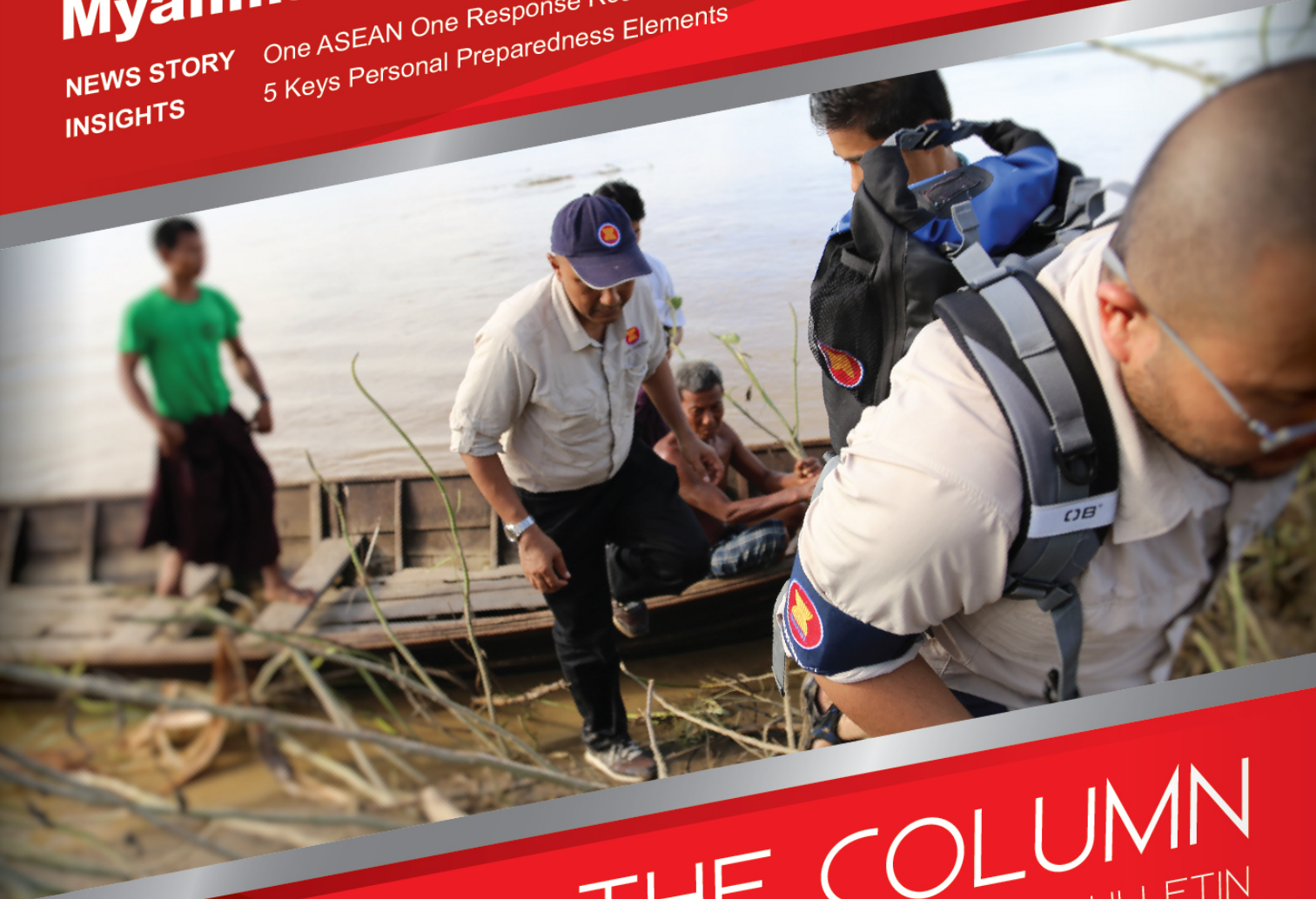


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left: Relief items from ASEAN and Australian Aid.

right: One of the affected areas of the Myanmar flooding in Selan Island in Ayeyarwady River.

