

# The 27th Meeting of the ACDM and the 3rd Meeting of the Governing Board of the AHA Centre

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## NEWS HIGHLIGHT

# The 27th Meeting of the ACDM and the 3rd Meeting of the Governing Board of the AHA Centre

2016 has finally knocked on our doors. As we embark on a new journey this year, The Column will reflect on some of the important milestone of the AHA Centre last year, packaged on the section "2015: The Year in Review".

Last year we witnessed the growth of a new batch of disaster management leaders in the region through the exclusive AHA Centre Executive Programme in the first half of the year, the completion of the fifth ASEAN-Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ERAT) induction course, participation in the ASEAN Regional Forum – Disaster Relief Exercise (ARF-DiREx) 2015, and also the adoption of One ASEAN One Response during one of the sessions in the 27th Meeting of the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) in Cambodia as it is featured in the news highlight including the 3rd Meeting of the Governing Board of the AHA Centre and other related meetings.

Over the years, the AHA Centre has established itself as the beating heart of disaster response within the ASEAN region, coordinating and facilitating ASEAN Member States to build disaster-resilient region and safer communities. The organisation itself has continuously progressed since its inception in 2011, fully equipped with the latest technology infrastructure and professional expertise from its team.

Looking into the future, the AHA Centre remains confident to perform above and beyond as the coordinating centre for disaster management in the ASEAN region, and to realise the 'One ASEAN One Response' vision as it is reflected in The Column's special section on "Visioning 2016".

We hope you enjoy our first edition in 2016 and may you have a wonderful years ahead.

Lastly, if you wish to share some stories / articles / blogs / comments with us to improve the bulletin, please drop us a message at [comm@ahacentre.org](mailto:comm@ahacentre.org), and we will do the rest.

Sincerely,  
The Column Editor



USEC Pama from the Philippines (left) updating the members of the ACDM Meeting on the Typhoon Melor (Nona) happening in the Philippines at that time



Prime Minister of Cambodia, Samdech Prime Minister HUN SEN officially opens the 3rd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management and 4th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to AADMER

A series of meeting was conducted back-to-back in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, including the 27th Meeting of the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) held on 14 December 2015, and following it the 3rd Meeting of the Governing Board of ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre), the 4th Meeting of the Joint Task Force to Promote Synergy with Other Relevant ASEAN Bodies on Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Relief (HADR), the 4th Meeting of the Conference of Parties to AADMER (COP to AADMER), and the 3rd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM), held between 15-16 December 2015.

The 27th Meeting of the ACDM aimed to review and enhance regional cooperation on disaster management under the framework of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER). In attendance were ACDM Focal Points and their representatives from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam, as well as representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat and the AHA Centre.

Welcoming the ASEAN Delegates and Representatives during the Opening Ceremony of the 27th Meeting of the ACDM and the 3rd Meeting of the Governing Board of the AHA Centre and other related meetings was H.E. Dr. Nhim Vanda, Senior Minister in Charge of Special Mission and First Vice President of the National Committee for Disaster Management of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

During his opening speech, H.E. Nhim Vanda highlighted ASEAN's success in coming together to face challenges that arise from the increasing frequency of disasters, but that they need to become stronger and more unified in order to help people throughout the region. To do so, the region needs to become One ASEAN. In realising this, it is important to finalise the declaration on One ASEAN One Response.

Chair of the ACDM, H.E. Ma Norith, Deputy Secretary-General of the National Committee for Disaster Management of the Kingdom of Cambodia, expressed the importance of intensifying efforts to implement the remaining work under the AADMER Work Programme 2010-2015, and Cambodia's support for the adoption of the declaration on One ASEAN One Response for consideration.

Among the many agendas of the Meeting were:

- Implementation of the AADMER Work Programme and its progress of achievements
- Progress of ASEAN's Assistance for the Recovery of Yolanda-Affected Areas (ARYA)
- Progress of implementation of 'One ASEAN One Response' and the finalisation of the draft declaration on One ASEAN One Response, as well as its operationalisation

One of the highlights of the Meeting was the presentation on the Disaster Emergency Logistic System for ASEAN (DELSA), particular regarding the results of the feasibility study on establishing satellite warehouses in the region.

With the wealth of knowledge and experiences the region possesses, the Meeting agrees to use them to influence regional and global policy discussions on disaster management, promote region-to-region learning, and engage think-tanks as well as academic institutions throughout the region not only to support the effort but also to note ASEAN's accomplishments in the area of disaster management.

