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2021 Regional Humanitarian Partnership Week

Building a more Inclusive Humanitarian Ecosystem (Virtual)

January 31~February 4, 2022

Concept note

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1. Background

- At the 2020 Humanitarian Partnership Events we asked the question: “what will the future of humanitarianism look like in the Asia-Pacific region over the next decade?”
- We documented what you said and this year we want to take the conversation further. Drawing on the report recommendations we heard the need to have a more inclusive humanitarian system that is able to better address the changes we are seeing in our region from climate change, cascading risks, complex emergencies and improved partnerships.
- See below for the recordings and reports of the outcomes.
- Recordings ([click here](#)).
- Outcome report ([click here](#)).

Expected outcomes of the event:

1. Showcase diverse views, understanding and analysis from different stakeholders in the AP region based on their own contexts and expertise.
2. Catalyse plan for actions and commitments to advance the various priority areas and inform regional actions moving forward.
3. Exchange information on resources, events or initiatives that other stakeholders may be interested to join or support in 2022.

2. Registration

Registration: [Click here](#)

Event webpage: TBC



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3. Expectation of session participants

All sessions listed below will be highly interactive. You can anticipate that your participation will be highly encouraged in both verbal and written form in a Zoom Meeting plenary and/or breakout rooms using the chat function, a shared document, or with your microphone. We recognize that English is not everyone's first language and that during the session, if you feel more comfortable contributing in writing in another language, you are welcome to do so, and your contribution will be acknowledged and saved.

We will be sharing more details about each session's agenda and format in the coming days.

4. Support

Organizing team:

- ADRRN - Takeshi Komino: t.komino@cwsjapan.org
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Organizing support team:

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Day 1 - An Inclusive Humanitarian Ecosystem

Date: January 31th, 2022

Time: 10:30 - 12:00 BKK Time (GMT +7)*

Venue: Via Zoom. Click [here](#) to join OR Enter the meeting ID and password on zoom.us/join

Meeting ID: 868 0853 7648

Passcode: 006465

Background

Many of those responding in the Asia Pacific may not identify as humanitarian, yet they respond to the crises facing their communities from earthquakes to Pandemics and conflict. They make sure communities like youth, LGBTIQ, and/or people living with disabilities are not left behind.

The session will aim at tackling the following questions:

- What can we do to build a more inclusive humanitarian system in Asia, that is based on demand and not supply?
- Are there examples that you would like to share of how to build an inclusive, whole of society humanitarian approach?
- How are you identifying who are the key responders?
- How are you navigating the challenges?

Expected outcomes of the session:

- Enhanced understanding of humanitarians that are not part of the current humanitarian system, as well as how we can better link to them.
- A range of best practices and tools for inclusivity has been identified.
- Synergies and collaboration opportunities are identified for further actions.

Speakers

Facilitator: Josie Flint (jflint@hag.org.au) and Eranda Wijewickrama (eranda@hag.org.au), Humanitarian Advisory Group

Session Leader: Takeshi Komino, t.komino@cwsjapan.org



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Day 2 - Linking Humanitarian Action, DRR and Resilience Work in the context of the climate crisis

Date: February 1st, 2022

Time: 10:30 - 12:00 BKK Time (GMT +7)*

Venue: Via Zoom. Click [here](#) to join OR Enter the meeting ID and password on zoom.us/join

Meeting ID: 868 0853 7648

Passcode: 006465

Background

The humanitarian system is “a \$25bn industry trying to deal with a \$trillion problem”. As the most disaster-prone region in the world, there is the need to ensure humanitarians operating in Asia-Pacific are working smartly and effectively, and making the most efficient use of limited resources within the context of growing needs brought about by climate change and ever more complex and protracted crises.

The session will aim to tackle the following questions:

- How can we better prepare for and respond to the compound and transboundary effects of climate change and protracted crises? Are our preparedness tools and mechanisms fit for purpose in the new normal, and how can we ensure that a more diverse set of actors are meaningfully engaged?
- Focusing on the most vulnerable communities or persons as the specific “nexus” between humanitarian and development work, what more can we do to ensure a more accurate, collective understanding of vulnerability?
- How are forecast-based tools and anticipatory action being effectively used to strengthen the humanitarian-development nexus, and to respond to the threats presented by the climate crisis?
- How must coordination structures and financing mechanisms adapt to the challenges posed by the climate crisis, including creating a more holistic financing approach that focuses on resilience and DRR as well as humanitarian action?

Expected outcomes of the session:

- Case studies of recent usage of preparedness tools and mechanisms have been shared.
- A list of undertakable collective actions to ensure a more accurate, collective understanding of vulnerability has been identified.