In this edition we touched on several aspects of disaster management, from preparedness, adaptability and also being a part of a solution to disaster efforts.

Within the month of June and July, Myanmar experienced torrential rains and faced severe flooding. In our 'News Highlight' we take a look at the role of AHA Centre working with the Government of Myanmar in its plan and solution in responding to the floods; how collaboration between neighboring countries and partners are vital in times of need.

In our 'Insights' we share information on how a community can be more prepared for disasters, speaking with LTC Ow Yong Tuck Wah, Head Specialist Fire Training Centre, Civil Defence Academy of the SCDF, sharing the elements individuals should prepare for in the case of disaster situations.

The Column also had the opportunity to get to know Mr. Bernard Chomilier, an expert in logistics for disaster management with about 30 years of experience. He shares with us his stories of humanitarian work and how he and other individuals can be a solution to strengthen disaster management in ASEAN.

ACE Programme Second Batch Participants recently also commemorated a milestone, graduating from the six-months training programme. AHA Centre is hopeful that these future leaders can contribute and be the solution to a more united effort towards disaster management, upholding the spirit of 'One ASEAN, One Response'.

We hope this edition of The Column inspires collaboration, knowledge sharing, and drives those to aspire to become stronger leaders in the disaster management field.

If you wish to share some stories / articles / blogs / comments with us to improve the bulletin, please drop us a message at comm@ahacentre.org, and we will do the rest.

Sincerely,
The Column Editor



The Column is a monthly news bulletin from the AHA Centre – capturing the latest activities from the organisation.

From the end of June 2015 through to July, Myanmar experienced torrential rains. The heavy rainfall pouring into Myanmar caused severe flooding and prompted the Government of Myanmar to declare a state of emergency at the start of August. The flood, which affected 13 states and regions in Myanmar including Rakhine, Sagaing, Magway, Chin, Ayeyarwady, Bago, Mandalay, Kayin, Kachin, Shan, Mon, Yangon and Tanintharyi, claimed 110 lives as of 19 August 2015.

Based on AHA Centre's Situation Update no. 7, as of 19 August 2015, the flood have affected 1,615,335 people and displaced 333,178. More than 16,000 houses were destroyed, and more than 1.4 million acres of farmland were inundated, and 910,000 acres of land were damaged by the floods.

ASEAN through its ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) has been working very closely with the Government of Myanmar in responding to the heavy floods in the central and northern parts of Myanmar.

"The AHA Centre wishes to convey our deepest sympathy for the families and communities who have lost their homes and family members," said Mr. Said Faisal, Executive Director of the AHA Centre. "We would also like to commend the Government of Myanmar for its tremendous efforts in responding to the situation. ASEAN through the AHA Centre will continue to work closely with the Government of Myanmar in view of the current flooding."

Three AHA Centre staff were deployed since the 5th of August to support RRD efforts in data collection, analysis and reporting. They report to the RRD's Emergency Operations Centre in Nay Pyi Taw.

In the spirit of "One ASEAN One Response", ASEAN Member states through the AHA Centre have deployed the ASEAN Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ERAT) to support the Government of Myanmar. With members of the ASEAN-ERAT activated on the evening of 5 August, their deployment was officially welcomed by the Government of Myanmar on 9 August.

ERAT member deployment plan

MYANMAR

7
TOTAL DEPLOYED



2 member from
Brunei Darussalam



1 member from
Indonesia



1 member from
AHA Centre



1 member from
AADMER Partnership Group



1 member from
Indonesian Red Cross Society



1 member from
ASEAN Secretariat

As part of the ASEAN's emergency response plans, the Disaster Emergency Logistics System for ASEAN (DELSA) was also activated. "The composition of the relief items have been tailored to cater to the needs of affected families," said Mr. Janggam Adhityawarma, Senior Officer of Preparedness and Response of the AHA Centre. The World Food Program – United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD) based in Subang, Malaysia, was actively involved in the logistical and resource mobilisation plan, which includes chartering commercial flights to ensure smooth delivery of relief items to Myanmar. The relief items were supported by the Government of Japan, and the transport to Yangon was made possible by assistance from the Government of Australia.

