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Emergency Response: Typhoon Koppu

Prevention and mitigation is one of the crucial aspects in disaster management. The recent Typhoon Koppu that hit the Philippines, has shown us that good preparedness efforts go a long way in minimising the loss of life and damage.

Despite the tremendous challenges brought forth by disasters, we are reminded that the ASEAN region has come a long way in improving its disaster management efforts. The achievement has not gone unnoticed.

As exemplified by the accomplishments of the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre), the organisation have grown over the past short years and now collaborates with parties and consultants from different corners of the world sharing knowledge and skills. This month, a series of communications workshop was conducted in AHA Centre, facilitated by Ogilvy Public Relations Jakarta as told in our news story.

Mr. Khiam Jin Lee, Head of Corporate Affairs and Programme Division at the AHA Centre further reflects upon AHA Centre's achievements and accomplishments and his road to becoming a key member of the organisation in this month's The Other Side.

In understanding one of the main roles of AHA Centre as a coordinating body for disaster management in the ASEAN region, The Column spoke to Mr. Andy Musaffa, AHA Centre's Disaster Monitoring and Analysis Officer, to learn of the organisation's disaster and risk monitoring steps in our Insights section.

Also covered in this month's The Column, the road to responding to disasters as one for the ASEAN region continues to move forward, leveraging upon its momentum, with the most recent 'One ASEAN, One Response' roadshow held in Cambodia, along with the ASEAN Day for Disaster Management 2015: "ASEAN Resilient as One" also held in Cambodia earlier in the month.

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Sincerely,
The Column Editor

The Column is a monthly news bulletin from the AHA Centre – capturing the latest activities from the organisation.



Affected community in Macarse Barangay, Zaragosa, Nueva, Ecija

ASEAN-ERAT visit affected community in Macarse Barangay, Zaragosa, Nueva, Ecija

Relief items of local DSWD - Zaragosa Municipality

Validation of damage in Zaragoza municipality

Five days after making landfall, flooding is still a critical concern for the Philippines as huge amounts of water brought by Typhoon Koppu (Lando) to the mountains continued to flow down, with flooding in some villages reaching up to three meters high.

The Typhoon began to form in the Pacific Ocean on Tuesday, 13 October 2015, moving westward and continued to intensify as it moved across open waters. It became a major typhoon on Friday, 16 October 2015 and made landfall in Casiguran, Aurora Province, Philippines on 18 October 2015 at 1:00 AM local time (GMT+8) with winds up to 175 kph, and gusts up to 210 kph.

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) reported 479 flooding incidents in Pangasinan, Ilocos Norte, Isabela, Nueva Vizcaya, Nueva Ecija, Tarlac, Bulacan, Pampanga, Zambales, Cagayan, and Benguet. The typhoon is reportedly the deadliest and most destructive typhoon in the Philippines this year.

Based on AHA Centre's Situation Update no. 6, as of 23 October 2015, the typhoon has claimed 46 lives, with 82 people injured, and 5 people missing. Total families affected by the disaster have reached 295,835, with a total of 1,407,805 people affected in Regions I, II, III, IV-A, V, National Capital Region (NCR), and the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR).

President of the Philippines, H.E. Benigno Aquino III, along with key government officials visited Casiguran, Aurora on Thursday to inspect the damages caused by Typhoon Koppu (Lando) and to oversee the distribution of relief goods to the affected families.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Local Government Units (LGUs) have provided assistance worth approximately US\$375,000.

Approximately US\$421 million have also been provided as standby funds by DSWD for Field Offices in Regions I, II, III, IV-A, IV-B, V, NRO, and I.

The international community has praised Government of Philippines' preparedness efforts in reducing the impact of the disaster. The Head of the United Nations' Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), Margareta Wahlström, said that the Government of Philippines' experience in disaster risk management can serve as an example and be adopted by other countries in trying to implement the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

