areas that aim to resolve local issues.



Provided a free shuttle service, taxi vouchers, and more.



# South Korea



Rebuilding school affected by floods, Myanmar, 2017

A-PAD Korea was established in 2016. The goal was to establish and maintain a cooperative system with national parliaments, governments, NGOs, companies, schools and social organizations in order to jointly cope with large-scale disasters. In addition, the platform actively responds to disaster prevention and relief activities by operationalizing a system for the provision and exchange of human and material relief facilities.

## A-PAD Korea: Overview



**96** partner organizations



**11** extra-regional activities have been conducted



**46** trainings in DRR and Capacity Building have been conducted



**2M** USD funds mobilized



More than **14k** people reached

# Critical Interventions

## Emergency relief project: Sulawesi Earthquake, Indonesia.

(Period: 2018)

Housing and hygiene difficulties began to arise as victims who were affected began to look for shelter. As such, A-PAD Korea implemented the sanitary package distribution project and temporary housing establishment support project.



Sulawesi Tsunami emergency response, Indonesia, 2018

## Emergency relief project: Gangwon-do Forest Fire

(Period: 2019)

The worst forest fire damage in Korean history occurred in Gangwon-do. A-PAD Korea distributed essential items that were not distributed by others such as clothing, sneakers and boots. After the emergency relief project was almost completed, the psychological support project was also carried out as a long term initiative.



Korea wildfire emergency response 2019

## Covid-19 emergency response

(Period: 2020)

A-PAD Korea was the first of its kind to launch a project that provided lunch boxes to children's centers in Daegu. Local restaurants made lunch boxes to promote local revitalization. Instructors who lost their jobs due to COVID-19 were recruited to conduct lectures online for video production and circulation.



COVID-19 response in support of children's centers



# Nepal



Conducting a review workshop on disaster information and communication systems, Nepal, 2021

The Nepal platform was established in 2021. A-PAD in Nepal has strategized its objectives by creating a platform both in the national level and the provincial level. The platform has been working in Kathmandu and Province 1 since its inception with approximately over 30 organizations expressing great interest in joining the platform.

## A-PAD Nepal: Overview



**34** partner organizations have expressed interest in joining the Nepal platform



**11** trainings in DRR, capacity building and COVID-19 awareness programs have been conducted



**382k** USD funds mobilized



More than **11k** people reached

# Critical Interventions

## The establishment of multi-sector platform for disaster reduction to support the resiliency of disaster prone communities in Nepal

A-PAD's liaison office in Nepal confirmed the necessity of establishing a multisector platform for DRRM at the national and provincial levels in Nepal. The platform has engaged in identifying stakeholders' resources for emergency response and trained volunteers, while it strengthened the Information dissemination system of Emergency Operation Centers (EOCs).



Gorkha Earthquake Nepal 2015

## Strengthening oxygen supply capacity in hospitals in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

(Period: 2022)

In February, 2022, A-PAD's liaison office in Nepal donated one oxygen plant to a public hospital in Sankhuwasabha District. This enabled the supply of oxygen to all 25 beds at the hospital's ICU and improved the medical services.



Responding to emergencies, 2021

## A-PAD emergency response fund project

A-PAD's liaison office in Nepal distributed relief packages containing food items and blankets to 288 households who suffered flood damages in Itahari Sub-Metropolitan City-08 and Duhabi Municipality-09 in Sunsari district. They collaborated with the local government and the Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry.



International Symposium hosted by A-PAD liaison office in Nepal, 2022



# Philippines



Awarding ceremony for Fleet of Hope, 2021

A-PAD Philippines fosters a framework of collaboration and cooperation. The platform facilitates pooling of efforts and sharing of resources between humanitarian organizations; supports CSO, private sector and government units in delivering emergency response and DRR based projects and; addresses the needs and vulnerabilities of people and communities. Currently it has six regional platforms located in Ilocos, Bicol, Central Visayas, Eastern Visayas, Davao Region and SOCCKSARGEN.