Following the 27th Meeting of the ACDM, the 3rd Meeting of the Governing Board of the AHA Centre was held on 15 December in the same venue. The Meeting was Chaired by H.E. Ma Norith and co-chaired by Dr. Raditya Jati, Deputy Director for Disaster Prevention, Indonesian National Disaster Management Authority (BNBP).

Some highlights on the topics discussed in the agenda of the operationalisation of the AHA Centre includes:

- 13 joint emergency response operations have been executed by the AHA Centre to Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar and the Philippines between 2012-2015.
- To better support countries with imminent threats of natural disasters, the AHA Centre have also conducted three preparedness and risk assessment missions.



- The 27th ACDM Meeting
- 3rd AHA Centre Governing Board Meeting
- Chairman of the ACDM and AHA Centre Governing Board - H.E. Ma Norith, Deputy Secretary-General of the National Committee for Disaster Management of the Kingdom of Cambodia
- Secretary-General of ASEAN, H.E. Le Luong Minh delivered opening remarks during the 3rd AMMDM and 4th Meeting of the COP to AADMER

- The second batch of the AHA Centre Executive (ACE) Programme, participated by 16 officers from 8 ASEAN Member States have been successfully completed in August 2015.
- The AHA Centre, together with Brunei Darussalam, are now preparing the 2016 ASEAN Regional Disaster Emergency Response Simulation Exercise (ARDEX).
- The 5th ASEAN-ERAT Induction Course was successfully conducted in mid-year of 2015.
- 'One ASEAN One Response' roadshows have been carried out in a number of capitals of ASEAN Member States throughout the year, namely Jakarta, Indonesia; Manila, Philippines; Bangkok, Thailand; and Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- The Government of Indonesia's continuous support for the AHA Centre by providing the latest infrastructure at the Graha BNPB in East Jakarta.
- AHA Centre's recent signing of the Memorandum of Intent (MoI) with Singapore-based Corporate Citizen Foundation last month in Singapore.

Meanwhile, the 3rd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM) and the 4th Meeting of the Conference of Parties to AADMER (COP to AADMER) was opened by Prime Minister of Cambodia, Samdech Prime Minister HUN SEN, graced by the relevant Ministers from ASEAN Member States as well as the Secretary-General of ASEAN, H.E. Le Luong Minh. One of the highlight of the Meeting was that the Ministers have endorsed the ASEAN Declaration on One ASEAN One Response: ASEAN Responding to Disasters as One in the Region and Outside the Region, for adoption by the ASEAN Leaders at the 28th ASEAN Summit in Lao PDR in 2016. The Declaration is based on the principle of harnessing the individual and collective strengths of different sectors and stakeholders in ASEAN to effectively respond to disasters inside and outside the region.

Overall, ASEAN Member States have shown their continued support for the AHA Centre and their role in coordinating disaster management efforts in the region. The series of meeting on disaster management conducted during the month of December shows the commitment of all ASEAN Member States in realising the 'One ASEAN One Response' vision. With many lessons learned in 2015, it is hoped that the region can continue to share their knowledge and experience to the rest of the world in the coming years.



27th ACDM Meeting Group Photo

## NEWS STORY

# Philippines: Typhoon Melor (Nona)



The AHA Centre's Flash Update reported on 13 December that Typhoon 'Melor' (also known as 'Nona' locally) has developed in the Philippines since 11 December 2015 and continued to gain strength, threatening the central part of the Philippines.

As reported in the AHA Centre's 16 December 2015 Flash Update, the typhoon made its first landfall in Batag, Northern Samar and continued to move westward on 14 December 2015. More landfalls were reported in Sorsogon, Masbate, Romblon and Oriental Mindoro between 14-15 December.

Prior to the landfall, the Government of Philippines conducted pre-emptive evacuation for 742,000 people in Region IV-A, IV-B, V, VII, and VIII.

It was also reported by the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) that a tropical depression entered the Philippines Area of Responsibility (PAR) on 16 December 2015, located about 1,000 km East of Mindanao.

A State of National Calamity declared on 18 December by President of the Philippines, Benigno Aquino III, to aid and accelerate the government's and private's sector's rescue, recovery, relief as well as rehabilitation efforts.

As of 19 December 2015, according to the AHA Centre's Flash Update, Typhoon Melor has finally dissipated, and so has Tropical Depression Onyok, which had weakened into a Low Pressure Area. The weather systems have resulted in disastrous wind and intense rain into some parts of the country, and many places suffered strong winds, floods and landslides.

