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There is a need to improve the humanitarian architecture in the countries of Asia in order to face future disaster events with well-coordinated efforts. Although the government, through NDMOs and the Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies of Asia (as an auxiliary force of government), and UN-led cluster system provides humanitarian assistance during disasters, it is critical that local government, local NGOs and civil society groups participate in the humanitarian assistance framework in order to make it more efficient and effective, as they are the first responders for any humanitarian emergency. Effective coordination and partnerships among the humanitarian actors needs to be established and operationalized in most of the countries in global south.



In order to address these issues, the government, local humanitarian organizations and the private sector have come together to form the Asian Preparedness Partnership (APP) for strengthening the capacity on preparedness for emergency response in Asia. This regional partnership was founded and scaled up based on the work done under the “Cambodian Humanitarian Forum” (CHF) supported by ADPC and USAID OFDA since 2012. The APP will strive to improve the interface and partnership between Government, Local Humanitarian Organizations and Private Sector for enhancing capacities through partnerships, knowledge resources, training, and networking opportunities .

At present, APP comprises of government, local humanitarian organizations and the private sector from 6 countries in Asia, Cambodia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, and Sri Lanka where the program on “Strengthening Capacity of Government, Local Humanitarian Organizations and the Private Sector on Preparedness for Response in Asia” is being implemented by ADPC in partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF).

Objectives of APP

- To establish more effective partnerships among national and local humanitarian actors for preparedness for disaster response and recovery.
- To improve humanitarian leadership and coordination through systematically strengthening local institutions in selected high risk countries of the Asia-Pacific region.
- To improve humanitarian information management and knowledge exchange in selected high risk countries of the Asia-Pacific region.

- To facilitate regional cooperation and dialog between at risk countries for preparedness for response and recovery.