## A-PAD Philippines: Overview



Over **220** Partner organizations of whom **120 organizations** have signed an MoU with A-PAD PH



**9** extra-regional activities have been conducted



More than **70** trainings in DRR, capacity building and emergency response have been conducted



**950k** USD funds mobilized



More than **84k** people reached

# Critical Interventions

## Emergency response for Super Typhoon Goni

"Fleet of Hope" - In the aftermath of the world's strongest typhoon of the year 2020, A-PAD PH and Que Rica - a local food company - teamed up for a project called Fleet of Hope, a livelihood recovery and economic rehabilitation initiative. The project received much support from the local business community and partner organizations. It was able to donate 140 fiber glass motorized fishing boats worth 50,000.00 each.

## Mindanao Earthquake response

In response to the twin earthquakes that affected several provinces in Mindanao, A-PAD PH Davao Regional Platform launched a relief operation campaign led by the Davao City Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The campaign was able to generate a positive response from the Chamber members and other individual donors. The response campaign served 2,200 families in Davao del Sur and North Cotabato.



## Enhancing disaster response capability through promoting collaboration among government, private sector and civil society organizations

Through this project which was supported by the Government of Japan through its Ministry of Foreign Affairs, APAD PH was able to establish its six regional platforms located in Ilocos, Bicol, Central Visayan, Eastern Visayas, Davao and SOCCKSARGEN. Regional platforms (RP) are composed of multistakeholders who have agreed to work together in strengthening the disaster resilience of their respective regions. The regional platforms are governed by their own operational guidelines and emergency response protocols.



Emergency Response Philippines 2020



# Sri Lanka



Provision of essential supplies in support of education continuity, Trincomalee, Sri Lanka, 2022

A-PAD Sri Lanka was established in 2014 with the aim of supporting coordination efforts in disaster risk reduction, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery, while also facilitating capacity building efforts in Sri Lanka. The platform through its activities, demonstrates the effectiveness of public-private-partnerships (PPP) in responding to disasters and remains committed towards building a resilient Sri Lanka by raising awareness, conducting capacity building trainings and advocating for the inclusion of DRR practices at local, national and international levels.

## A-PAD Sri Lanka: Overview



More than **600** partner organizations nationwide



**25** extra-regional activities have been conducted



**192** trainings in DRR, capacity building and COVID-19 awareness have been conducted



**2.25M** USD funds mobilized



**11M** people reached

# Critical Interventions

## Environment and sustainability (Period: 2015 - Present)

Water shortage is periodically experienced in dry and arid zones in Sri Lanka. Therefore, APAD SL in partnership with the private sector provided safe drinking water facilities to affected communities by establishing rainwater harvesting systems – a proven effective method of conserving water. With safe access to clean water, the project encouraged education continuity and also ensured the safety of women and children. In addition, A-PAD SL has advocated for a greener tomorrow with several tree planting campaigns in an effort to strengthen DRR efforts. Through projects such as 'Tree O2' and collaborations with Gammadda to mitigate floods, A-PAD remains committed in advocating for sustainable DRR practices.

## Emergency response & early recovery (Period: 2014 - Present)

The annual cycle of floods and droughts have caused severe economic and social stress in the Island. In response, A-PAD SL, in partnership with key government and private sector stakeholders have undertaken several relief efforts to mitigate the impact of disasters. Such efforts range from the provision of essential supplies to flood affected districts, to interventions such as the "Meals that Heal" project in 2020 that provided 3000 meals to affected communities. In promoting Civil- Military Cooperation (CIMIC) in disaster response, A-PAD has partnered with Sri Lanka Air Force to conduct Mobile Medical Clinics (2016); supplied drinking water to stranded populations in conjunction with the military and; has an internationally recognized 100- member SAR team, ready to be deployed in emergencies. In planning for early recovery following the 2016/17 flood and landslide events, A-PAD SL partnered with its corporate members for the purpose of reviving education, targeting vulnerable schools with the provision of past examinations papers, musical

instruments and sports equipment, to ensure that student's return to normalcy.