The AHA Centre's EOC Status has been raised to yellow as of 19 December due to the impact of Typhoon Melor. The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRMC) reported that the disaster have claimed 40 lives, damaged 199,854 houses, and 362,753 people so far have been relocated to evacuation centres in Regions III, IV-A, IV-B and VII as of 21 December. As of the time of writing, the AHA Centre remains heightening its monitoring system and is on fully-standby mode in respect of the Typhoon Melor (Nona).

## NEW MEMBERS

# The AHA Centre Family

	<b>Santy Hendra</b> Finance Coordinator
	<b>Yeny Susilowati</b> Finance Assistant
	<b>Grace Endina</b> Programme Assistant for DELSA
	<b>Malyn Tumonong</b> Senior Disaster Monitoring and Analysis Officer
	<b>Saroj Srisai</b> DELSA Programme Coordinator

# NEWS STORY

## 2015 : The Year in Review



### 1 JANUARY

#### ASEAN – AHA Centre Emergency Response to Malaysia Flood



The AHA Centre activated its DELSA warehouse in Subang, Malaysia in response to flooding that hit several areas in the Malaysian peninsular since the fourth week of December 2014.

### 6 JUNE

#### Fifth ASEAN – Emergency Response and Assessment Team Induction Course



The ASEAN – ERAT, which was established to support ASEAN Member States that are affected by disasters, conducted its fifth induction course in Bogor, Indonesia from 19-29 June 2015.

### 7 JULY

#### Humanitarian Logistics and Supply Training



Second batch of the ACE Programme participants took part in a 3-week training programme on emergency logistics in Jakarta, Indonesia and Subang, Malaysia as supported by the WFP and the United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot, Subang hub.

### 2 FEBRUARY

#### The Second Batch of the AHA Centre Executive (ACE) Programme

The ACE Programme kicked-off the second batch in February. The six-month programme aimed to develop officers from the National Disaster Management Offices (NDMOs) of ASEAN Member States as future leaders of Disaster Management within the ASEAN region through on-the-job training and various other training programmes.

### 3 MARCH

#### Risk, Resilience and Renewal: A Kiwi's Experience on Disaster Management



ACE Programme participants visited New Zealand, one of the most disaster-prone countries in the world, and learned directly from the Christchurch City Council and Civil Defence Emergency Management about the damages and the efforts related to the February 2011 earthquake. ACE Programme participants also heard from the Director of the University of Canterbury's Centre for Risk, Resilience & Renewal (UCR3) regarding crisis leadership to prepare them as future leaders of disaster management.

### 8 AUGUST

#### ASEAN Supports Myanmar Flood Relief Efforts



Torrential rains since the end of June 2015 caused severe flooding in parts of Myanmar and prompted the Government of Myanmar to declare a state of emergency at the beginning of August. ASEAN, through the AHA Centre worked closely with the Government of Myanmar to help respond to the heavy floods.

### 9 SEPTEMBER

#### One ASEAN One Response Roadshow in Thailand



In an effort to socialise the 'One ASEAN One Response' vision, the AHA Centre brought the 'One ASEAN One Response' roadshow abroad to Thailand in the month of September. Whereas the previous roadshow was held in other ASEAN Member States starting from April 2015.

### 4 APRIL

#### 26th ACDM Meeting and 2nd Governing Board Meeting of the AHA Centre

The 26th ACDM meeting was held on the 21 April 2015 in Cambodia where AHA Centre's work in reinforcing the region's capacity to respond to disasters together and build trust with the international community was acknowledged. The meeting was held back-to-back with the 2nd Governing Board Meeting of the AHA Centre, where the AHA Centre was recognised as a symbol of commitment of the ASEAN member States.

### 5 MAY

#### ARF-DiREx 2015



The AHA Centre participated in the ASEAN Regional Forum – Disaster Relief Exercise (ARF-DiREx) in May. The event focused on testing civil-military effectiveness and coordination in responding to large-scale disasters, and synchronise efforts toward supporting the effective implementation of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) as a common platform for disaster management in the region.

### 10 OCTOBER

#### Emergency Response: Typhoon Koppu



The AHA Centre deployed three staffs to Manila, Philippines to liaise and coordinate with Philippines' National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) in response to Typhoon Koppu, which made landfall in Casiguran, Aurora Province in Philippines on 18 October 2015.