Mobilisation of Relief Items from DELSA



2,000*
Family Kit



2,000*
Kitchen Set

*local procurement



2,000
Mosquito Nets



2,000
Tarpaulins



2,000
Jerry Cans

3



Mobile Storage Units (MSU)
– temporary warehouse

4



Aluminum Boat and Engines

As of August 19, 2015, ASEAN Member States' responses to the situation are as follows:

CAMBODIA



The Royal Government of Cambodia has provided relief aid amounting to USD\$100,000 to the affected families.

THAILAND



Ministry of Foreign Affairs handed over THB 5 Million (USD\$142,000) to Myanmar Ambassador.



His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen provided THB 5 Million (USD\$142,000) to Myanmar Ambassador.



Following the approval of the Cabinet, Thailand transported 120 tons of relief supplies including medical supplies, medical equipment, family kits, tents, blankets, and other items.



The Ministry of Commerce provided 200 tons of rice.



All goods were transported by land through Maesod-Myowadee border and then to the relief centre in Yangon.



As of 9 August, the Thai community have gathered and donated cash amounting to MMK 700,000 (USD\$600) and USD\$130, as well as rice, instant foods, noodles and drinking water.

Based on AHA Centre's Situation Update no. 7, as of 19 August 2015, the situation is said to have improved in many areas. Water had receded in approximately 1.08 million hectares of land from the 1.4 million hectares of inundated farmlands. Although there is no one solution in dealing with disaster situations such as this, early recovery works have begun in the flood-affected areas, with local authorities, civil society organisations, volunteers and communities working hand-in-hand to rehabilitate and rebuild neighbourhoods and public facilities.



Unloading relief items from the Royal Australian Air Force's C-17 airplane (photo credit to Roni Mursyida).



DELSA Relief Items Transporter



The handover of ASEAN – AHA Centre relief items to the Government of Myanmar.



Ms. Win Ohnmar (right), one of the ACE Programme First Batch Graduates from Myanmar, providing guidance and information to one of the AHA Centre team members.

NEWS STORY

One ASEAN One Response Roadshow in Manila

One ASEAN One Response roadshow in Manila, Philippines.



Philippines' National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council – Office of Civil Defense (NDRRMC-OCD), along with the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) recently conducted the 'One ASEAN, One Response' roadshow from 11 – 13 August 2015.

The roadshow in Manila, Philippines, was the first one to be conducted overseas outside of Indonesia. It was attended by AHA Centre's Executive Director, Mr. Said Faisal, and NDRRMC Executive Director and Civil Defense Administrator Undersecretary Alexander P. Pama.



Attendee at the roadshow participating in the question and answer session.

AHA Centre's Executive Director, Mr. Said Faisal, interviewed by Philippines' media.

The objective of the event was to familiarise the ASEAN Regional Mechanism on Disaster Management as well as to socialise the 'One ASEAN, One Response' vision where all ASEAN Member States unite and respond to disasters within, or outside the region as one.

"One ASEAN, One Response is the vision where ASEAN moves forward. It envisions unity and solidarity amongst the ten Member States. Therefore, we would like extend our deepest appreciation for the continuous support of all the ASEAN Member States, which enables us further in achieving 'One ASEAN, One Response'," said Mr. Said Faisal in his opening remarks.

Undersecretary Pama added, "We believe that this roadshow will bring significant impact towards the understanding of ASEAN's framework on disaster management and emergency response. Moreover, we can also understand how the AHA Centre fits in the regional mechanism of disaster management and how the NDRRMC

can fully utilise its support on information sharing, emergency response and also capacity-building programme for our officials."

