

BUILDING RESILIENCE through inclusive and climate-adaptive **DISASTER RISK REDUCTION** in Asia-Pacific (BRDR Program)



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Introduction

The *Building resilience through inclusive and climate-adaptive disaster risk reduction in Asia-Pacific (BRDR)* is a five-year program that aims to protect development gains and to enhance regional cooperation on inclusive and gender-equal risk reduction approaches. The BRDR Program focuses on establishing evidence-based methods, tools and practices for building the resilience of the most vulnerable communities in three pilot countries (Papua New Guinea, Nepal, Philippines) and on sharing the lessons learned at regional forums in order to replicate the approaches developed in BRDR across the region. The Program seeks to develop and support the implementation of innovative and inclusive measures that link stakeholders engaged in development, DRR, climate change adaptation (CCA), and emergency preparedness.

Aims of the BRDR Program:

- Enhance the role of the RCC in supporting member countries in implementing global frameworks and serving as a conduit for South-South learning, transboundary DRR, and knowledge sharing;
- Promote inclusion and rights-based approaches in DRR and CCA;
- Promote gender equality and women leadership for DRR and CCA;
- Assist national governments and local-level stakeholders to strengthen disaster preparedness and emergency response measures;
- Facilitate the use of risk information and sex-age-disability-disaggregated (SADD) data for decision-making processes;
- Mainstream DRR and CCA into development policy and programs.

These aims will be achieved by building on current good practices, and by providing scientific evidence and technical assistance on new and innovative methods, tools and practices for inclusive climate and disaster risk assessment to participating member governments, civil society organizations, and regional bodies.

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Expected Outcomes

Outcome 1



Regional

Strengthened capacity for regional cooperation to build resilience to future climate and disaster risk in Asia-Pacific

Outcome 2



National

Increased uptake of risk-informed approaches to development and social protection to reduce disaster and climate risk and vulnerability

Outcome 3



Institutional

Enhanced gender equality and rights-based approaches in disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation

Approach



Continuity and ownership by building on existing work



Multi-tier capacity development (regional+national+institutional)



Regional cooperation



Partnerships and complementarities



Rights-based approaches and gender equality



Alignment of interventions with key global frameworks

Regional Consultative Committee on Disaster Management (RCC)

The Regional Consultative Committee on Disaster Management (RCC), facilitated by ADPC, was established in 2000. The RCC aims to identify national priorities for disaster risk management (DRM), to develop strategies for action, and to support innovative programs in countries across Asia and the Pacific.

The RCC is composed of the heads of National Disaster Management Offices (NDMOs) of 26 member countries. It holds regular meetings and discusses coherence between the different global frameworks that form the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) and the Paris Agreement for Climate Change. The meetings serve as a platform for member countries to share good practice, to learn from each other's experiences, and to jointly explore how to transform the global frameworks into national policy and practice for equitable and resilient development outcomes. Promoting regional cooperation in DRM and climate resilience is one of the key objectives of the RCC.

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