The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) consists of 10 countries with 600 million people. Every year, on average, the ASEAN region experiences losses related to natural disasters estimated at US$ 4.4 billion*.

* Source: Advancing Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance in ASEAN Countries, World Bank, GFDRR, ASEAN, and UNISDR
Providing the momentum for the development of an ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER)

Testing ASEAN’s solidarity and relevance as a regional grouping

2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami

2008 Cyclone Nargis

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To have a more united and coordinated responses toward disaster within the region, ASEAN Foreign Ministers signed AADMER on 26 July 2005

Signed in July 2005, ratified by all ten countries in ASEAN, entered into force on 24 December 2009

Objective: Reduce disaster losses in ASEAN region, and jointly respond to disaster emergencies

A legal framework for all ASEAN Member States and serves as a common platform in responding to disasters within ASEAN

A comprehensive agreement that covers various aspects of Disaster Management such as: Disaster Risk Identification, Assessment & Monitoring; Disaster Prevention and Mitigation; Disaster Preparedness; Emergency Response; Rehabilitation; Technical Cooperation & Scientific Research

ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance (AHA Centre) as the operational coordination body and engine of AADMER

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To translate the visions of the AADMER into actions, the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) has developed the AADMER Work Programme (2010-2015).

Components of AADMER Work Programme

- Introduction and Guiding Principle
- Risk Assessment, Monitoring and Early Warning
- Prevention and Mitigation
- Preparedness and Response
- Recovery and Rehabilitation
- Institutionalization of AADMER
- Partnership
- Resource Mobilisation
- Outreach and mainstreaming
- Training and Knowledge Management
- Monitoring and Evaluation

- Translate legal framework into actions and designed as a rolling plan
- Institutionalise experience from other disasters and recent developments
- Consist of Outcome, Outputs, Activities, Responsible Parties, Timeline, Milestone
- Include Implementation and Monitoring Arrangements

ASEAN leaders in several ASEAN Summits reiterated that AADMER is the common platform for disaster management in ASEAN

“... We also encourage the various sectors and mechanisms related to disaster management in ASEAN, including those under ASEAN + 1, ASEAN + 3, East Asia Summit and ASEAN Regional Forum, to synchronise their policies using AADMER as the common platform to ensure the principles of ASEAN Centrality...”

“... We emphasized the importance of using existing mechanisms, in particular the Conference of the Parties (COP) under the AADMER, the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) and the AHA Centre, as the coordinating platform and cooperation arrangement for disaster management...”

“...We also encouraged the various mechanisms related to disaster management in ASEAN to synchronise their activities and policies using the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) as the common platform for disaster management...”
To operationalize AADMEER, ASEAN also established ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre)

The AHA Centre shall be established for the purpose of facilitating co-operation and co-ordination among the parties, and with relevant United Nations and international organisations, in promoting regional collaboration (AADMER article 20.1 and Agreement on the establishment of AHA Centre Article 3.1)

The AHA Centre shall work on the basis that the Party will act first to manage and respond to disasters. In the event that the Party requires assistance to cope with such situation, in addition to direct request to any Assisting Entity, it may seek assistance from the AHA Centre to facilitate such request (AADMER article 20.2 Agreement on the establishment of AHA Centre Article 3.2)

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The ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) is the founding fathers of AHA Centre and serves as the Governing Board of the AHA Centre

and the ASEAN Secretariat as the Secretariat to the ACDM
Although the AHA Centre established as a separate entity from the ASEAN Secretariat, both organisations work closely together.

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AADMER also requires the development of an effective Standard Operating Procedure for Regional Standby Arrangements and coordination of joint disaster relief and emergency response operation (SASOP)

- Guides and templates to initiate the establishment of the ASEAN Standby Arrangements for Disaster Relief and Emergency Response
- Procedures for joint disaster relief and emergency response operations
- Procedures for the facilitation and utilisation of military and civilian assets and capacities, (personnel, transportation and communication equipment, facilities, good and services, and the facilitation of their trans-boundary movement)
- Methodology for the periodic conduct of the ASEAN regional disaster emergency response simulation exercises (ARDEX) which shall test the effectiveness of this procedures

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And.. the AHA Centre is also tasked to perform most of the aspects under SASOP

**NOTIFICATION OF DISASTER**
- The AHA Centre to analyse the initial report and notify other Party/Entity of the disaster
- The AHA Centre to analyse each Situation Report and immediately notify the other party/entity of the significant developments (a) periodically or (b) by 10:00 am (Jakarta time)

**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE**
- The AHA Centre to forward the request to other party/entity
- The AHA Centre will explore other possible assistance

**OFFER OF ASSISTANCE**
The AHA Centre to forward the offer to the receiving Party

**DISASTER SITUATION UPDATE**
The AHA Centre to receive report within 24 to 48 hours of arrival of assistance at disaster site

**JOINT ASSESSMENT OF REQUIRED ASSISTANCE**
- The AHA Centre to facilitate mobilisation of ERAT
- The AHA Centre to receive updates on any plans and findings of joint assessment
- The AHA Centre to receive copy of the Contractual Agreement for Assistance

**MOBILISATION OF ASSETS AND CAPACITIES**
The AHA Centre to facilitate the processing of exemption for provision of assistance and facilities, transit of personnel and equipment

**DEMOBILISATION OF ASSISTANCE AND REPORTING**
The AHA Centre to receive and update of this development
The AHA Centre to be received within 2 weeks of departure from the affected country

Currently AHA Centre is focusing on two main areas

1. **DISASTER MONITORING**
2. **PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE**
Disaster Monitoring and Response System (DMRS) is a customised multi-hazard monitoring system which has built-in disaster-alert functions.

