

Post-2015 AADMER Strategic Policy Dialogue

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Cooperation and coordination is an essential element in disaster management, with different stakeholders having different skill, resources, and capabilities that can complement one another.

The importance of regional cooperation and coordination have been notably present this month, with the recent Post-2015 AADMER Strategic Policy Dialogue held in early November, with prominent actors in the ASEAN region sharing their thoughts on disaster management and the Work Programme for the coming years.

The Memorandum of Intent signing between the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) and the Corporate Citizen Foundation (CCF) and the workshop for the development of the Incident Management Team (IMT) roadmap for ASEAN as covered in this month's news story also reminds us that combined efforts in managing disasters with other parties are equally important.

Following last month's DELSA 2 Feasibility Study for Satellite Warehouses, the activities continued on in November with warehouses in Indonesia and the Philippines visited during the month, followed by a validation workshop.

In further understanding how the Disaster Emergency Logistic System for ASEAN (DELSA) works, this month's Insights look into the four steps of DELSA activation.

With the challenges involved with being in the disaster management field, The Column learned that the reward is invaluable having spoken to Mr. Yos Malole, AHA Centre's Preparedness and Response Officer, in this month's The Other Side.

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Sincerely,
The Column Editor

NEWS HIGHLIGHT
Post-2015 AADMER
Strategic Policy Dialogue



H.E. Ross Sovann - Chairman of ACDM and Governing Board of the AHA Centre delivering his remarks



Left to Right: Said Faisal (Executive Director of AHA Centre), H.E. Le Luong Minh (Secretary-General of ASEAN), H.E. Dr. Surin Pitsuwan (Secretary-General of ASEAN 2008-2012), and H.E. Ambassador Ong Keng Yong (Secretary-General of ASEAN 2003-2007)



Mr. K Shanmugam, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law of Singapore delivering the opening remarks

As 2015 draws to a close, the end of the year also marks the conclusion of the five-year ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) Work Programme.

In an unprecedented move, three Secretaries-General of ASEAN, H.E. Le Luong Minh, current Secretary-General of ASEAN, along with former Secretaries-General H.E. Ambassador Ong Keng Yong (2003-2007) and H.E. Dr. Surin Pitsuwan (2008-2012), sat together and shared their views on the future shape of ASEAN cooperation on humanitarian action and in building resilient and safer communities throughout the region during the Post-2015 AADMER Strategic Policy Dialogue on 3 November 2015.

The Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF), ASEAN Secretariat, and the AHA Centre joint forces to jointly organise the event with the support of the ASEAN-Australia Cooperation for AADMER. Moreover, the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) was also commissioned to conduct the background studies as well as to develop and facilitate a number of sessions in the Policy Dialogue, as funded by the ASEAN Disaster Management and Emergency Relief (ADMER) Fund.

The Policy Dialogue was attended by the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM), along with other ASEAN sectoral bodies, the AHA Centre, ASEAN Secretariat, ASEAN Dialogue Partners, Civil Society Organisations, international organisations, the private sector and academe. The event, which took place in Singapore, aimed to help plan the way forward for the next five years.

The ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) was ratified by all ten ASEAN Member States and entered into force in December of 2009. The aim of the AADMER is to establish and enhance regional cooperation, coordination, technical assistance, as well as resource mobilisation related to disaster management and reduce disaster losses within the region.

The AADMER Work Programme was intended to realise AADMER's spirit and ambition into concrete actions over the course of five years from 2010-2015. With 2015 coming to an end, it has been evident that the AADMER Work Program has laid a strong foundation in enabling the ASEAN Member States achieve region's vision of disaster resilient nations and communities. The Work Programme has helped Member States

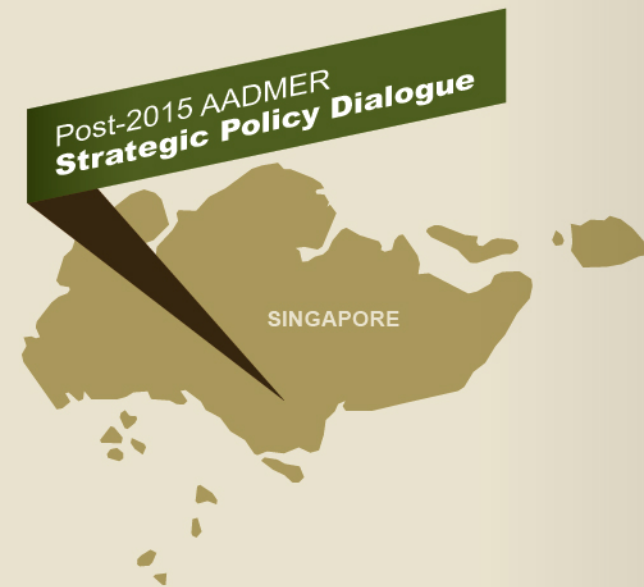
successfully implement a number of key initiatives, including the establishment of the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) in November 2011. The organisation has played a key role in coordinating responses for various major disasters that have occurred in the region.