## Pandemic resilience and recovery (Period: 2020 - Present)

Following the Coronavirus outbreak, A-PAD SL introduced COVID-19 guidelines to reduce community transmission at supermarkets advocating for a culture of responsible public decorum. Internationally, the platform supported the export of face masks to Wuhan, China where severe shortages were experienced. In support of COVID-19 emergency response, the A-PAD district platforms provided essential medical items and emergency disinfectant equipment to frontline health workers and public town points. Moreover, assistance to the healthcare, education and military sectors was provided following several procurement phases of locally produced PPEs, masks, hygiene packs, essential disinfectants, oximeters, ventilators and other medical and non-medical equipment. Ration support and COVID-19 wellness packs were also given to families whose livelihoods were affected by the pandemic. To ensure a robust recovery, A-PAD provided equal access education facilities to children whose education was hindered due to e-learning challenges. Moreover, to address the critical needs of tourism-based MSMEs in Sri Lanka, A-PAD conducted a series of trainings followed by the provision of tangible support to ensure business continuity and disaster resilience among MSMEs.



Swift water Search and Rescue training Sri Lanka 2019

## Cross Border Cooperation



A-PAD SAR team and search dogs deployed in Nepal, 2015

### Integrating the private sector in national and international forums

The private sector is a major contributor to humanitarian action and is increasingly being recognized as a key stakeholder. Moreover, private sector organizations are often equally vulnerable to the impacts of disasters with their infrastructure, supply chains, workforce and markets being the first to be affected. By participating in national and international forums such as the National Disaster Management Coordinating Committee, UN Humanitarian Country Team initiatives, UNGA, HNPW, AMCDRR etc. A-PAD plays an active role in ensuring that voices of the private sector can be heard in national and international forums. This in turn allows to harness the potential of the private sector by facilitation of public-private-partnerships. (PPP).

### International search and rescue team

Search and rescue (SAR) is a significant component of A-PAD's regional mandate. A primary model was formalized in Japan with state-of-the-art equipment and extensive training programs that created an elite SAR team. Headed by Chief Instructor Mr. Huang Chun Yuan, the team carried out rigorous trainings, building its capacity to be deployed for international rescue missions.

### Nepal Earthquake (2015)

In 2015 following the 7.9 magnitude earthquake in Western Nepal, the International A-PAD SAR team was deployed to Nepal to assess the damage and needs on ground and respond to any urgent needs. A joint team of A-PAD members from Japan, South Korea, Indonesia, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka arrived in Nepal to coordinate with local entities and assist affected communities. The SAR team and search dogs conducted urban search and rescue interventions in the vicinity of collapsed buildings.

### Taiwan Earthquake (2018)

In 2018, a 6.4 magnitude earthquake struck the coastal city of Hualien, in Taiwan killing 17 people and injuring hundreds more. Following the immediate aftermath, A-PAD deployed the A-PAD SAR Team Leader Mr. Huang Chun Yuan to join the Taiwanese rescue team. The joint SAR team assisted in searching for survivors in collapsed buildings while the medical team treated the injured.



A-PAD SAR team leader in Taiwan 2018

### Lombok Earthquake, Indonesia (2018)

A 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck the northern region of the island of Lombok in Indonesia in 2018. Immediately, A-PAD responded by deploying the International emergency response, medical and search and rescue (SAR) teams to the island to assist local organizations, locate missing persons, provide medical assistance and, assess the needs of survivors.



Emergency response in Lombok, Indonesia

### Palu Tsunami, Indonesia (2018)

A 7.4 magnitude earthquake hit the Sulawesi region in Indonesia. The epicenter was located about 27 km northwest of Donggala causing severe damages in neighboring cities of Palu and Donggala. A-PAD Indonesia and its partners mobilized resources and responded to the emergency. In addition, the A-PAD SAR team in Taiwan was on standby.