Speakers

Facilitator: Oliver Lacey-Hall, oliver.hall@thepalladiumgroup.com

Session Leader: Helen Mould, mould@un.org



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Day 3 - Humanitarian Financing- Thinking outside the box

Date: February 2nd, 2022

Time: 10:30 - 12:00 BKK Time (GMT +7)*

Venue: Via Zoom. Click [here](#) to join OR Enter the meeting ID and password on zoom.us/join

Meeting ID: 868 0853 7648

Passcode: 006465

Background

The growing humanitarian needs and frequency of crisis, compounded by the pandemic have put even more strain on an already stretched humanitarian system. Within Asia Pacific, many appeals are often not fully funded and the frequency and often layered nature of crisis mean that capacity to address these crises at the national level are being seriously challenged. The situation requires us to explore ways to innovate and diversify funding sources to meet humanitarian needs.

The Grand Bargain 1.0 also highlighted the need to ensure funds can reach local responders more directly and support local leadership- the continued emphasis on this in Grand Bargain 2.0 highlights that there is more progress here that needs to be made.

The session will aim at tackling the following questions:

- how can we improve resource mobilization for crises in the region, particularly natural hazards? Share examples of how this is being done?
- What efforts are being taken to make funds more direct, flexible and accessible, particularly to local responders, and what challenges remain? How can we collectively address these better?

Expected outcomes of the session:

- Sharing of various funding models and practices to support humanitarian action, particularly local actors.
- Understand areas where more efforts in the region are needed.

Speakers

Facilitator: Firzan (APAD Sri Lanka)

Session Leader: ICVA - Keya Saha-Chaudhury: keya.sahachaudhury@icvanetwork.org



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Day 4 - Protection in the Asia Pacific

Date: February 3rd, 2022

Time: 10:30 - 12:00 BKK Time (GMT +7)*

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Meeting ID: 868 0853 7648

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Background

As humanitarian needs grow so do protection concerns. Conflict, climate and political induced crisis, food shortages and the socioeconomic impact of covid-19 has put many at risk, particularly marginalized people, often resulting in negative coping actions. The protection needs of affected people are compounded by the challenges many humanitarian organizations face in trying to provide support. From issues of humanitarian access, shrinking NGO and civil society space, staff safety, restrictive government policies and practices, ensuring the centrality of protection requires ongoing and proactive efforts.

The session will aim to tackle the following questions centred around three overarching themes:

Challenges and gaps in meeting protection needs

- What is hindering our ability in the Asia Pacific to effectively meet the protection needs of affected people in humanitarian settings, particularly the most vulnerable? (word cloud)

Opportunities - good practices, initiatives and emerging models of addressing challenges/bridging gaps

- How can we improve protection outcomes for affected people, particularly vulnerable people? e.g. of what is being done.
- How do we ensure that humanitarian response and efforts respond to community feedback to improve our responses? Who do we need to engage with?

Who should the humanitarian sector be working with more to better promote the protection of affected people? e.g. of impact?

Expected outcomes of the session:

- Build a common understanding of protection gaps and challenges in the region.
- Highlighting ongoing and emerging initiatives.
- Identification of activities (individual/collective) to better support accountability to affected people.

Speakers

Facilitator: TBC

Session Leader: ICVA - Keya Saha-Chaudhury, keya.sahachaudhury@icvanetwork.org; Husni, husni.husni@un.org



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Day 5 - Understanding Risk

Date: February 4th, 2022

Time: 10:30 - 12:00 BKK Time (GMT +7)*

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Background

A preparedness and response approach which looks at single hazards will not help address the needs in our region. Last year we saw how inequality, the pandemic compounded the impacts of natural hazards and conflict in the region. We also saw communities interpret risk differently- having to weigh social distancing vs livelihoods and food insecurity.

Key outcomes or actions recommended from previous conversations that sets up this session:

We have learned the hard lessons that Risk forecasting and analysis should take account of the systemic and intersectional nature of risks, which when compounded, multiplies the impact of any standalone risk. Therefore, we want to ensure henceforth that:

- Local leaders, organizations, women's groups and mutual aid groups, who are traditionally not included in the humanitarian sector, must be part of the risk analysis and planning to effectively identify risk mitigation and management strategies.
- Risk analysis should be effectively communicated to communities so as to support early action.
- Risk analysis should be informed by multi-sectoral evidence which accounts for both the causes of hazards and the factors which affect communities' responses to them.
- Preparedness and contingency planning should consider the psychological impact of crisis.
- There should be Invest more investment in monitoring systems without violating privacy and individual rights (Do no harm).