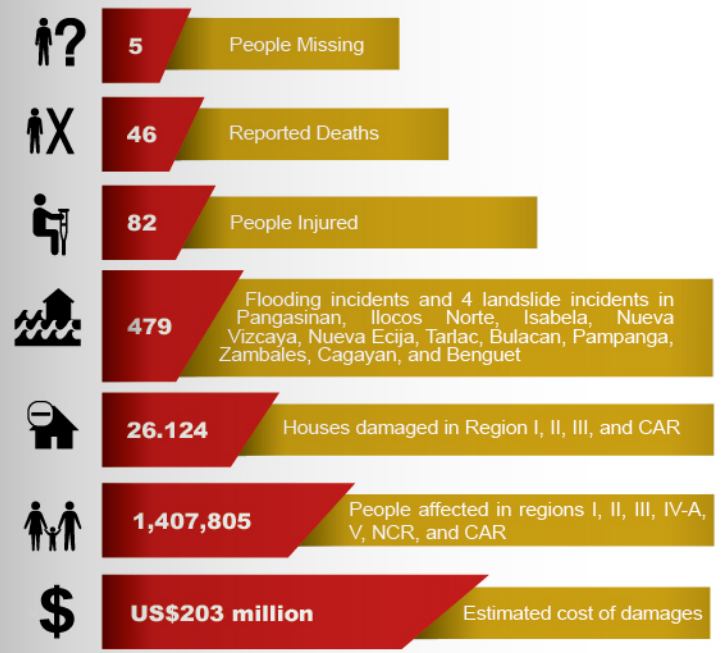
The AHA Centre has deployed three staffs to Manila, Philippines to liaise and coordinate with the NDRRMC. AHA Centre staffs, along with the in-country ASEAN-Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ERAT) are supporting the Government's efforts in carrying out rapid damage and needs assessment, as well as in re-establishing communications. One ASEAN-ERAT member went to Casiguran, Aurora as part of the emergency telecommunications cluster to bridge communication requirements before the networks restoration works are completed. Furthermore, the Disaster Emergency Logistics System for ASEAN (DELSA) and the ASEAN-ERAT have been put on standby as of 23 October 2015, should there be a need to deploy resources to the Philippines. During the time this article is written on 24 October 2015, the emergency response process is still in effect.

As of 10:00 AM on 23 October, Typhoon Koppu, was said to be in a low-pressure area, and is forecasted to bring light to moderate rains, and isolated thunderstorm over the provinces of Ilocos Norte, Apayao, Batanes and Cagayan, including Calayan and Babuyan islands.



Interview with municipality of Zaragosa authority

In Numbers:



(As of 23 October 2015, based on AHA Centre Situation Update no. 6)

NEWS STORY

DELSA 2: Feasibility Studies



The Second Meeting of the National Focal Points of the ASEAN Reference Guide on Recovery

"One ASEAN One Response"

Myanmar Feasibility Study visit with Director-General Soe Aung

Currently, the project of the "Establishment of a Disaster Emergency Logistic System for ASEAN (DELSA)", supported by the Government of Japan through the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) has come close to the final stage of Phase 1 and is entering through its Phase 2. The preparation for the new phase is now in its full swing.

One of the key elements for DELSA Phase 2 is the establishment of the network of satellite warehouses for ASEAN region. The ultimate objective of DELSA Phase 2 project is to ensure and improve efficient response of the AHA Centre to disasters in the ASEAN region. It is expected that satellite warehouses in disaster-prone and selected countries in ASEAN will supplement the existing regional warehouse in Subang operated during DELSA Phase 1 in ensuring quicker availability of emergency relief items that can be deployed and distributed to the affected areas.

AHA Centre has set up the Joint Assessment Team to conduct the feasibility study for identifying suitable satellite warehouses. The team comprises of personnel from the AHA Centre, World Food Program/United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot in Subang, and Independent Japanese Expert - Japanese International Cooperation System (JICS).

The team will take into consideration various important factors while conducting the feasibility study. Some of the key factors are the locations including facilities and infrastructure nearby, the warehouse condition and capacities, the current stock and relief items management, and the internal management and political will of the offering ASEAN Member States. Once the study is completed, the team will conduct the Validation Workshop in UNHRD Subang, Malaysia, where DELSA stock in Phase 1 is pre-positioned, on 13 November 2015. The result from the workshop will be put forward as recommendation to the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management



Myanmar Feasibility Study Visit Director Kyi Tar office

(ACDM) Meeting in Cambodia in December 2015. Up to date, the Joint Assessment Team has conducted the Feasibility Study missions in 3 ASEAN Member States, namely Lao PDR, Thailand and Myanmar.



