

ASEAN - ERAT

ASEAN-EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND ASSESSMENT TEAM



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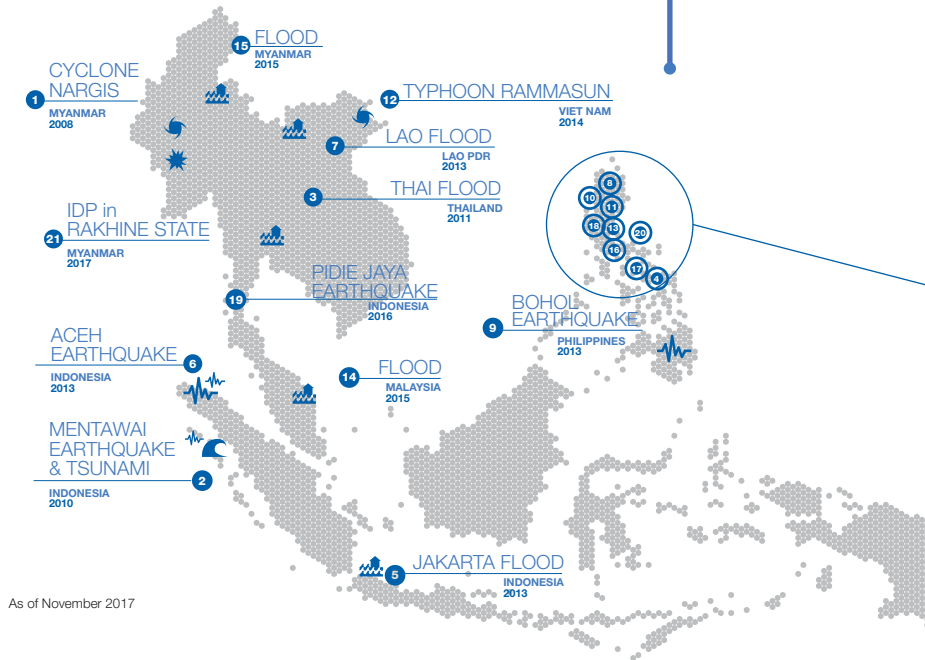
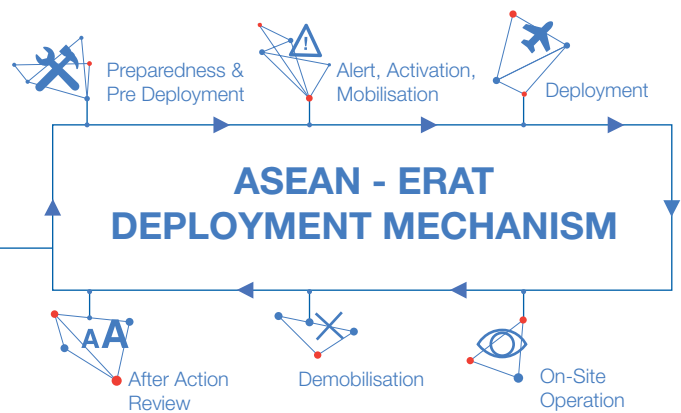
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WHAT IS ASEAN-ERAT?

ASEAN-Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ASEAN-ERAT) is a rapidly deployable response team to support the affected ASEAN Member States during major sudden and slow on-set disasters. The members of ASEAN-ERAT come from ten ASEAN Member States and managed by the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre).

The ASEAN-ERAT is designed to support National Disaster Management Organisation (NDMO) of the affected country during the first phase of disaster emergency at a very short notice. Whenever a disaster occurs in Southeast Asian region, ASEAN-ERAT members are ready to be deployed within eight hours after the emergency alert is activated or based on the request of the NDMO of the affected country. The appointed ASEAN-ERAT members can assist up to 14 days at a time during crisis or for an extendable period - upon the request from the affected country.



