



**Asia Pacific Partnership for Disaster Risk Reduction Forum  
Reflection on the Governance for DRR  
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The AADMER Work Programme (AWP) 2021 - 2025 was adopted by the ministers on 27 Nov 2020 during the 8<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM) and the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the AADMER. It aims to build on the progress achieved and to develop a region of resilient nations, which are coordinated in mitigating the effects of disasters in pursuit of safer communities and sustainable development. The ASEAN Secretariat would like to highlight our reflections on governance for DRR.

**a. One ASEAN One Response approach**

ASEAN aims to enhance systems and processes to prepare for, coordinate, and collectively respond to disasters. It focuses on increasing NDMOs preparedness and quality and timeliness of ASEAN response mechanisms towards projecting the value of One ASEAN One Response in speed, scale, and solidarity.

**b. Inclusive approach/leaving no one behind, focusing on the most vulnerable**

It is important that we continue to encourage the representation of women and marginalised groups in its capacity building and global leadership initiatives. ASEAN also will ensure its capacity building programmes serve as a platform to discuss and deepen understanding of gender and social inclusion issues as well as exchange of relevant good practices and new initiatives to reduce vulnerability and enhance resilience. Localisation and ensuring that the capacity for disaster preparedness and responses of the local communities is imperative. The unprecedented impacts of Covid-19 globally. The ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework (ACRF) outline response through the different stages of recovery, by focusing on key sectors and segments of society that are most affected by the pandemic, setting broad strategies and identifying measures for recovery in line with sectoral and regional priorities.

**c. Multi-hazard and transboundary considerations to ensure regional actions**

In the past two decades, the ASEAN region has been affected by several **transboundary** disasters highlighting the real risks of large-scale disasters. ASEAN needs to strengthen its focus on **transboundary risk scenarios** by identifying **risks, vulnerabilities** and **capacities** in dealing with disasters of such scale and magnitude. These risks and as well as those coming from recurring hazards also needs to be communicated sufficiently to different stakeholders and actors especially those in charge of reducing these risks.

**d. Knowledge sharing through ASEAN vision for Global Leaderships in DRR/DM**

The ASEAN vision for Global Leaderships promotes innovation through knowledge creation, policy analysis, and capacity building as crucial steps to produce the next generation of professionals who are proficient and respected as global leaders in disaster management at the regional and global levels. Regional disaster management knowledge should be capitalised as a source of wisdom to buttress ASEAN's capacity building curricula and professionalization framework in demonstrating global leadership.

Finally, we would like to touch upon the importance of diverse sources of financing for DRR as well as the necessity for clear monitoring and evaluation systems to ensure comprehensive implementation and evaluation of DRR strategies. All of these will enable ASEAN to build regional resilience to disasters and climate change and achieve its vision to be global leaders in disaster management.

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For more information on the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management (AADMER), please see <https://asean.org/asean-socio-cultural/asean-agreement-on-disaster-management-and-emergency-response-cop-to-aadmer/aadmer-work-programme/>.

Further information on the ACRF can be accessed <https://asean.org/asean-comprehensive-recovery-framework-implementation-plan/>.

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