Lao Feasibility Study Visit debriefing interministerial

The first mission was conducted in Lao PDR from 5-9 October 2015 in Vientiane. During the mission, the team met with the Deputy Director-General of the Social Welfare Department under the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare who also acts as an ACDM focal point of Lao. Before the mission was finished, the inter-ministerial meeting was also conducted to provide initial information about DELSA project to all related Lao national agencies. Among the participants are the representatives from Ministry of Agriculture, Customs Department, National Planning Agency as well as the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment who also serves as the Secretariat of the National Disaster Management Committee of Lao.

The second mission was conducted in Chainat and Prachinburi provinces of Thailand during 12-16 October 2015. During this mission, a representative from Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) Management Team joined the core Joint Assessment Team. The mission was mainly facilitated by the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM) who serves as the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) of Thailand. The team met with Executives of DDPM at both Entry and Exit meetings.

The third mission was in Yangon, Myanmar where the team had the opportunity to discuss the DELSA project with the Head of the NDMO of Myanmar during the mission.

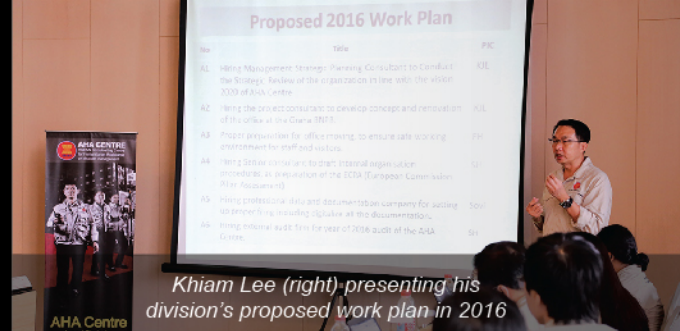
Once visits are concluded, all ACDM focal points and DELSA Project Steering Committee will gather in Subang, Malaysia on 13 November 2015 for the Validation Workshop of the study.

NEWS STORY
The AHA Centre Annual Strategic Planning Workshop for 2016



The AHA Centre Annual Strategic Planning Workshop for 2016

As the AHA Centre continues to progress towards 2016, on 1 October 2015, the AHA Centre conducted its Annual Strategic Planning Workshop for 2016. The event was held in Jakarta and Bogor, discussing and consolidating all of the working programmes to be conducted in 2016, coming from each division of the AHA Centre from Operations, Corporate Affairs and Programme Development (CAPD), ACE Programme, Knowledge and Change Management as well as Communications and Public Relations.



Khiam Lee (right) presenting his division's proposed work plan in 2016

"One of the highlighted programmes from CAPD in 2016 is enhancing the working space and retrofitting the EOC for better operationalization," said Mr. Khiam Jin Lee, the Head of the CAPD. Meanwhile, Rinin Haryani as the ACE Programme Officer is determined to further enhance the curriculum of the training for the third batch next year.

In the workshop, the AHA Centre also initiated its discussion on the 'Vision 2020' where each of the personnel shared their own thoughts on what the organisation should achieve by 2020.

NEWS STORY
Cambodia: One ASEAN, One Response



Group photo taken during the One ASEAN One Response Roadshow

The ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) together with Cambodia's National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM) held the most recent 'One ASEAN, One Response' roadshow in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

The event aimed to socialize the ASEAN's regional mechanisms on disaster management and to introduce the 'One ASEAN, One Response' vision, where ASEAN Member States, along with other relevant sectors and stakeholders take a united effort in responding to disasters.

"One ASEAN, One Response" is the vision where ASEAN is moving forward. It envisions unity and solidarity amongst ten ASEAN Member States. Therefore, we would like to extend our deepest appreciation for the continuous support of all ASEAN Member States, which enable us further in achieving One ASEAN, One Response," said Mr. Said Faisal, AHA Centre's Executive Director during his opening remarks.



Session on the Cambodian disaster management unit

To help achieve the ambitious vision, the AHA Centre visited relevant Cambodian Ministries in Phnom Penh and gave a public lecture at the Phnom Penh International University. The roadshow, which involved stakeholders including relevant Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and the private sector, has been conducted in three ASEAN Member States; Indonesia, Philippines and Thailand since it kicked-off in April 2015.

NEWS STORY
Communications Workshop with Ogilvy Public Relations Jakarta



Communications workshop at the AHA Centre

In an effort to strengthen AHA Centre's positioning internally, a series of communications workshop was conducted in AHA Centre with Ogilvy Public Relations Jakarta as facilitators on 22-23 October 2015.

