



Annual Report
2023-2024

Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management

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Message from the Chair

Today, I am reminded of the collective adventurous journey of the Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management (A-PAD) over the past decade - one marked by resilience, innovation, and unwavering commitment to disaster management across the Asia-Pacific. Our journey continues, fueled by persistent commitment, collaboration, and a shared vision. This vision transcends borders and empowers communities.

Over the years we have witnessed disasters, natural and man-made, reshape lives, challenge systems, and test our resolve. Yet, within these trials we find the strength to rise, adapt, and innovate. Our collaborative project has transformed global disaster management by facilitating the flow of private finance into disaster relief efforts and the emphasis on capacity building, community resilience, and health and economic rehabilitation post-crisis.

In commemorating a decade of service, stakeholders from Alliance countries convened to forge strategies that would propel us forward. These discussions were not mere formalities but pivotal moments where we aligned our goals with actionable insights. Under five renewed policies, we have expanded into new territories like never before while strengthening ties within our Asia-Pacific Community through enhanced communication channels. They are:

1. Expanding National Platforms (especially in Pacific islands)
2. Climate change mitigation adaptation
3. Beyond (Global) disaster management/Peace Fleet

4. Facilitate private capital and funding to the disaster management field
5. Health and economic rehabilitation

For the next decade, we will aim to enhance our disaster management programs by creating an international roster of medical personnel, strengthening disaster response capabilities, introducing A-PAD Research websites, strengthening branding and communication, and more importantly fundraising.

In today's unstable global situation and the many disasters in various regions, we are realizing that there is a greater demand for multi-sectoral platforms to work on solutions to these challenges. Together, we can build a resilient future where disasters do not define us but inspire us to create lasting impact. Our journey continues, and I am confident that our collective efforts will shape a safer, more prepared world for generations to come.

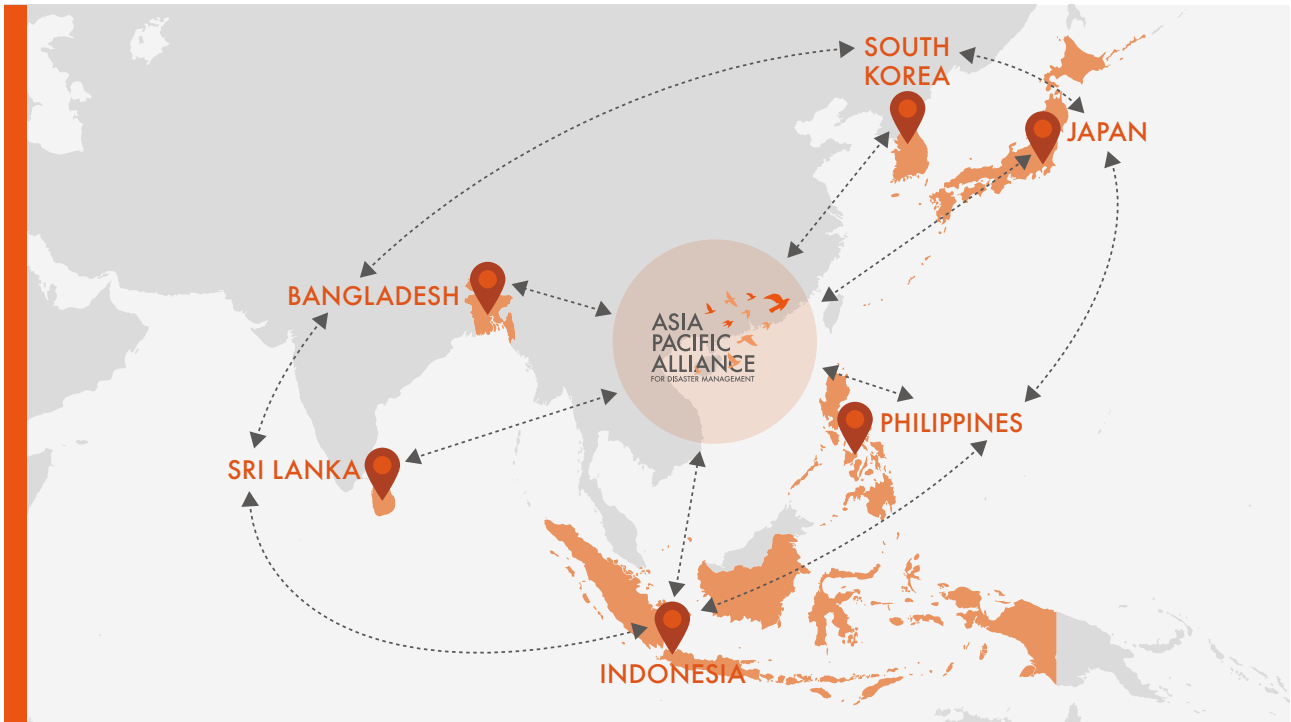
Thank you and let us remain steadfast in our mission to serve humanity.



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

A-PAD at a Glance 2023-2024

The A-PAD Regional Network



National Platform Partner organizations

+83 member organizations joined from the public, private and civil sectors.

