

Regional Lessons Learned Workshop on 20 years of DIPECHO Actions in Southeast Asia

Background

The European Commission's department for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) has been contributing and investing in DRR and preparedness projects over the last decades both in terms of funding and activities. DG ECHO initiated DIPECHO (Disaster Preparedness ECHO) programme in 1996 with the key goal to increase communities' resilience and reduce their vulnerability. In turn, communities at risk could be better prepared for and protect themselves against various shocks and stresses, including disasters triggered by natural hazards, conflict, economic crisis etc.. Over the past 20 years, support given by DIPECHO has generated significant impacts in disaster risk reduction and in community-based disaster risk reduction (CBDRR) which resulted in the protection of lives and livelihoods by helping communities and institutions to be better prepared to face disaster risks while promoting disaster preparedness in national and regional frameworks and agendas.

Objective

Conduct a 2-day regional workshop to identify the lessons learned, challenges, achievements, and define recommendations on the ways forward to continue building resilience in Southeast Asia.

Specific objective 1: Share the results of the study on the two decades of DIPECHO contributions to Disaster Risk Reduction in Southeast Asia in relation to the thematic areas covered:

- Sharing of selected good practices, achievements from key partners and stakeholders;
- Sharing of lessons learned, challenges and gaps based on the good practices from key partners and stakeholders.

Specific Objective 2: Discussion of recommendations and the ways forward on how the region could continue to build on the work that DIPECHO has accomplished.

- This objective seeks to advocate for donors and decision makers among targeted countries to explore ways to identify priority actions, advocacy messages and continue investing in the outputs of DIPECHO's progress in Southeast Asia to address the challenges and gaps.

Rationale

The impact of disasters has changed in Southeast Asia in the past few decades. DIPECHO partners, local community, civil society organizations (CSOs), and national and sub-national governments, including regional institutions have developed various coping capacities. As a result of DIPECHO's support, significant achievements have been made in disaster risk reduction (DRR) in Southeast Asia in the past 20 years. In this backdrop, a study has been developed to capture the extent of DIPECHO contributions in the evolution of DRR in the region which draws out good practices

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and achievements as well as challenges and key lessons learned. The study seeks to provide concrete recommendations for future DRR on how various players can continue to improve coping capacity in the government, CSOs, and at the local level, in-line with regional and global frameworks such as the new AADMER Work Plan and in support for the implementation of the Sendai Framework. The study will be presented during this proposed Regional Lessons Learned Workshop of ECHO Partners.

Expected outcomes

The workshop is expected to generate 2 key outcomes:

Outcome 1: Final list of good practices and achievements as well as related challenges, lessons and gaps in Southeast Asia confirmed and verified by partners.

Outcome 2: Documentation of the recommendations to build on DRR in Southeast Asia, which includes priority actions, advocacy messages and strategies to enhance the investment in DRR in the region.

Tentative Dates and Location

December 07 – 08, 2017

Bangkok, Thailand

Total Estimated Participants

30 - 35 Participants on Day 1 consisting of DIPECHO regional and national partners, local government and national government stakeholders. Day 2 with additional participants from key donors supporting DRR and resilience work in Southeast Asia.

Day 1: Agenda

Participants on Day-1 are composed of DIPECHO national and regional implementing partners. The objective of Day-1 is to finalize the documentation of good practices and achievements in Southeast Asia, which are confirmed and verified by the partners and key stakeholders. The session will also help document lessons, challenges and gaps, essentially covering the five identified themes.

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- AM
- Inaugural session and introduction of participants
 - Background and introduction of the workshop
 - Introduction of objectives and expected outputs
 - Presentation of the study outputs
 - Methodology
 - Selected thematic areas and selection criteria for good practices
 - Presentation of good practices, regional achievements and lessons learned according to thematic area
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Coffee/Tea

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- AM Thematic working groups:
- The objective of the thematic working groups is to have an in-depth discussion of good practices and lessons learned per thematic area
- CBDRR and Urban Disaster Preparedness
 - DRR mainstreaming into development
 - Regional partnerships

Lunch

- PM Thematic working groups: continuation of the morning discussions

Coffee/Tea

- PM Recap of discussions in each group
- Presentation from each group moderator
 - Preparation for Day 2 panel discussions (selection of good practices which will be presented as part of “Advocacy”)

Day 2: Agenda

Participants on Day 2 is composed of DIPECHO national and regional partners from Day 1 and representative of donor community who are focused on enhancing DRR and resilience in the region as well as head of NDMOs and ASEAN Secretariat. The purpose of Day 2 is to advocate to donors and acquire feedback from the donor community on how they can continue to build and enhancing investments on DRR in Southeast Asia which includes their priority actions, advocacy messages and strategies.

- AM Thematic Panel Session
- Opening remarks
 - Introduction of objectives and expected outputs of Day 2
 - Background of the DIPECHO programme and recap of Day 1 discussions

Coffee/Tea

- AM
- Panel session using selected good practices according to each thematic area indicated
 - Donors discuss their priority actions to build on the ‘bright spots’ created by DIPECHO partners
 - Closing remarks

Lunch

- PM
- Building Urban Resilience Project team meeting (German RC, Finnish RC, Spanish RC, Cambodian RC, Lao RC, the Philippine RC and Viet Nam RC)