In responding to disasters inside and outside the region, there needs to be a strong commitment and coordination among all Member States. Philippines' participation in the event, as is also evident in the attendance of members of Civil Society Organisations, the private sector and academicians, shows the country's commitment and willingness to help achieve the 'One ASEAN, One Response' vision.

In strengthening the collective response effort of the region, Member States can support each other in times of emergency by way of providing diverse solutions and knowledge. In an effort to further communicate the 'One ASEAN, One Response' vision across the region, the roadshow is scheduled to continue in other ASEAN Member States.



Group photo with the representatives from ASEAN Member States Embassies in the Philippines

AHA Centre Executive Programme Graduation

ACE Programme Second Batch Graduates 2015



After six months of intensive training to better prepare the future leaders of disaster management in ASEAN, the second batch of the AHA Centre Executive (ACE) Programme drew to a close, concluding with a graduation ceremony held on the 31st of July 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The graduation ceremony was attended by His Excellency Le Luong Minh, Secretary-General of ASEAN, Ms. Yukiko Okano, Minister-Counsellor, Deputy Chief of Mission of Japan to ASEAN, Mr. Ogu Salim Omar, Deputy Secretary, Malaysian National Security Council, Mr. Said Faisal, Executive Director of the AHA Centre, ASEAN Dialogue Partners and other partner agencies that have been supporting the ACE Programme.

Sixteen disaster management officers from ASEAN Member States' National Disaster Management Offices (NDMOs), Mr. Mao Saohorn and Mr. Ly Chandara from Cambodia, Ms. Merina Sofiati and Mr. Teophilus Yanuato from Indonesia, Mr. Sombath Douangsavanh and Mr. Bouasavanh

Vongbounleua from Lao PDR, Mr. Amir Shah Noor Ahmad and Mr. Muhammad Fauzie Ismail from Malaysia, Mr. Min Soe Han and Mr. Khan Lynn from Myanmar, Mr. Marc Rembrandt Victore and Ms. Riezel Joy Chatto from Philippines, Mr. Pisuth Wannachatrasi and Ms. Wirinda Sirisuwan from Thailand, and Mr. Vu Hoang and Mr. Duong Duc My from Viet Nam successfully completed a total of 1,076 hours of the combined learning sessions under the programme with exceptional performance.

The Programme enhanced the capacity of ASEAN Member States' disaster managers as they exchange solutions, knowledge and skills amongst each other, as well as with other disaster management experts throughout the region through training courses, workshops and field visits. They also engaged in a number of hands-on field simulation exercises to be a fully certified member of the ASEAN Emergency Response Team (ASEAN-ERAT).

AHA Centre introduced a new and improved curriculum based on an assessment of the previous ACE Programme last year. With additional modules including coordinated-needs assessment training and field visits to various disaster-affected areas in Indonesia, the ACE Programme Officers return to their respective countries equipped with valuable knowledge, skills, as well as a strengthened network to become effective solution-providers in disaster situations.

"We hope the sixteen officers will take advantage of the knowledge and experiences they have acquired in order to play a leading role in disaster management," said Ms. Yukiko Okano. Based on the successful conclusion of the Programme, His Excellency Le Luong Minh said, "The AHA Centre as the knowledge hub for disaster management in ASEAN shall continue to implement the ACE Programme to provide opportunities for disaster

management practitioners in ASEAN to prepare themselves as future leaders and champions to build a safer and disaster-resilient ASEAN, where ASEAN respond to disasters together as one."

"The successful completion of the second batch of ACE Programme is undoubtedly due to the joint and collaborative efforts of our partners and stakeholders. They have helped us immensely," said Mr. Said Faisal. "We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the ASEAN Member States, in particular the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM and its Preparedness and Response Working Group), the Government of Japan, the ASEAN Secretariat, the ASEAN Dialogue Partners, as well as may other partners that have been supporting AHA Centre in the Programme."

Reflecting on the six months journey, Mr. Pisuth Wannachatrasi, ACE Programme graduate from Thailand commented, "ACE Programme makes us a family; we learn, we share, and we work together." The sentiment only brings these ASEAN Member States closer to answering the 'One ASEAN, One Response' vision the region hopes to realize in the coming years.



