

**PEER**

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# CADRE

Community Action for Disaster Response



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Community Action for Disaster Response (CADRE) is part of the Program for Enhancement of Emergency Response (PEER) - a regional training program initiated in 1998 by the U.S. Agency for International Development's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) to strengthen disaster response capacities in Asia.

CADRE is a new initiative from PEER, focusing on developing community-based responders, equipped with basic skills to respond to a disaster in their community. CADRE is being implemented in the nine Asian countries of PEER, with supplemental support from the American Red Cross (ARC).

CADRE is developing skills at the local level, where they're needed most.

CADRE is running from 2009-2014.

Project Countries: Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam

## About CADRE

CADRE is working to develop community level disaster responders by training participants using the CADRE curriculum. The PEER team at Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) in Bangkok, Thailand is managing the program, working together with national and local partners and organizations. The Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies are the foremost implementing partner for CADRE.

**“ Laos was affected with floods due to Nock Ten Cyclone. CADRE training is very important - these skills will save people's lives in times of emergencies. ”**

Dr. Bountheung Menvilay  
Head of Disaster Preparedness and Relief Division, Lao Red Cross Society

## CADRE is important because...

People living in vulnerable areas suffer the effects of a disaster, and yet they also have to respond FIRST. It is vital to respond immediately after a disaster - when lives can be saved.

When a major disaster strikes, it is often the case that professional responders may take 24-48 hours to reach some affected communities. Infrastructure may be damaged, which limits access. National professional teams and international responders may have to deal with large areas which are affected. They may take a while to organize their response. So, communities are often completely alone in the aftermath of a disaster. YET they need to act quickly to save lives..

## Increasing community response capacity

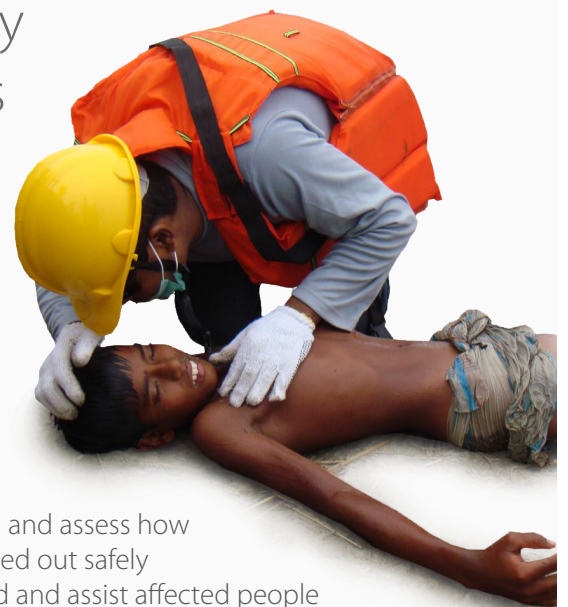
Building up local disaster awareness and- response capacity within communities at risk in Asia clearly makes sense. These skills can help to reduce mortality and increase resilience when a disaster happens.

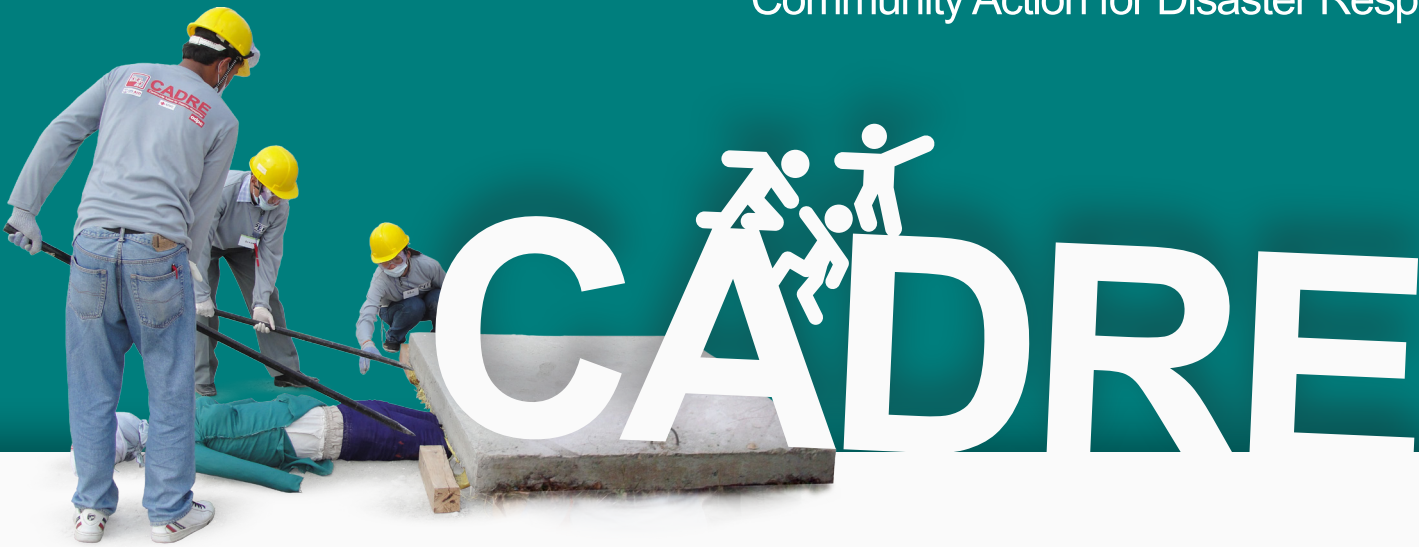
CADRE works to empower local communities, giving them a better chance to respond effectively, as well as integrating the community to the national emergency preparedness network.

