



The Cooperative Commitment on Disaster Law in Tam Ky City

Outcome from the Lessons Learnt Workshop on Disaster Law Implementation in Vietnam

The stakeholders gathered here today on October 12th 2016, including representatives from the Standing Office of the Central Steering Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention and Control (SONDPC); Vietnam Red Cross Society and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

Meeting in Tam Ky City, Quang Nam province, Vietnam on 12th October 2016;

Recognising that effective disaster management lies in our collaborative and people centred approaches, shared values and concern for groups in vulnerable situations;

Further recognising the important role that laws and regulations play to reduce disaster risks, prevent new risks from arising and make communities safer and more resilient, as well as facilitating more effective international cooperation in times of disaster;

Recalling the presentations and sessions of the Lessons Learnt Workshop on Disaster Law Implementation in Vietnam, which explored issues relating to the implementation of the disaster risk and climate change framework in Vietnam and how stakeholders present can better work together to ensure inclusive approaches and local level impact;

Highlighting the significant progress already made in Vietnam through the adoption of the Law on Natural Disaster Prevention and Control 2013 and associated decrees, which provide the legal frameworks for Vietnam's move from reactive to proactive disaster risk management approaches;

Celebrating the 70th anniversary of Vietnam Red Cross as a leading humanitarian actor and development partner in Vietnam and recognising the important contribution Vietnam Red Cross has made to the both the development and implementation of disaster law in Vietnam;

Acknowledging the international and regional commitments of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, including the Paris Agreement, Sendai Framework for Action on Disaster Risk Reduction, Resolutions from the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement which have encouraged states to review and strengthen their national legal frameworks for international disaster response and risk reduction; and the relevant provisions of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (the AADMER);

Collectively agree to undertake the following actions:

1. Work together on the dissemination, implementation and understanding of existing laws and procedures, including but not limited to, the Law on Natural Disaster Prevention and Control 2013 and associated decrees, particularly in the most disaster affected provinces/cities and districts;
2. Utilise the platform provided by Vietnam Red Cross, as auxiliary to the Government with its extensive network of branches and volunteers to support the disaster law dissemination and implementation activities;
3. Collaborate under the One Billion Coalition Framework on building the community resilience by developing a material set of guidance and implementation for pilot models on criteria "ensure the proactive conditions on disaster prevention and climate change adaptation" in the National Target Program on Building New Rural in Vietnam;
4. Work together to develop a handbook for disaster management practitioners and communities in Vietnam, which will include information on the key provisions of the Law on Natural Disaster Prevention and Control 2013 and associated decrees, as well as key provisions of international and regional standards and guiding principles for the Red Cross Movement.

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