From left to right:

Mr. Said Faisal, Executive Director of the AHA Centre, His Excellency Le Luong Minh, Secretary-General of ASEAN, Ms. Yukiko Okano, Minister-Counsellor, Deputy Chief of Mission of Japan to ASEAN, Mr. Ogu Salim Omar, Deputy Secretary, Malaysian National Security Council.

TESTIMONIAL

by Nasrus Syukroni

My First Deployment to Myanmar as a Member of the ASEAN ERAT

"Mingalaba!" That was my first greeting from Airport Custom when I first arrived at Yangon International Airport. Later on, I found out that Mingalaba is a common greeting in Myanmar to show their hospitality.

My name is Roni, I work for Plan International Indonesia and I am also a member of the ASEAN Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ASEAN-ERAT). It has been an honor to represent the ASEAN Community during the period of 10-19 August to support the Relief and Resettlement Department (RRD) of the Republic Democratic of Myanmar as they respond to the flooding that occurred early August.

As an ASEAN-ERAT, everyone has their own roles and responsibilities. For this deployment, our stucture was as follows:

ASEAN-ERAT

1. Mr. Luqmanul Hakim (BNPB Indonesia): Team Leader
2. Mr. Dao Nguyen Phu (ASEAN Secretary): Information management
3. Mr. Mohammad Ali (NDMO Brunei Darussalam): Assessment
4. Mr. H. Nordin (NDMO Brunei Darussalam): Assessment
5. Mrs. Anne Tampubolon (PMI): Finance and Admin
6. Mr. Nasrus Syukroni: Logistician

We were also supported by the In Country Coordination Team (ICCT) from AHA CENTRE:

1. Mr. Janggam Adhityawarma (Team Leader)
2. Mr. Adi Bishry (Information and Technology Specialist)
3. Mr. Yoram Lukas (Logistics Officer)

As a Logistician, I worked closely with Mr. Yoram Lukas from AHA Centre to facilitate the establishment of the Disaster Emergency Logistic System for ASEAN (DELSA), and the incoming relief items. Thanks to the support from the Government of Australia, we were able to transport the relief items from the warehouse in Subang, Malaysia, to Myanmar with their C17 aircraft. Furthermore, collaborating with the World Food Programme in Myanmar, we supported 2 Mobile Storage Units (MSU) that were installed in Yangon and Mandalay.

Not being at the site, to assess the situation at Ingapu Township of Hindata District, I was kept up-to-date through images and videos taken from the field. It was apparent that the people were suffering from the impact of the flood. Most areas can only reached by boat. Most of the people affected had to stay at the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camp in Ingapu Township. Despite all the obstacles, the ASEAN-ERAT had to collect valuable information from the field and report to RRD. Concurrently, we had to dipatch relief items from the airport to the warehouse in the RRD Region at Yangoon, meet with local supliers, and supervise the installation of MSU. With a strong teamwork spirit, we achieved all the objectives of this deployment.