## Community responders need to:

- Prioritize emergency care where there are limited resources and provide safe shelter for the injured - to reduce mortality
- Locate the missing and assess how rescue can be carried out safely
- Administer First Aid and assist affected people to safety
- Report to professional responders when they arrive - with an effective assessment of the situation

Community members who are able to respond after a disaster will usually want to do so in the most safe and useful ways, while they wait for emergency response professionals to arrive.





## The CADRE Curriculum

Community members take part in a basic three-day training course. This course can also be specifically honed for local and national needs, and separated into modules to make it appropriate to teach.

The training curriculum was developed with the help of the Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies, drawing on their existing training materials and expertise. The training curriculum also uses basic elements from other PEER trainings which are conducted as part of PEER: Medical First Responder (MFR) and Collapsed Structure Search and Rescue (CSSR).

**“CADRE training brings important skills for us. Our village is isolated and it is not possible to access medical facilities quickly in an emergency. We have witnessed many severe injuries and been unable to help, just because we didn't previously have the knowledge of these simple disaster response skills.”**

Ms. Shilka

CADRE Community Responder, Paikpara Community, Sirajganj District, Bangladesh

some technical knowledge, to help community responders deal with the complex, traumatic and volatile situation they may face.

Skills are learned through a series of practical exercises, demonstrations and simulations. Most of the CADRE training is active, and participants 'learn through doing'. The training is widely regarded as stimulating and interesting.

## Skills learned with CADRE

- Understanding hazards, emergencies and disasters in the community
- Developing community response groups
- How to secure family and prepare to respond
- First Aid and Basic Life Support
- Incident Command systems and Triage
- Dead Body Management
- Fire Emergencies
- Light Search and Rescue
- Water Emergencies

## What makes CADRE different?

Alongside basic first aid training, CADRE also teaches people how to deal with mass casualty incidents and how to assist and organize many injured people. It demonstrates how to carry out light search and rescue operations.

These skills may all be necessary following a flood, landslide or earthquake, where a community can be devastated and many buildings may have collapsed.

The CADRE courses aims to enhance existing emergency first aid trainings for communities. It adds further skills and

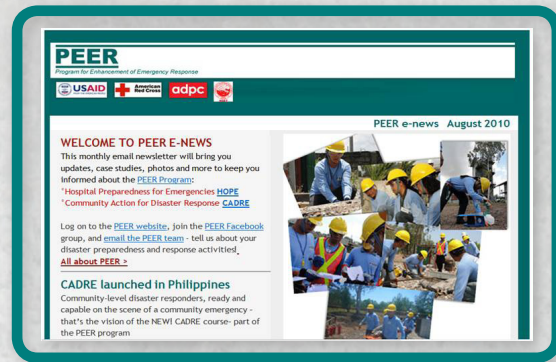


# CADRE Training For Instructors (CADRE TFI)

An important objective for PEER is to replicate CADRE in many vulnerable communities in Asia.

Trained national and community level CADRE Instructors can bring these vital skills to where they are needed most. CADRE Instructors have completed the CADRE course, and fulfilled the requirements for a community trainer. The CADRE TFI course has been developed by ADPC to disseminate training skills, enhance organizational and communication ability and generate leadership – as well as to develop technical knowledge in specific CADRE skills.

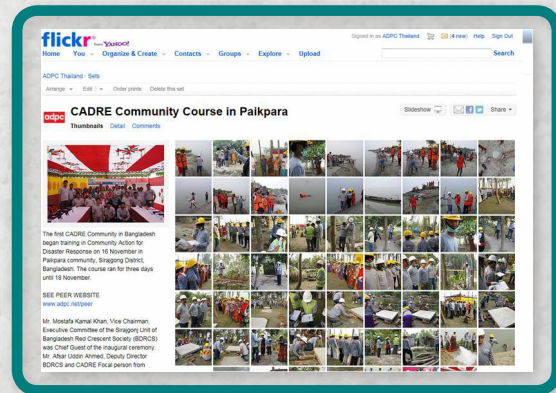
The CADRE TFI Course will be carried out in all PEER countries – thereby establishing CADRE through a wide network of skilled and trained Instructors.



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