The session will aim at tackling the following questions:

- How can we understand risk in a way that helps us design our humanitarian programs more effectively?
- What tools exist?
- How do we involve communities in understanding risk?

Expected outcomes of the session:

- Possible community-based solutions for risk to resilience are identified.
- Opportunities for risk informed development pathways are identified.
- Enhanced understanding of imminent/pressing risks that surrounds us, and the collaborative ways to understand better become a clear.

Speakers

Facilitator: Manu Gupta, Seeds India (TBD)

Session Leader: Takeshi Komino, t.komino@cwsjapan.org



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Networking and Marketplace (30 minutes after each day)

Date: January 31 - February 4, 2022

Time: 12:00 - 12:30 BKK Time (GMT +7)*

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Background

To wrap up each day's proceedings, we will hold an open space session that will be scheduled for 30 minutes, but can remain open and unfacilitated for up to an hour as conversations continue.

The content of the session will largely be audience driven through the format of offering challenges, solutions, and questions.

Beginning with a plenary session, the group will progressively break off into smaller groups where interest lies to discuss the offerings presented by participants on a first come first serve basis. Participants can choose to move between breakout sessions as they desire throughout the time that the session is open.

The session will aim to offer the following to participants:

- An opportunity for participants to individually offer:
 - **A challenge** that they are facing that they would like to discuss further with others in the room who may have a perspective or pathway to a solution
 - **A solution** that they have created for a specific context or situation that they'd like to explain more and answer questions posed by other interested participants
 - **A question** that they would like to discuss further openly with other interested participants
- An opportunity to meet and network with other participants

Expected outcomes of the session:

- Connections to other participants.
- Documentation of challenges, solutions, and questions faced by the group.

Speakers

Facilitator: Hermes Huang, Alexandre Gosselin, or Patrick Tiongson from InsightPact

Session Leader: Hermes Huang, hermes@insightpact.com



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Agenda

Activity

Plenary - Sourcing challenges, solutions, and questions

The facilitator will ask participants willing to do so to pitch a challenge, solution, or question to the entire group*. A breakout room will then be created for that offer and participants willing to contribute to this topic will have the opportunity to move to this breakout room.

*Participants who offer a challenge, solution, or question are committing to guiding the discussion, sharing their perspective to start the conversation, and answering questions to clarify further.

Breakout Rooms - Discussing the challenges, solutions, and questions

Once breakout rooms are created, participants are free to move between breakout rooms as desired.

The technical team will provide support to participants to move between rooms as needed.

When an offeror would like to end a discussion, they are welcome to do so when their question has been answered, or when the conversation has naturally ended.

Plenary (while breakout rooms are open) - adjusting offerings dynamically

Participants are able to go into the plenary as needed, if another topic or offering arises, we will be able to create a new breakout room in real-time for them to create a space for that discussion. An announcement will be made, so that others can decide to enter that room if they would like to.

At the end of the 30 minutes

If there are still active conversations, the Zoom session can remain open, but there will no longer be facilitated guidance for the session. Participants are welcome to create their own rooms as needed.



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How to Participate in the Event

1. General information as a participant

For this event, we will be using Zoom Meetings, which is the same version of Zoom that you might have used for a daily meeting, or in a call with a partner.

2. Joining the event

You can refer to the links and session information below for your participation in the event.

3. Agenda

Date & Time (GMT +7)	Session	Zoom Instructions
31st January, 2022 10:30 - 12:30	Day 1 - An Inclusive Humanitarian Ecosystem	Click here to join OR Enter the meeting ID and password on zoom.us/join Meeting ID: 868 0853 7648 Passcode: 006465
1st February, 2022 10:30 - 12:30	Day 2 - Linking Climate Change, Humanitarian Action, DRR and Resilience Work	
2nd February, 2022 10:30 - 12:30	Day 3 - Humanitarian Financing	
3rd February, 2022 10:30 - 12:30	Day 4 - Protection in the Asia Pacific	
4th February, 2022 10:30 - 12:30	Day 5 - Understanding Risk	

4. Control panel in Zoom



From left to right:

- Microphone/Audio** - you will need to click this to enable or disable your audio.
- Video** - you will need to click this button to enable or disable your video.
- Participants** - this will allow you to view all people participating in the meeting.
- Chat** - this will allow you to chat with other participants.
- Raise Hand** - Using this function, you can let the facilitator know you would like to take the floor.

5. Technical support provided

Please inform Hermes Huang (hermes@insightpact.com), the lead of the technical facilitation team from InsightPact, CC-ing at asiaevent@icvanetwork.org, if you have further questions.