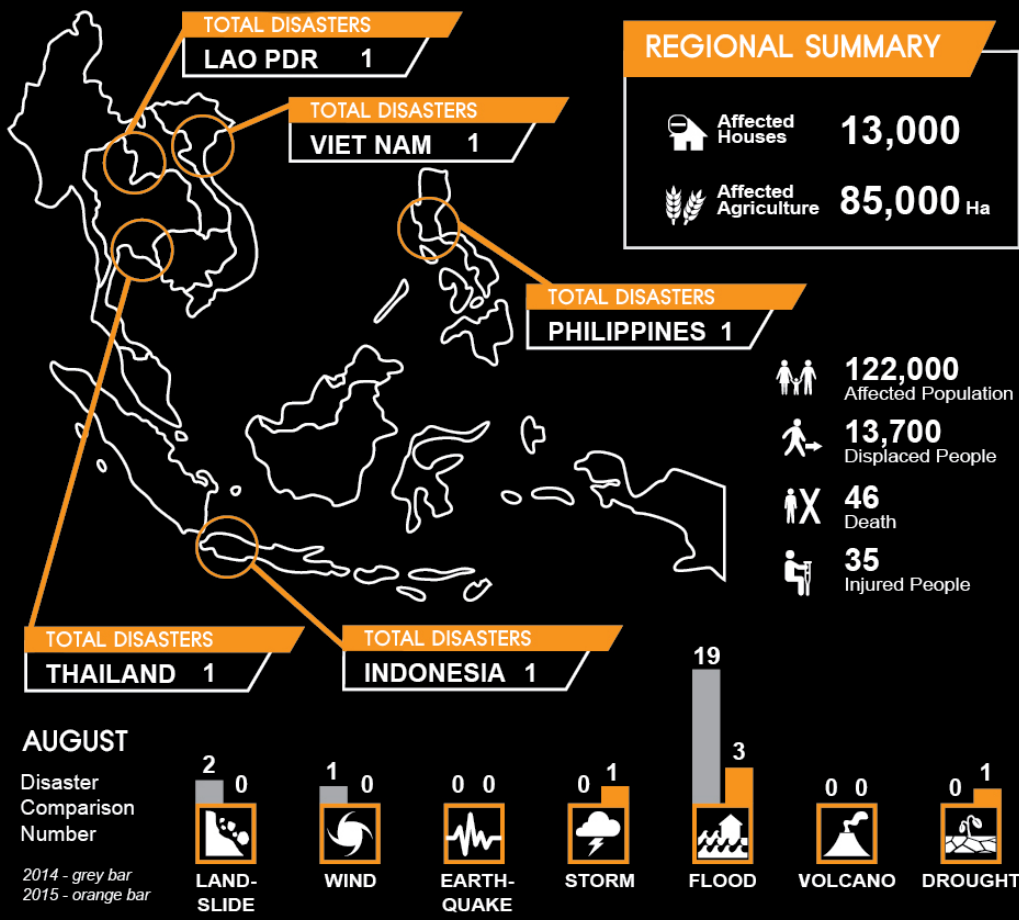
On August 18, 2015, the ASEAN-ERAT and ICCT had the chance to meet and present their findings to Director-General of RRD in Nay Pyi Taw. He was impressed with the effective and efficient work, and will follow up on the recommendations. He hopes that in the future, ASEAN-ERAT will be a key element during humanitarian response efforts with representatives from every ASEAN Member States during deployment.

I believe ASEAN-ERAT and AHA CENTRE adds value to the RRD of Myanmar. Consolidated datas through EOC and adaptation of WEB-EOC by RRD strengthened the coordination mechanism. On the ground, we worked closely with RRD staff to conduct assessment and establish DELSA. I believe everything went well from pre-deployment to the demobilisation largely thanks to our comprehensive training opportunity during the ASEAN-ERAT Induction Course last June.

This was a very memorable deployment for me personally, and I believe the experience will only enhance my capacity as a responder. As a member of the ASEAN-ERAT I will continue to stay alert and be a functional symbol for the collective response efforts of ASEAN. One Vision. One Identity. One Community.



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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Natural disaster reports are regularly recorded in the ASEAN Disaster Information Network (ADInet) www.adinet.ahacentre.org. Only significant disasters that satisfy the following criteria are recorded in ADInet:

1. More than 100 people affected
2. Involving more than 1 subdistricts

The number of disaster incidents in August has been lower compared to the previous month. However, the disasters that have occurred, mostly flood and drought, have been significant enough to not only damage properties, but have affected at least 122,000 and claimed 46 lives. The severity of these disasters is exacerbated by the occurrences of Tropical Cyclone Komen and Goni that occurred around Bangladesh and the Philippines.

