

Vision

Safer communities and sustainable development through Disaster Risk Reduction.

Core Principles

ADPC's efforts to strengthen disaster and climate risk management systems in Asia and the Pacific are anchored in three principles:

Science. Systems. Applications.

These principles encompass the **utilization of scientific knowledge** and technology **to better understand risk**, the institutionalization of systems **to build resilience**, as well as the application of risk reduction measures across a range of sectors and different national contexts within Asia and the Pacific.

Goals

- To reduce the impact of disasters and enhance climate resilience in Asia and the Pacific by providing technical support to countries and communities in developing their policies, plans and programs on climate adaptive DRR.
- To facilitate the exchange of experiences in disasters through networking and collaboration between national, and regional disaster management organizations, academicians, researchers, the media, planners, policy makers, implementers, and the private sector.
- To collaborate with all relevant sectors in helping to strengthen a communities capacity to participate in developmental activities for disaster preparedness with a special focus on integrating local wisdom in modern knowledge.



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Introduction

Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) is an intergovernmental organization that works to build the resilience of people and institutions to disasters and climate change impacts in Asia and the Pacific. It provides comprehensive technical services across social and physical sciences to support sustainable solutions for risk reduction and climate resilience. Using its expertise and evidence-based knowledge, ADPC supports countries and communities in building their disaster risk reduction (DRR) systems, institutional mechanisms and capacities in becoming resilient to numerous hazards.

Established in 1986 as a technical training center, ADPC is now an intergovernmental organization for DRR, response and resilience building. Its founding member countries include Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Thailand.

ADPC works at the national and local level in partnership with governments, development partners, UN agencies, civil society, and the private sector to put resilience at the core of development.

Where we are

ADPC is headquartered in Bangkok, Thailand, with offices/representation in many countries including Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Viet Nam.

Our team

ADPC has a dedicated team of professionals including hydrologists, meteorologists, social scientists, environmentalists, GIS experts and gender specialists.



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Strategic themes

ADPC addresses resilience challenges by focusing on the following themes:



Risk governance

ADPC assists governments to translate their policies on climate and DRR into action. We also support risk-sensitive development from the national to community level in addition to providing usable risk information for better decision-making related to disaster and climate risk management.



Climate resilience

ADPC uses science-based information to develop tools that help governments and communities to manage disaster risks associated with extreme hydro-meteorological events. We integrate DRR and climate risk management with social development to build capacities to respond and adapt to a changing climate.



Urban resilience

ADPC provides technical and policy support to authorities and urban communities in planning for safer and more resilient cities. We work with businesses and varying sectors to help reduce disasters and future climate risks for everyone across multiple interconnected urban services.



Health risk management

ADPC helps strengthen health services and systems to be able to respond to emergencies and maintain their operations during disasters. We integrate health risks into the wider DRR sector to ensure that the community's physical and social needs are met.



Preparedness for response

ADPC helps in coordinating plans for emergency response and supports in building the capabilities of response workers, institutions and communities. Thus enabling them to act quickly and efficiently when disaster strikes.



Resilient recovery

ADPC assists countries, communities, and the private sector to prepare and implement post-disaster recovery plans to reduce the impact of future disasters using internationally accepted methodologies. We use these tools to foster resilient recovery, strengthen post-disaster institutional arrangements and build capacities of regional, national, and provincial authorities.

Cross-cutting themes



Gender and diversity

ADPC supports the contribution and participation of marginalized groups in its programming through gender and diversity analysis and activities that promote gender equality and social inclusiveness. This strategic approach focuses on women as agents of change in DRR.



Regional and transboundary cooperation

ADPC works to foster cooperation in regional and transboundary issues related to DRR such as early warning systems which cross national borders, protocols and systems related to receiving international emergency assistance. In addition, the sharing of expertise across boundaries for risk reduction, response and recovery support this. By promoting regional platforms for knowledge sharing and dialogue, ADPC contributes to developing a common understanding and approach to address regional and transboundary issues in risk reduction and resilience building.



Poverty and livelihoods

ADPC recognizes that disasters, poverty and resilience are interconnected and addresses this complex relationship in two ways. We promote pro-poor policies and actions across our programs while promoting and advocating for pro-poor perspectives among our partners.

Regional Consultative Committee on Disaster Management (RCC)

The RCC serves as a non-binding regional mechanism to promote peer advocacy and exchange of expertise in disaster and climate risk management. The RCC meetings provide an opportunity for the member countries to showcase good practices and discuss ways to transform policies and frameworks into action. Established in 2000, the RCC is comprised of National Disaster Management Organizations (NDMOs) of member countries and ADPC serves as its secretariat.



RCC Members