Reached a total of **1,085** partners.



MOFA Grant Programs in National Platforms

258,262 people were benefitted from the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) Grant Programs in National Platforms.



Fundraising

More than **223.5** million JPY raised by National Platforms.



Emergency Response Projects

More than **137.1** million JPY allocated to disaster relief projects reaching **273,953** people.



Noto Peninsula Earthquake 2024



Country Highlights



Bangladesh

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- ❖ Established a network of fully operational disaster management coordination centers across 8 divisional areas to effectively respond to disasters.
- ❖ Successfully organized the 5th International Symposium in collaboration with government officials, the Ministry of Disaster Management & Relief, the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh, and various public and private stakeholders.
- ❖ Signed MOUs with 10 organizations which reached networking partners 61.
- ❖ Arranged 8 Network Partner meetings on disaster management in 40 vulnerable places reaching a total of 235 villages.
- ❖ Organized 56 training workshops and seminars on networking and strengthening capacity across 120 days with more than 2,500 participants.
- ❖ Facilitated a 50% increase in community resilience in working areas.
- ❖ Signed MOUs with two leading organizations, the Karnaphuli Group and Akij Group, and a government organization, the Fire Service and Civil Defense (FSCD).
- ❖ Trained and formed 560 volunteers from 8 divisions.
- ❖ Ran a campaign to disseminate activities and motivate communities on disaster management, reaching 7,123 participants.
- ❖ 1,149 women, youth and local stakeholders participated in a disaster drill and search-and-rescue operation.
- ❖ Trained 861 children in life-saving skills as part of disaster preparedness.
- ❖ Provided nourishing food, non-food items, shelter materials, and livelihood materials to 350 families affected by Cyclone Mocha.

Country Highlights



Indonesia

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- ❖ Continuing the program on small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) disaster resilience, A-PAD Indonesia developed an SME Business Continuity Plan (BCP) handbook based on field training in Jakarta, Bali, and West Nusa Tenggara (NTB) with more than 30 facilitators to assist other micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises.
- ❖ The Damage and Loss Assessment (DALA) handbook for civil society organizations (CSO) was published on August 16, 2023 following extensive multi-stakeholder workshops and discussions. The workshop has trained 24 champions as local facilitators to lead DALA in times of disaster.
- ❖ Conducted a multi-stakeholder program, Disaster Safety Certification (DSC), for hotel resilience in Bali, East Nusa Tenggara (NTT), NTB, and West Java. The program was supported by local government regulation and covered 66 hotels.
- ❖ Built further disaster knowledge management for the public with DisasterChannel.co. We organized journalism training in NTB, NTT, Jakarta, and Banten along with content creation workshops, and a writing contest with 208 participants. This activity is key to increasing knowledge and the profile of A-PAD Indonesia. A-PAD Indonesia's publications reached more than 1,000 accounts per month on social media and have been covered by mainstream media.
- ❖ In February 2024, flash floods hit Sumbawa, NTB, impacting over 6,000 people. A-PAD Indonesia collaborated with disability groups and local community Amplas to help provide aid. A-PAD provided IDR 103,927,500 and businesses including IGCN, PT Unilever Indonesia, and Kawan Lama Group contributed a total of IDR 165,503,600 in cash and in-kind donations which were distributed to 4,500 beneficiaries.
- ❖ The International Symposium on July 26, 2023 was opened by the chargé d'affaires of the Embassy of Japan in Indonesia. Speakers included MOFA of Indonesia, BNPB, Grab Indonesia, Hope Indonesia, Kobe University Japan, A-PAD International, and A-PAD Philippines. Themed "Asia Pacific Collaboration for Sustainable Resilience," this event provided valuable learning for hundreds of participants.
- ❖ On May 16, 2023, the Disaster Resilience Outlook Forum (DROF) took place with the theme "Towards Measurable Resilience: Challenges and Starting the Work." The forum included three expert panel sessions featuring speakers from the government, academia, and private sector with a hundred participants. The output was expected to provide a framework for common and feasible measures of resilience.

Country Highlights



Japan

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- ❖ Responded to three emergencies and provided relief goods to more than 300 people affected by heavy rain and typhoon.
- ❖ A magnitude 6.5 earthquake in May 2023 and a 7.6 earthquake in January 2024 struck the Noto Peninsula in Ishikawa Prefecture. Civic Force conducted search-and-rescue operations, medical support, relief item distribution, and other assistance based on needs. 1,540 people were injured and over 80,000 houses were damaged by the 2024 earthquake.
- ❖ Amazon Japan opened Disaster Relief Hubs in Amagasaki City and Sagami-hara City. These hubs stock approximately 15,000 items for 1,000 people. In collaboration with the nonprofit organizations Civic Force and Peace Winds Japan, along with local communities, these Disaster Relief Hubs aim to deliver relief supplies to disaster-affected areas within 72 hours.
- ❖ Provided relief supplies through "Good Links," an online matching platform operated by Civic Force. As of March 31, 2024, Good Links has 57 registered members and has completed 212 cases of matching victims' needs and supplies, reaching more than 46,000 people including single parents and families in need.
- ❖ Strengthened Partnerships: Civic Force maintains 7 local government partners. In the private sector, SEMA (Social Emergency Management Alliance) includes 102 companies and 6 CSO members including 29 new companies that joined in 2023.
- ❖ Public Relations: Featured on local and nationwide news an estimated 20 times.