'BrandShield', the first of these workshops, was delivered by Mr. Vishnu Mahmud, Ogilvy Public Relations Jakarta's Business Director and Crisis Communications Specialist. 'BrandShield' aimed to improve AHA Centre's staffs' understanding about the ASEAN media landscape, and to provide them with the skills and knowledge on how to manage crisis.

AHA Centre staff members learned 10 key principles of 'BrandShield':

1. Planning	6. Support the leader
2. Speed	7. Tone is crucial
3. Perceptions	8. Leverage all channels
4. Centralise information	9. Know media's needs
5. Dedicated team	10. Leverage relations

The second and final communications workshop, 'Spokesmanship', was delivered by Ms. Marianne Admardatine, Managing Director of Ogilvy Public Relations Jakarta and Head of Corporate Communications and Business Development for The Ogilvy Group. The workshop equipped participants with the skills and knowledge on how to influence and tell a story in a way that appeals to the public.



Mr. Vishnu Mahmud, Ogilvy Public Relations Jakarta's Business Director and Crisis Communications Specialist as facilitator

"It was an honour to be able to talk and coach these individuals who work restlessly to shape the disaster management system in the ASEAN region," said Mr. Vishnu Mahmud. "We hope that through these workshops, they would continue to engage with the dynamic and constantly changing media landscape to deliver the most effective communications of AHA Centre's vision of 'One ASEAN, One Response'."

NEWS STORY
ASEAN Day for Disaster Management 2015: "ASEAN Resilient as One"

Organised by the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM), the ASEAN Day for Disaster Management (ADDM) was recently held in Cambodia between 9-10 October 2015 in joint commemoration with the International Day for Disaster Reduction (IDDR) at the Royal University of Phnom Penh (RUPP). The event was opened by His Excellency Ross Sovann, Deputy Secretary General of National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM) and Chair of ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management, and Ms. Adelina Kamal, Head of Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance Division of the Association of Southeast Asian Nation (ASEAN). Mr. Jan Jaap Kleinrensink, Country Director of Plan International Cambodia was also a keynote speaker at the event.

With a sub-theme of 'Working Together as One in Making Children in Schools and Community Resilient to Disasters', both the theme and sub-theme aims to:

1. Raise the ASEAN Community's awareness in regards to the One Community Resilient to Disaster and Climate Change through promoting Comprehensive Safe School Framework;
2. Promote the implementation of Declaration on Institutionalising the Resilience of ASEAN and its Communities and People to Disasters and Climate Change.
3. Promote the One ASEAN One Response vision among the ASEAN Community.

At the discussion on Disaster Resilience, One ASEAN One Response, and Disaster Law as a Foundation for Resilient Development in the ASEAN Region, Mr. Said Faisal, Executive Director of the AHA Centre was a keynote speaker alongside H.E. Ross Sovann, Ms. Adelina Kamal, H.E. Dr. Uy Sam Ath of the Cambodian Red Cross, Mr. Yun Sina of Plan International Cambodia, Ms. Lak Monirasmey of International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (IFRC) in Cambodia, and Ms. Lucia Cipullo of Regional IFRC.

Organised by ACDM annually since 2005, ADDM and IDDR 2015 covered a number of activities including:

1. Drawing competition on "School resilience in disaster and climate change embodying the ASEAN's spirit and aspirations as 'ONE'" for children under 18 years old.
2. Thematic discussion on school safety initiatives, disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, and relevant ASEAN frameworks.
3. Panel discussion hosted by NCDM aimed to raise awareness on disaster resilience, ASEAN school safety initiatives, and the 'One ASEAN One Response' vision.
4. Parade involving thousands of participants in various age categories to reinforce the inclusivity ASEAN as One Resilient Community.
5. Exhibition on DRR involving stakeholders including the United Nations (UN), the private sector, and relevant Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to promote efforts related to disaster risk management and climate change adaptation.

The ADDM is a one of the few annual public outreach activities under the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) Work Programme. This year's event took on the theme of 'ASEAN is Resilient as One', which reinforces ASEAN's joint efforts as One Community to address the interrelated issues of natural disasters and climate change. It is expected that the event will help the ASEAN region to achieve their 'One ASEAN One Response' vision.

