UNDERSTANDING THE AHA CENTRE

Changing Regional Coordination

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Disaster Preparedness and Response in Asia and the Pacific – changing dynamics

- Largely middle-income countries – implications for external resourcing and engagement
- Growing capacity/political will among governments to lead, especially with renewed focus from HFA and SFDRR
- Robust legal frameworks for disaster management
- Decreasing likelihood to accept international assistance
- Welcoming rather than requesting assistance
- Increasing involvement/capacity of regional organisations
- International role to augment national/regional capacity
- Identified value-added – speed and volume
Emerging Principles for Response in Asia-Pacific

**National capacity and leadership:**
Governments lead response to crises in their countries in natural disaster settings, but can be overwhelmed in the initial phase.

**Localization of humanitarian response:**
Disaster response is increasingly local and regional in nature, with pressures to become more so. Response is viewed as a progression from local to national to regional to international capacities depending on scale. This is over-simplistic.

**International organizations’ role shifting:**
From responder and provider of direct assistance, to last resort, pass-through mechanisms and technical advisors for disaster response – but not for conflict.

**So, what is the value added of international humanitarian organizations?**
Speed + Volume + Quality for disasters and more traditional principled humanitarian action in man-made situations.
A Solid Foundation for ASEAN-UN Cooperation

• The Hanoi Declaration of 2010 on disaster management;
• The 2011 Comprehensive Partnership between ASEAN and the UN,
• Two prior iterations of the ASEAN-UN Joint Strategic Plan on Disaster Management,
• The ASEAN 2025 Vision – Forging Ahead Together, and
• The ASEAN 2025 Vision on Disaster Management.

• The 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda
• The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction

• The outcomes of the World Humanitarian Summit in May 2016

• The ASEAN-UN Plan of Action – 2016-20
A clear set of principles

- Strategic decisions taken jointly by the ACDM and the UN-RCM’s Technical Working Group
- Programmes and projects to be consistent with the 8 Priority Programmes of the AWP 2016-20, under 4 typologies:
  - Direct support to achievement of ASEAN’s objectives;
  - Alignment of ASEAN and UN efforts or initiatives in related areas where possible and appropriate;
  - Introduction of UN and/or international commitments and priorities into relevant activities under the AADMER Work Programme 2016-2020 where appropriate; and/or
  - Advocacy for ASEAN engagement on initiatives and/or specific regional priorities supported and implemented by the UN that is in line with ASEAN’s priorities.
- Operational-level activities to be discussed with concerned ACDM Working Group or with the relevant UN agency(ies).
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