### 11 NOVEMBER

#### Post-2015 AADMER Strategic Policy Dialogue



At the start of November, three Secretaries-General of ASEAN, H.E. Le Luong Minh, current Secretary-General of ASEAN, along with former Secretaries-General H.E. Ambassador Ong Keng Yong (2003-2007) and H.E. Dr. Surin Pitsuwan (2008-2012) sat together during the Post-2015 AADMER Strategic Policy Dialogue to share their views on the future shape of ASEAN cooperation on humanitarian action and in building resilient and safer communities in the ASEAN region.

### 12 DECEMBER

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## Visioning 2016

### 5 Five Pivotal Clusters

serves as a basis for AHA Centre's 2016 Work Plan, which together will help achieve the mid-long term objectives of the AHA Centre.

Under these five clusters, numerous projects have been planned and below are the several highlighted activities:

CLUSTER	ACTIVITIES
<b>OPERATIONS</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-ERAT Induction Course
	ASEAN Joint Disaster Response Plan (AJDRP) Finalisation
	ASEAN Disaster Information System (ASSIST)
	'One ASEAN One Response' roadshow
	ARDEX 2016
<b>KNOWLEDGE AND CHANGE MANAGEMENT</b>	Establishment and Capacity Building of ASEAN Military Ready Group (AMRG)
	AHA Centre's Knowledge Repository
<b>CORPORATE AFFAIRS AND PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT</b>	Mobile app: AHA Centre performance tracking tools
	Implementation of SMART Office
<b>AHA CENTRE EXECUTIVE PROGRAMME</b>	AHA Centre 5 and 10-Year Strategic Plan
	Implementation strategy for integrating ERP system into daily operations, 2016/17
	External periodic audit of AHA Centre, Jan-Dec 2015
<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>	ACE Programme Batch 3
	ACE Programme Advanced Course
<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>	THE ACT (The AHA Centre Crisis Communications Training)
	Five to Life – 5th Anniversary of AHA Centre

\* All of the activities above is excerpted from the AHA Centre Annual Work Plan 2016.

On this issue, The Column spoke to Ms. Ferny Hapsari, the AHA Centre's Human Resource and Administration Officer to listen to her personal perspective towards the 8 key competencies of a humanitarian worker:

**1. Flexibility and adaptability**



Due to the uncertainty of the environment humanitarian workers tend to live in, they need to be able to shift from one role to another at any given moment. An Administration and Human Resource Officer may be called upon to help respond to a disaster situation when needed.

**2. Personal integrity**



Being exposed to numerous bureaucratic challenges, it is important that humanitarian worker have strong moral principles and the quality of being truthful, honest, responsible and fair.

**3. Teamwork skills**



Humanitarian work involves working with others, within or outside of the organisation the individual works in. Teamwork skills is essential to be able to achieve the main objective of operation by way of sharing appropriate information and knowledge with relevant partners, and actively participating in the humanitarian efforts at hand.

**4. Communication skills**



During emergency situations, humanitarian workers will need to be able to communicate with stakeholders from different levels of the community. The quality of being able to communicate and establish a clear dialogue is also important when conducting needs assessment.

**5. Accountability**



Due to the rapidly changing environment of the humanitarian field, individuals need to be able to make decisions, and considering the impact the decisions may have, they must demonstrate accountability to relevant stakeholders.

**6. Stress management skills**



Working within a high-pressure environment that changes constantly requires individuals to develop coping mechanisms that allows them to remain productive and constructive under emotional and stressful situations.

**7. Hard skills**



Depending on the role the individual plays, certain hard skills must be met. In the case of AHA Centre, all of its members must participate in a number of mandatory training, namely; Incident Command System, Emergency Response and Assessment Team Training, and the Logistics in Humanitarian training.

**8. Passion**



The humanitarian field is a high-stress environment, with groups of people working against time, therefore it is important that the individual views humanitarian work as something more than just a job, but something the individual values, is interested in, and enthusiastic about.

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THE OTHER SIDE

*Passion, compassion and commitment are a must to serve the humanitarian cause well... As for personal development – 'he who holds the lamp for others, has his own path lighted.'*

Mr. Hassan Ahmad  
Technical Adviser and Executive Director of the Corporate Citizen Foundation (CCF) based in Singapore



Can you share us your journey into becoming the Director of Corporate Citizen Foundation?