Country Highlights



Korea

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- ❖ Emergency relief support project for the Turkey earthquake in March 2023: With the support of Beautiful Shops, iCoop Life Cooperative, and Milal Welfare Foundation, a total of two emergency relief support projects were carried out between April-June and December-January 2024. Food packages were produced and distributed children's school supplies, bags, soccer balls, volleyballs, children's underwear, and adult diapers and wheelchairs for the disabled. A year has passed since the earthquake, but they still need a lot of help. We look for an opportunity to provide relief support again.
- ❖ In July 2023, heavy rain struck South Korea and caused major flood damage across the country. Goesan, Chungcheongbuk-do lacked support compared to other places, so A-PAD Korea carried out an emergency relief project. Relief packages consisting of the most essential food and household goods were produced and distributed. In addition, we provided large dehumidifiers and fans to dry water damaged areas.
- ❖ A disaster education instructor training project: With the support of the 4.16

Foundation, a community safety instructor training course was conducted and a total of 32 instructors completed the course. Lectures and practices were conducted for about 3 months.

- ❖ Disaster Prevention Picnic: Families had the opportunity to experience disaster conditions while enjoying a picnic. Programs included education on responding to natural disasters such as fire, earthquake, and flood damage, setting up emergency bags, basic quizzes for disasters, and experiencing evacuation centers. We plan to hold more Disaster Prevention Picnics in 2024.
- ❖ In April 2023, a forest fire broke out in Gangneung. Emergency relief packages were produced and distributed to victims without basic necessities. In addition, we provided fruits for the victims in the evacuation center.
- ❖ With the support of the Seoul Volunteer Center, A-PAD Korea developed a board game related to climate disasters. This was produced following the successful creation of the emergency backpack sticker book and yutnori board game.

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Philippines

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- ❖ A-PAD PH developed and pilot tested a training module tailored to strengthen the disaster resilience of micro enterprises at the community level. The training module integrates the concerns of microenterprises in the community's disaster risk reduction management (DRRM) plan.
- ❖ 120 Human Resource Network (HRN) volunteers in six regions were trained in DRRM and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA). The training encompassed crucial topics such as Microenterprise Resilience, Risk Communication, Basic Photography, and Disaster Preparedness with Standard First Aid, equipping them with essential skills for future emergencies.
- ❖ 433 microentrepreneurs attended the microenterprise resilience plan training, aiding in the development of business continuity plans (BCPs). BCPs aim to minimize disaster impact and ensure smooth business operations in unforeseen circumstances.
- ❖ A-PAD PH and partners collaborated for successful emergency response. An estimated 8,875 individuals benefitted from the emergency response in Samar, Cebu and Sarangani.
- ❖ The collaboration meeting with over 90 medical personnel and institutions illustrated disaster medical professionals' dedication to disaster management. Their active participation and valuable insights underscored a shared commitment to bolstering emergency medical preparedness. This collective effort highlights the crucial role of collaboration and preparedness in ensuring effective emergency medical assistance for our communities.
- ❖ Leaders from 10 academic and business institutions completed a Training of Trainers program and are now ready to mentor the next wave of Microenterprise Resilience Program trainees, driving future innovation and excellence in building community resilience.
- ❖ Early warning equipment were handed out to six communities as part of an initiative to enhance disaster preparedness and response capabilities. The provision of these tools aims to mitigate the impact of natural disasters by ensuring that communities are better equipped to anticipate and react to potential threats.

Country Highlights



Sri Lanka

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- ❖ Hosted the A-PAD International Symposium on "Climate-Smart Collaboration: Accelerating Transition towards a Climate-Resilient Tomorrow"
- ❖ Contributed to policy initiatives and developed guidelines for conducting examinations amidst disaster and for earthquake preparedness.
- ❖ Enhanced disaster preparedness and business resilience in the private sector during the Northeast Monsoon season through coordination with government authorities.
- ❖ Strengthened Sri Lanka's search-and-rescue (SAR) capabilities by providing Swift Water Rescue training to 60 civil and military personnel. A-PAD's SAR cohort now includes over 160 members.
- ❖ Facilitated CPR training for 40 university students, ensuring participants are equipped with vital skills to provide assistance in disasters.
- ❖ Conducted 11 safe school training sessions in disaster-prone areas, enhancing the capacities of over 770 students.
- ❖ Partnered with the private sector to distribute essential school supplies and launched tree-planting initiatives to promote a greener future.
- ❖ Enhanced disaster education and corporate resilience through a Crisis Management Knowledge Sharing visit, focusing on flood prevention and mitigation efforts.

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