### Search and Rescue (SAR) Trainings

Following the successful completion of the Nepal intervention in 2015, annual training programs were scheduled in Japan for members to be certified in SAR. Expanding across the region, Sri Lanka was identified to be a regional hub for SAR trainings. Following several cross-national discussions, it was decided that a civil-military (CIMIC) team would be best suited for the nation. Such trainings are implemented with internationally accredited equipment, along with the presence of an elite team of A-PAD SAR trainers, ensuring the utmost safety and security of the team members. The Sri Lankan platform has conducted four swift water trainings in both Level 01 and 02 to 100 civil and military personnel.

Moreover, the platform has diversified SAR trainings to include expertise such as learning the intricate technicalities of rope rescue operations.



Swift water search and rescue 2019

## Extra-Regional Interventions

### Tonga Tsunami (2022)

The eruption of the Hunga-Tonga-Hunga- Ha'apai volcano in January 2022, was the largest recorded since the eruption of Krakatoa in 1883. The eruption triggered tsunami waves of up to 15m which struck the west coast of Tongatapu, 'Eua and Ha'apai. After the eruption, Tonga reported its first case of COVID-19. An emergency supply aircraft of A-PAD successfully landed twice in Tonga delivering much needed relief items. The aircraft carried humanitarian aid as well as A-PAD personnel. The consignment was unloaded in a contactless manner, adhering to COVID-19 guidelines.



Contactless unloading of relief items, Tonga, 2022

### Ukraine Response (2022)

The war in Ukraine has triggered a catastrophic humanitarian crisis and threatened the stability of geopolitical relations. To understand the ground realities of the Ukraine Crisis, Mr. Kensuke Onishi, CEO of A-PAD International visited the waraffected nation state to convey the platform's solidarity and to amplify local voices. He noted that in time, A-PAD hopes to extend its support globally, particularly to Europe and Africa. It will reach out to areas of need irrespective of location.



Kensuke Onishi in Ukraine, 2022

# Major international conferences on disasters

**2011**  
Summit for System Building of A-PAD, Japan.

**2012**  
Launch of A-PAD Yogyakarta, Indonesia

**2014**  
AMCDRR, Thailand

**2015**  
NASC forum, Korea

**2015**  
UNWCDRR, Sendai - Japan

**2016**  
APPFDM, Japan

**2017**  
GPDRR, Cancun, Mexico

- AMCDRR : Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction
- NASC : National Assembly Social Contribution forum on Disaster Management
- UNWCDRR : United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction
- APPFDM : Asia Pacific Parliamentarians Forum for Disaster Management
- GPDRR : Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction



A-PAD International Symposium Philippines, 2022



GPDRR, Indonesia, 2022  
Tjokorda Oka Artha Ardhana Sukawati, Vice Governor of Bali speaking at GPDRR 2022



HNPW, Geneva - Switzerland, 2022  
Connecting Business Initiative (CBI) Executive Committee 2021/2022, Geneva, Switzerland



APMCDRR, Brisbane, Australia, 2022  
(L) Senator the Hon. Murray Watt, Minister for Emergency Management, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, APMCDRR, Australia, 2022

## Beyond 2022

The advances of the last decade are only the beginning, with much work yet to be done. As risk is amplified by uncontrolled climatic conditions, increasing inequalities, and rapid urbanization, there is a need to accelerate progress in order to preserve development gains and build the resilience of communities. Moreover, contributing towards creating a peaceful region is a hope that A-PAD earnestly fosters for the future.

To achieve this, A-PAD is aiming at expanding its network by increasing national platforms (NPFs) across Asia and the Pacific Islands, thereby accelerating cross border support towards a larger benefit. In doing so, it hopes to increase the regional resilience of businesses and communities, creating a collective impact within the business sector. The path forward is chartered by strengthened partnership and investment where community needs, opportunity, and impact intersect. APAD remains committed in achieving its goals, ensuring that disaster risk management is not simply a byproduct of sustainable development but is in fact, an integral part of it.

As this report has shown, A-PAD has seen remarkable growth and made significant impact in the last 10 years. The growth of partnerships is perhaps the most significant accolade of the last decade. Therefore, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our partners and donors who have made our efforts possible.