INSIGHTS

AHA Centre's Disaster and Risk Monitoring Steps

One of AHA Centre's main roles is to continuously monitor impending disasters in the ASEAN region. Speaking to Mr. Andy Musaffa, Disaster Monitoring and Analysis Officer at the AHA Centre, The Column learned about the organisation's steps in disaster and risk monitoring.

1. Application and Data

Using a specifically-designed application hosted by AHA Centre, aptly named Disaster Monitoring and Response System (DMRS), the organisation monitors information about impending and potential disasters that can potentially impact the region. DMRS helps look at typhoon movements, rainfall intensity and accumulation, earthquakes, and wind movement to name a few. Information from DMRS are combined with data from National Disaster Management Offices (NDMOs) in the region to support the disaster and risk analysis. -

2. Analysis

Information in the first phase are analysed. Disaster Monitoring and Analysis Officers look at the characteristics of the hazard and the disasters based on historical data. Officers also look at the geospatial data and demography to provide them with an idea of the potential scale of impact.

3. Recommendation

If the Disaster Monitoring and Analysis Officer expect the impact of the potential disaster to be big, they will call for a meeting with senior management team of the AHA Centre and recommend turning the status of the organisation from green to yellow, which suggests the preparedness and response planning phase. The decision to turn the alert phase to yellow will be determined during the meeting.

4. Coordination

At the same time, coordination is also made with the respective NDMO staffs to share information and to understand the risk and the potential impact of the disaster, as well as to inform them of AHA Centre's readiness to provide support if requested.

5. Products

Flash updates
Before disasters occur, or at the initial phase the disaster occurs, the Disaster Monitoring and Analysis disseminate 'flash updates', which provides a quick and brief overview of the incoming disaster. Situation updates –a more comprehensive and detailed report about a disaster, including the support and humanitarian assistance from the ASEAN Member States and recommendations.

ADInet
The ADInet provides numerous records of significant disaster event and data in the region.-

Monthly Disaster Outlook
AHA Centre also distributes their 'Monthly Disaster Outlook' through The Column to make comparative analysis to previous years' disaster trends.

THE OTHER SIDE

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Mr. Khiam Jin Lee,
Head of Corporate Affairs and Programme
Division at the AHA Centre

AHA Centre's Head of Corporate Affairs and Programme Division, Mr. Khiam Jin Lee found his calling in the humanitarian field by chance. Speaking to The Column, his passion and belief in the organisation shown through as he envisions AHA Centre to becoming an inter-governmental organisation that employs all ASEAN nationals, truly embodying the spirit of One Vision, One Identity, One Community.

What is your experience so far in regards to the emergency response in AHA Centre?

I would very much like to go to the field, but I have not been able to do that so far. I usually play the role of an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) manager and as a Planning Section Chief to support the field team members. The role allows me to see the bigger picture of the entire cycle of emergency response in accordance with the Incident Command System and Emergency Response Organisation Structure.

What would the scenario be for you in terms of deployment?

I believe if I am deployed, I will be the AHA Centre In-Country Coordination Team Leader, where I am expected to work closely with the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) in times of emergency response. I want the opportunity to speak to the victims of the disasters as I know their suffering from experience. Other than this, I also want to test my knowledge and practice my skills as a certified ASEAN-Emergency Response & Assessment Team (ERAT) member.

Can you share with us some of your proudest achievements and accomplishments as part of the AHA Centre member?

In November 2015, AHA Centre will be celebrating its 4th year anniversary. If without the strategic guidance from the Governing Board Members of the AHA Centre, and the unwavering support from the Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance Division of ASEAN Secretariat, we may not have achieved what we have today. We have successfully raised the profile of AHA Centre as one of the most preferred choice of partners in disaster management in the ASEAN region. This can be seen from the stream of support and cooperation arrangements proposed by ASEAN Dialogue Partners like Australia, China, European Union, Japan, New Zealand and the USA. Our staffs are also multicultural with different professional backgrounds. As the Chief Administrative Officer, I always make sure the human resources as well as financial rules and regulations are in compliance with international best practices.

What is the biggest challenge for you working within the humanitarian field?

At the moment, among my biggest challenges is to leave my family behind in Malaysia to relocate to Indonesia as my job also expects frequent travels. It is not an easy decision but my family has been supporting me, they have faith in me because they know that I am playing a role in advancing the course of the humanitarian assistance of ASEAN. It is a privilege to do that.

What would you like people to know the most about working within the humanitarian field?