In the early week of August, extensive flooding and flashflood were reported to have affected many districts in Viet Nam, Lao PDR and Thailand. Similar to the flooding in Myanmar, it was caused by excessive rainfall that triggered inundation in the low-lying area and the riverbanks. Furthermore, the Tropical Cyclone Goni in the Philippines was also responsible for several flooding and landslide incidents in northern Luzon. The situation was also challenging in the southern part of the region where drought has affected several provinces in Indonesia. El-Nino has contributed to the dry and hot temperature, which have resulted in hundreds of hectares of crops affected due to the water shortage. The condition may remain until November. In addition, the El-Nino has also affected the sea surface temperature, which can stimulate the development of more tropical storms and cyclones in the Pacific Ocean.

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INSIGHTS

5 Key Personal Preparedness Elements

INSIGHTS is a special column for guest contributors, and does not necessarily reflect or represent AHA Centre's point of view.

Having a ready and prepared community is an important aspect in disaster management. The Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) actively engages the community through grassroots organisations to impart civil defence knowledge and skills. Known as the Community Emergency and Engagement Committee (C2E), the SCDF works closely with the C2E in each constituency to train and exercise the community through platforms such as the Emergency Preparedness Day. Speaking to LTC Ow Yong Tuck Wah, Head Specialist Fire Training Centre, Civil Defence Academy of the SCDF, there are 5 key elements individuals should prepare for in the case of disaster situations.

1 READY BAG

All households should have at least one Ready Bag at home. The Ready Bag should contain important items that will help the household in case of an emergency. These items include:

- A. Torchlight
- B. Batteries
- C. Essential personal medication

- D. Waterproof folder containing photocopies of important documents e.g. passport and insurance policies
- E. Transistor radio
- F. Whistle
- G. First aid kit
- H. Childcare supplies and other special care items

When such emergency occurs, they should bring it along in case they are required to evacuate from their home. Every member in the household should know where the Ready Bag is stored, and it is recommended that the storage location be easily accessible even in the dark, i.e. during power outages.

2 FIRE EXTINGUISHER

It is recommended that each household should have at least one Dry Chemical Powder fire extinguisher. The fire extinguisher will be very useful in the event of a fire at home.

3 AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR

The chances of survival of a cardiac arrest patient decrease by 7 to 10% for every minute that passes without applying

CPR-AED. In Singapore, members of the public can have access to Automated External Defibrillators (AED). In 2014, the Singapore Heart Foundation and the SCDF established a National AED Registry, which is a database of AED locations in public spaces across the island. Through the SCDF's 'myResponder' mobile app, members of the public are directed to the nearest AED. In addition, by registering themselves as a Community First Responder, members of the public can be alerted to respond to cardiac arrest cases within their immediate vicinity.

4 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KNOWLEDGE

Knowing the core skills such as basic first-aid, CPR and AED procedures, fire safety and casualty evacuation is an important element of personal preparedness. In Singapore, the SCDF's Community Emergency Preparedness Programme (CEPP) is one such programme that engages the community to be ready and prepared for emergencies. At the preparedness training, participants are taught how to operate a fire extinguish and perform CPR.

5 AUTHORITIES

During a disaster, it is important for the community to pay attention to the advisories and instructions provided by the authorities. For example, in an

industrial accident resulting in a toxic chemical plume moving towards a populated area, the SCDF will sound the Important Message Signal of the Public Warning System siren to swiftly alert the affected population to tune in to the TV and radio for emergency broadcast message. Such timely dissemination of information in enabling the community to adopt the necessary self-protective measures goes a long way in minimizing mass casualties and pandemonium.

THE OTHER SIDE



Mr. Bernard Chomilier
World Food Programme's Senior
Logistics Training and Capacity
Development Officer

THE OTHER SIDE is a special column where we interview professional players in disaster management. Crafted with light discussion in a casual manner, THE OTHER SIDE captures the human side, up close and personal. This section does not necessarily reflect or represent AHA Centre's point of view.