ASEAN Disaster Information Network (ADInet) provides regional disaster monitoring overview on a daily basis, which can be accessed through http://adinet.ahacentre.org.
From January to December 2013, ADInet recorded 307 natural disasters in which almost 60 percent of disasters in ASEAN region were caused by flood.

In the event of initial disaster occurrence or potentially emerging disaster, AHA Centre provides flash update to give a quick overview of the situation.

- One page overview of information on a potentially emerging disaster or initial event of a disaster
- Distributed immediately to National Focal Points of ASEAN National Disaster Management Offices
- The flash update also disseminated to Dialogues Partners, international organisation and other interested parties and also published in social media.
AHA Centre also provides weekly regional disaster update to give a snapshot of regional disaster information

- Issued every Monday by 14.00 GMT+7 to ASEAN NDMO, Dialogue partners, International Organisations and other interested parties
- Provide collected information on disaster occurrences in the region that occur in one week for the period of Monday to Sunday
- Information provided are linked to the ADInet

.. and also Monthly Disaster Outlook..

Regional Summary

- 62 thousand affected people
- 16 deaths
- 38 affected agricultural plots
- 11 affected buildings
- 506 affected trucks

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NEARLY 15 MILLION*
PEOPLE AFFECTED BY TYPHON HANNAI, ONE OF THE STRONGEST RECORDED TYPHONS, WHICH HIT PHILIPPINES, VIETNAM AND THAILAND ON 4 NOVEMBER 2013 WITH TREMENDOUS OUTSTRETCHING DAMAGED UP TO 35 BILLION$$

*Est: 250,000 people being evacuated in Vietnam
AHA Centre also disseminate disaster information and AHA Centre activities through social media such as Facebook and twitter.

In responding to disaster, AHA Centre uses SASOP as its main reference.
... Emergency Situation updates were issued through SASOP Form 2

...and also facilitating the offer of assistance from an ASEAN country to the affected country using FORM 4 of SASOP (Offer of Assistance) during Typhoon Bopha last year
To support the affected country in the initial phases of a disaster emergency, ASEAN established the ASEAN-Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ASEAN-ERAT)

1. Conduct rapid assessments
2. Coordinate with the AHA Centre for the mobilization, response and deployment of regional disaster management assets
3. Facilitate incoming relief assistance from ASEAN Member State

90 Members trained from 10 ASEAN Member States and 4 ASEAN ERAT Induction course conducted

10 ASEAN ERAT Missions in 5 Countries in ASEAN with 40 members deployed

ASEAN ERAT Missions

9 ERAT Missions in 4 Countries

37 Members Deployed

Number ASEAN-ERAT missions by disaster type

ASEAN-ERAT Member Deployment Trend
ASEAN ERAT Training and Deployment

1st ERAT Deployment in Cyclone Nargis, 2008

ERAT Deployment in Thailand Flood 2011

ERAT Deployment in BOPHA Typhoon, 2012

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DISASTER EMERGENCY LOGISTIC SYSTEM ASEAN, SUBANG - MALAYSIA

ASEAN Stockpile in UNHRD Warehouse

Mobile Storage Unit (MSU)

Generators

Family Tent

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ASEAN Regional Disaster Emergency Response Simulation Exercise (ARDEX)
The Scenario of ARDEX-13 is Super Typhoon ‘Neptune’ struck Hanoi, Viet Nam and made large scale damage

- AHA Centre co-organized the ARDEX-13 with the Viet Nam Government – The last ARDEX was held in 2008, Thailand
- AHA Centre set up the ASEAN Coordinating Centre, represented at the Multi-national Command Centre and performed the task as Deputy Chief Referee
- The first ASEAN ERAT Refresher Course is conducted coincide with ARDEX

AHA Centre is also utilising WebEOC to communicate information to all ASEAN Member States so information can be disseminated timely
For the past 3 years, AHA Centre has responded to more than 10 disasters in the regions.

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The AHA Centre is also organising the AHA Centre Executive (ACE) Programme which aims to prepare the future leaders of disaster management in ASEAN.

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

1. Working at AHA Centre
2. Specialised Training and Skills Enhancement
3. Leaders Talk
4. On the Ground Deployment During Disaster Situation
5. Study Visit to Japan
6. Developing Regional Networks
7. Special Project Assignments
8. Understanding How International Humanitarian System Works
9. Learning from Each Other
10. Writing Vision and strategy on Disaster Management

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Institutional Set Up

- Agreement signed
- Governing board is in place
- Agreed contribution released and made available by Member States to AHA Centre
- Staff of AHA Centre recruited and in place
- Office and supporting facilities are available
- Work Plan, Procedures, Manuals, Guidelines are available

Institutional Strengthening

- Capacity building for AHA Centre
- Strengthening connection with Member States
- Establishing partnership with similar regional organisation to shorten learning curve
- Awareness building at regional and international level
- Continuous partnership with donors and partners
- Testing procedures and improve accordingly
- Establish linkage with relevant sectors in ASEAN

Institutional Stability

- Review performance, functions and operation
- Set new vision for the next level

Moving forward, turning challenges into opportunities: “ONE ASEAN.ONE RESPONSE” towards ASEAN responding as one, inside the region and outside the region

2011-2014

- Operationalisation
  - Set up and operationalise AHA Centre

2015-2020 and beyond

- Establish and operationalise coordination mechanism with relevant mechanisms in ASEAN such as East Asia Summit (EAS) to respond to disasters in the ASEAN region
- AHA Centre to facilitate the ASEAN's response outside the region

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