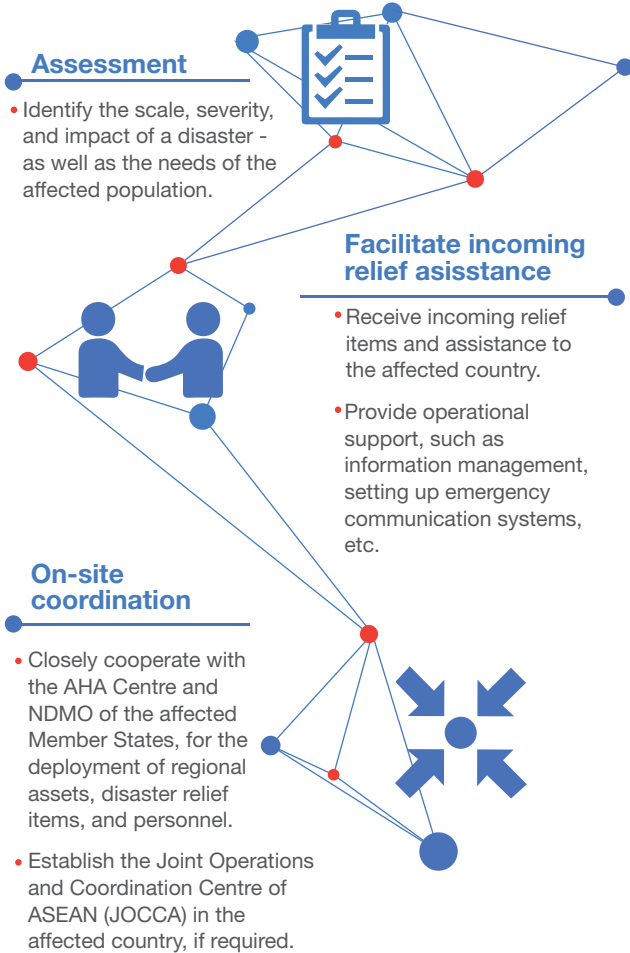
As of November 2017

The establishment of ASEAN-ERAT dated back to 2007, when the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) - which consists of heads of NDMOs of the ten ASEAN Member States - identified the needs for a deployable rapid assessment team in the region. The 2008 Cyclone Nargis in Myanmar marked the first deployment of ASEAN-ERAT. As of November 2017, the AHA Centre has deployed 85 out of 222 members to 21 emergency missions in seven ASEAN countries.



CORE FUNCTIONS OF ASEAN-ERAT

In general, the objective of ASEAN-ERAT is to support the NDMO of the affected ASEAN Member State(s) in conducting the following:



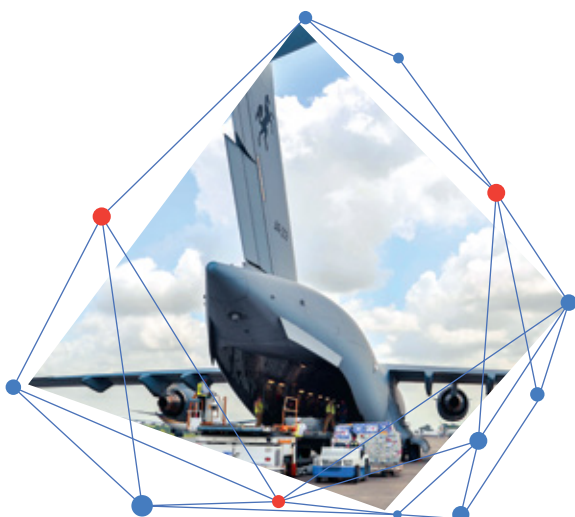
During non-emergency settings, ASEAN-ERAT members can be tasked with preparedness missions, such as developing contingency plan, conducting disaster simulation exercises, and supporting the integration of ASEAN-ERAT mechanism with national responses system across Southeast Asian countries.



RECRUITMENT OF ASEAN-ERAT MEMBERS

ASEAN-ERAT members consist of professionals from NDMOs and other related government authorities, as well as from civil society, Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the private sector, and academia of the ten ASEAN Member States. Despite this broad range of backgrounds and nationalities, when being deployed on a mission, team members come together and bear the identity of ASEAN, representing regional solidarity on the ground.


The recruitment of ASEAN-ERAT members requires each individual to complete a 100-hour induction course, designed to equip participants with skills and knowledge on: research methodologies, information management, logistics, on-site coordination, and emergency telecommunications, among others. Since ASEAN-ERAT members need to be self-sufficient, all resources and facilities for their missions are provided by the AHA Centre, as not to strain the NDMO of the affected country. Furthermore, since 2015, the ASEAN-ERAT Advisory Group was established to periodically advise the AHA Centre in strengthening the ASEAN-ERAT system.



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