Mr. Bernard Chomilier found his path in the humanitarian field when he met the General Director of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) (Doctors Without Borders). After spending 10 years with MSF, another 10 with the International Federation of the Red Cross, he joined the World Food Programme in 2006 where he helped support the development of the newly created Logistics Cluster at that time. He has since been highly recognised for his contributions to the logistics cluster. Speaking to The Column, the World Food Programme's Senior Logistics Training and Capacity Development Officer shared his invaluable experiences, his concerns, and his drive in continuing to work within the humanitarian field.

Can you describe your experience about the first time you were deployed for a disaster response?

I think it was a sudden influx of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in an area in Mozambique. MSF was the only organisation working within that province, so at the beginning we had to do almost everything which includes providing medical assistance, shelter, and food. We were not quite ready for that. There were big logistic problems and there was also a lack of staff. It was difficult dealing with the fact that we were not able to do what needed to be done to save all the people in need, but I learned to cope with that.

Based on your experience, was there a moment where you were faced with a challenge related to logistics and needed to think of a solution quickly?

In 1990, former Liberian leader Charles Taylor controlled most of Liberia except for the capital, Monrovia, which was controlled by ECOWAS troops. During the First Liberian Civil War, the most affected provinces were in the West part of the country.

I was with MSF, and based on my survey, the population not only needed medical assistance but also food. No organisation was operating there at the time to provide assistance. Charles Taylor did not want us to provide assistance through Monrovia. The only other option was to go through the North of Liberia where the road infrastructure was poor. I tried going there with my truck convoy anyway, but unfortunately one wooden bridge broke, and we had about 15-16 bridges to cross, so it became impossible. I had to resort to going through Monrovia, but in doing so I had to reach an agreement with both Charles Taylor and ECOWAS. Considering the difficulty and complexity of the situation at the time, I was fortunate to be able to reach an agreement with Charles Taylor and ECOWAS. Three weeks later my trucks managed to pass through Monrovia.

What were your most moving experience leading humanitarian responses?

It is difficult to choose one. In Liberia, in the middle of a conflict happening in between 1990-1991, I arrived with an MSF convoy to an area where people were starving, but the crowd there was clapping, singing and dancing. At a different time, in the very remote province of Badakhshan of Afghanistan, in the middle of a terrible winter, a village organised a ceremony for the MSF team and shared with us what little food they had. These little things make you understand why you do what you do.

What motivates you to continue working within this field?

I love what I do, and I believe I can continue to be useful. Perhaps not in the same way as before, but I can continue to transfer my knowledge and experience to others.

What is the one thing you want people to understand about your work, or humanitarian work in general?

It is a fantastic and very rewarding work. Our job should not be seen as just to "help people". What I have been doing for the past 30 years is not just merely about helping others, but also myself. Yes, it has been tough at times. Yes, I have been living in a very precarious environment. Yes, I have put my life in danger, but I have gained so many valuable things. I have met so many great people, and discovered great cultures around the world, and that is invaluable.

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About ASEAN

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was established on 8 August 1967. The Member States of the Association are Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam. The ASEAN Secretariat is based in Jakarta, Indonesia. As set out in the ASEAN Declaration, the aims and purposes of ASEAN among others are to accelerate the economic growth, social progress, cultural development, to promote regional peace and stability as well as to improve active collaboration and cooperation.

About the AHA Centre

The AHA Centre is an inter-governmental organisation established on 17 November 2011, through the signing of the Agreement on the Establishment of the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) by ASEAN Foreign Ministers, witnessed by the ASEAN Heads of States, from 10 ASEAN Member States: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam. The Centre was set-up to facilitate the cooperation and coordination among ASEAN Member States and with the United Nations and international organisations for disaster management and emergency response in the ASEAN region.

About AADMER

The ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) is a legally-binding regional multi-hazard and policy framework for cooperation, coordination, technical assistance and resource mobilisation in all aspects of disaster management in the 10 ASEAN Member States. The objective of AADMER is to provide an effective mechanism to achieve substantial reduction of disaster losses in lives and in social, economic and environmental assets, and to jointly respond to emergencies through concerted national efforts.



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