I am currently the Technical Adviser and Executive Director of the Corporate Citizen Foundation (CCF), a private sector alliance for regional humanitarian disaster relief and development, launched in October 2014. Within 2 months of its inception, the CCF responded to the super typhoon in the Philippines and massive floods in Malaysia. In April 2015, the CCF and its partners deployed several relief teams to the major earthquake in Nepal. More recently, CCF responded and extended assistance to the massive floods in Chennai.

What is the most rewarding thing about working within the humanitarian field?

The smiles of relief on the faces of the beneficiaries when the aid they received are appropriate to their prevailing needs. Of course, this requires reliable and up-to-date ground intelligence and the ability to adapt to the quick-changing needs at the affected grounds.

Can you share us the most vivid memories or experiences so far you've had working within the humanitarian field?

As the former Executive Director of Mercy Relief (MR), I have had experience with a number of relief missions. One of the most vivid memories was perhaps involving the Tohoku earthquake and tsunami in 2011. The MR team was in Iwate prefecture on the third day from the twin disasters to deliver relief supplies. What the team saw at the evacuation centres was that the displaced victims had established waste sorting systems, using carton boxes, to dispose their wastes. It was an amazing lesson, in that, people going through a traumatising episode, having lost their homes and loved ones, could still have environment care on their minds. We reckoned that waste sorting and environment care are no longer a custom or culture of the Japanese people, but it has sunk under their skins to become their character.

How do you feel the cooperation between Corporate Citizen Foundation and the AHA Centre will help with disaster management within the ASEAN region in the future?

I reckon the AHA Centre – CCF cooperation will help set the tone for greater and more proactive participation of the private sector players. Corporations must go beyond traditional giving in regional disaster management. Beyond monetary donations, there is a ready range of assets, expertise and networks that reside within the private sector domain which are useful for disaster preparedness and acute response. However, resources must be properly coordinated to avoid duplication of their deployments, failing which, would lead to wastage of such resources. Resources are available, but they are not unlimited. Under AADMER, the AHA Centre has the mandate to play this critical role of coordination, and CCF stands ready to further support AHA Centre's strategies.

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Do you have advice for our readers out there who are interested on pursuing career in the humanitarian field?

Passion, compassion and commitment are a must to serve the humanitarian cause well. Objectivity and humility are key to effective learning in regional humanitarian work, given the varying cultures, creeds and customs which formed the psyche of the beneficiary communities we seek to serve effectively. Sincerity must be the compass, so as to avoid any possible distractions. As for personal development – he who holds the lamp for others, has his own path lighted.

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MONTHLY DISASTER OUTLOOK DECEMBER 2015

One ASEAN One Response



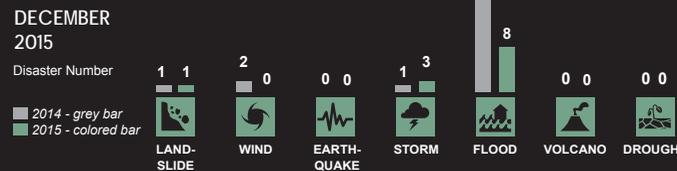
TOTAL DISASTERS PHILIPPINES 1

TOTAL DISASTERS MALAYSIA 4

Affected Houses 211,100  
Affected Population 896,700

TOTAL DISASTERS INDONESIA

341,500 Displaced People  
51 Death  
24 Injured People



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

Twelve significant natural disasters were recorded in December. The most destructive catastrophe is the Typhoon "Melor" or "Nona" which traversed the central part of the Philippines that caused 42 deaths and forced nearly 300,000 people to stay in evacuation centres. At the same time, The Philippines was also hit by the Tropical Depression Onyok and affected by the Northeast Monsoon, which added the exposure to the people living in the northern and southern part of the Philippines. Furthermore in the region, flood and landslide also affected Malaysia and Indonesia as a consequence of the high rainfall intensity over the Malacca Strait. In Malaysia, flood and landslide reportedly affected residents in Sarawak, Johor, Perak and Selangor. While in Indonesia, flood inundated eight districts in the Aceh Province. Hundreds of homes were reportedly submerged and damaged.

In the next period, the Northeast Monsoon may increase the rainfall intensities over the equatorial areas. In the end of January 2016, the monsoonal belt will move to the south, and can bring more rains over Java Island. Some areas may have more rains and experience rain episode which could last for several days, but some may not. Generally, the condition may differ in the sub-region considering that the El-Nino is still influencing the dryness of the region. Nevertheless, understanding the seasonal forecast, the risk of flood and landslide are still present for region, particularly in the areas that receive more rains which include eastern Maritime Continent and over the northern part of Southeast Asia.

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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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