Do not be afraid of choosing the right career path, even if it's humanitarian assistance. A good undergraduate working in Economics or Accountancy may be hesitant in working with a civil society organisation or as a humanitarian, not because they don't want to be but because they are not aware of the opportunity. Once they have been exposed to the opportunity, doors will open, and they will be able to contribute their soft and professional skills because the work of humanitarian assistance and disaster management field need various skills, regardless of people's background. But positive attitude and good communication skills are keys for building a successful career in humanitarian assistance. Being a part of this field allows you to contribute in building a safer community – so why not? Furthermore, it's not about profit maximisation, but about giving back to the society.

How did your career begin in the humanitarian field?

It was something that happened by chance, a new career path that was unplanned but for a good reason and at the right time. I began my career in the private sector, and at the age of 32 I relocated to Shanghai to help a company, whose headquarter was in Kuala Lumpur, oversee their investment. When I returned to Malaysia, I began working with several young technopreneurs to establish an information and communications technology (ICT) company, and the company partnered with the United Nations (UN) contributing their products and services to remote areas where their products were needed. When I left, the UN wanted me to join them in their regional office in Bangkok and oversee their Public-Private Partnerships work in ICT in regards to disaster risk reduction (DRR) and sustainable development. From there I worked in the ICT and DRR division.

How did you join the AHA Centre?

I happened to come across AHA Centre and believed it was a good fit, because the vision and mission of this inter-governmental body is close to my heart. As my childhood memory recalls, my family and I lived near a riverbank, in a village where we dealt with a lot of torrential flooding. At a young age, without me realising, I was also a victim of natural disasters. I realise now that there is a calling from within, to remind me where I come from and contribute to this humanitarian cause, so eventually I became a proud member of AHA Centre.

MONTHLY DISASTER OUTLOOK

OCTOBER 2015

One ASEAN One Response



GENERAL OVERVIEW

Natural disaster reports are regularly recorded in the ASEAN Disaster Information Network (ADInet) www.adinet.ahacentre.org. Only significant disasters that satisfy the following criteria are recorded in ADInet:

1. More than 100 people affected
2. Involving more than 1 subdistricts

At least five (5) significant natural disasters were recorded this month. Although the amount is less compared to last month, the impact is much higher. In this month, at least 2,950,000 people were affected due to flooding, landslide and typhoon. The incidents have also claimed 78 lives and caused almost 1 million people displaced. The most significant disaster that occurred this month is the Typhoon Koppu or Lando which struck the northern Philippines. Additionally, flood and landslide also occurred in Myanmar, Viet Nam and Indonesia.

The El-Nino affected the disaster pattern in the region. Commonly in October, the region received more rainfall intensity due to the monsoon. As a consequence, flood dominates the disaster incidents in the last two years. But the drier condition due to the El-Nino has reduced flooding possibilities, particularly in Indonesia and Philippines. Hence, drought was reported in many areas in Indonesia in the last few months. Moreover, the El-Nino have also increased the frequency and intensity of typhoons in the region. We noticed that Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam and Cambodia experienced the effects of storm and typhoon in the last few months, causing loss of lives and damage to properties.

The El-Nino is forecasted to affect the region until early 2016. Though other hydro-meteorological components may also play a role, the risk of drought and typhoon is still present.

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About ASEAN

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was established on 8 August 1967. The Member States of the Association are Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam. The ASEAN Secretariat is based in Jakarta, Indonesia. As set out in the ASEAN Declaration, the aims and purposes of ASEAN among others are to accelerate the economic growth, social progress, cultural development, to promote regional peace and stability as well as to improve active collaboration and cooperation.

About the AHA Centre

The AHA Centre is an inter-governmental organisation established on 17 November 2011, through the signing of the Agreement on the Establishment of the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) by ASEAN Foreign Ministers, witnessed by the ASEAN Heads of States, from 10 ASEAN Member States: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam. The Centre was set-up to facilitate the cooperation and coordination among ASEAN Member States and with the United Nations and international organisations for disaster management and emergency response in the ASEAN region.

About AADMER

The ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) is a legally-binding regional multi-hazard and policy framework for cooperation, coordination, technical assistance and resource mobilisation in all aspects of disaster management in the 10 ASEAN Member States. The objective of AADMER is to provide an effective mechanism to achieve substantial reduction of disaster losses in lives and in social, economic and environmental assets, and to jointly respond to emergencies through concerted national efforts.



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