The activities of A-PAD has been supported through the Official Development Assistance (ODA) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Japan. In this light, the organization is sincerely grateful to the Japanese government and the People of Japan for their continued assistance and commitment towards the development and strengthening of disaster risk management capacities within the Asia Pacific Region and beyond.

A-PAD annually holds an international conference in one of its member countries.

Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Indonesia at A-PAD International Symposium, 2021



# 10 YEARS Anniversary Celebrations

## Ms. Junko Chano

*Executive Director, Program,  
Sasakawa Peace Foundation*



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!

## 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 Sugihartha

*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

*Public Relations, Project Leader for Japanese Operations,  
Amazon Japan*



Since 2021, Amazon established relationship with the strategic charities that excel in disaster relief, preparedness and recovery – Civic Force. We have also worked with Civic Force to understand

their logistics needs and verify whether pre-positioning disaster relief kits and items in our network would be of value to them. Amazon will make huge efforts to show "Success and Scale Bring Broad Responsibility" based on our company's Leadership Principles.

## Ms. Lee HeeHan

*The Natural Dream Seed Foundation of iCOOP,  
Chairperson, Korea*



I would like to extend my congratulations on the 10th anniversary of the Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management (A-PAD). A-PAD has been working tirelessly to respond to disaster-affected

areas. Thanks to A-PAD, the supporters of ICOOP and Natural Dream Seed Foundation is also reassured. I am excited to see that A-PAD develop innovative systems for disaster relief and response in the future.

## 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.

## Dr. Rohan M. Fernando

*Executive Director - Plantations and Business  
Development of the Group Covering Sustainability and  
Branding, 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 influence from countries such as Japan and Korea from whom we have had the good fortune to learn from. Such influence is not limited to disaster management but encapsulates 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.

## Governor Yoshinori Yamaguchi

*Saga Prefecture*



In February 2016, Civic Force (A-PAD Japan) was established in Saga. I was actively inviting CSOs to Saga and hoping that these organizations would flourish. Located between Tokyo and other Asian

countries, A-PAD has been providing speedy disaster assistance around the globe. We are very proud of your achievements. During the heavy rain disasters in Saga in 2019 and 2021, A-PAD leveraged its expertise to provide effective assistance to the victims. We hope to continue strengthening our partnership.

## Mr. Takeshi Yasuda

*Corporate Social Responsibility Promotion Division,  
Disaster Recovery Department, Yahoo Japan Corporation*



A-PAD is an essential player for disaster assistance in Japan. We are able to receive real-time updates on damages and assistance needs because of partners like A-PAD who are on the ground immediately after disaster strikes.

This is why many corporate partners can provide needed items at the right time.

## Ms. Lena Ryuji

*External Affairs & Corporate Social Responsibility  
Manager, Microsoft Japan Company*



During disaster assistance, we have witnessed how Civic Force works closely with each community and affected person. The Asia Region continues to be impacted by the world's natural disasters.

We hope A-PAD continues to leverage their know-how and contribute in building resilience in Asia.

## Mr. Kozo Iwanaga

*Deputy Director,  
Saga Prefecture Civic Environment Division*



Civic Force(A-PAD Japan) opened its office in Saga through Saga Prefecture's initiative to promote civil society organizations in the prefecture. Ms. Kaori Neki, Executive Director of A-PAD Japan, also moved to Saga and is working

tirelessly to build SPF's (Saga Disaster Assistance Platform) capacity. A-PAD has developed a handbook for evacuation management and provided professional support. We hope A-PAD leverages its partnership with Saga Prefecture and continues providing disaster assistance around the world.

## Mr. Kenichiro Yamada

*Co-representative, Saga Disaster Assistance Platform  
(SDAP)*



Since 2016, SDAP has been working with Saga Prefecture and A-PAD and has responded to the 2016 Kumamoto earthquake, 2018 West Japan floods, heavy rains in Saga, and more. A-PAD's work extends to non-emergency responses like

disaster preparedness and support for families in financial need and we would like to send our sincere gratitude for our partnership. We wish A-PAD another prosperous decade for Japan, Asia, and the rest of the world.