In his opening address, H.E. K Shanmugam, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law said, "The landscape of humanitarian assistance on disaster management is one that is constantly evolving. It is a topic that is complex, challenging and one which requires a sustained collective effort by all ASEAN Member States." He further added that collectively, ASEAN Member States "must ensure that the AADMER framework remains strong, relevant and importantly, forward-looking."


"Participation of the people is key in the next ten years, as ASEAN forges together towards a more people-oriented, people-centered and resilient ASEAN community," said Secretary-General H.E. Le Luong Minh. "More multi-sectoral and multi-pillar approach must be adopted to make the region more self-reliant. Learning from the lessons from Typhoon Haiyan, ASEAN has a role in bridging regional, national and local initiatives on recovery."

The drive towards regional cooperation and commitment among the ASEAN Community was strongly felt during the event as Dr. Surin said in the dialogue, "ASEAN must deliver on its own commitment to each other." He further added, "Learning from Cyclone Nargis in 2008, full implementation of AADMER is a basic requirement in the next ten years. Building resilience is a test of the region, especially for people who are most at risk and vulnerable."

It is with great hope that the Policy Dialogue will continue to bring regional cooperation in managing disasters, and assist ASEAN in realising the 'One ASEAN One Response' vision.



 3 November 2015

 Singapore

 3 Secretaries-General of ASEAN

NEWS STORY

Mol Signing Between AHA Centre and CCF



Signing of Mol between the AHA Centre and CCF witnessed by high officials



Minister for Education and Senior Minister of State for Defence of Singapore, Ong Ye Kung delivers his remarks



Singaporean media covering the event

In a historical move and in recognition that disasters are better managed when different parties come together, the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) signed a landmark partnership agreement with the Corporate Citizen Foundation (CCF) on 1 November 2015.

CCF is a Singapore-based corporate alliance that strives to encourage businesses in the private sector to share their resources and expertise in responding to disasters, and help communities manage the impact of disasters better. The signing, which took place at CCF's 1st anniversary observance ceremony to mark the foundation's first year of regional humanitarian service, is notably the first official private sector alliance partner for regional disaster management.

The Memorandum of Intent (Mol) was signed between the AHA Centre's Executive Director, Mr. Said Faisal, and CCF's Technical Adviser and Executive Director, Mr. Hassan Ahmad. It signified a historical step forward for the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER), as well as closed the loop of tri-sector

(people, public, and private) participation in disaster management for ASEAN. The Mol encourages cross-sharing of resources between AHA Centre and CCF including the sharing of assets, expertise and networks.

The event was attended by the Minister for Education and Senior Minister of State for Defence, Ong Ye Kung, and ASEAN Deputy Secretary-General, Vongthep Arthakaivaltavee, as Guest of Honour and Special Guest respectively, along with foreign dignitaries, diplomats and corporate leaders. Guests at the event also included senior members of the ASEAN Secretariat and the ASEAN Committee for Disaster Management (ACDM).

"The role of the private sector in disaster management is significant due to their vast resources, expertise and capacities, enabling faster and bigger response to disasters," said Mr. Said Faisal regarding the signing. "Today, the AHA Centre is pleased to embark on this journey by working closely with the private sector namely the CCF, which also reiterates our 'One ASEAN One Response' inclusivity, where all actors including the private sector jointly respond to disasters as one."

NEWS STORY

Workshop for the Development of the Incident Management Team Roadmap for ASEAN



Active discussion during the workshop for the development of the Incident Management Team Roadmap for ASEAN



Group photo of the workshop for the development of the ICT Roadmap for ASEAN

The ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre), together with the United States Forest Services (USFS) recently joint forces to organise an intimate workshop to develop the roadmap for the development of Incident Management Teams (IMT) in ASEAN.

The workshop, which was on 25 November 2015 in Jakarta, Indonesia allowed participants to actively discuss issues related to the Incident Command System, and develop a broad five-year plan on how the IMTs can be strengthened as a regional resources as well as a national resource.

The Incident Command System is a standardised, on-scene, all-hazards incident management concept, which allows its users to adopt an

integrated organizational structure to match the demands of incidents without being hindered by jurisdictional boundaries.

Noting on the complexity of ICS, the AHA Centre invited a number of key individuals that contributed their knowledge and experience in regards to the implementation of ICS principles from different countries across the ASEAN Member States. In attendance at the workshop were individuals from the Indonesian National Agency for Disaster Management (BNPB), Thailand's Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, Philippines' National Risk Reduction and Management Council, the ASEAN Secretariat, USFS, and the AHA Centre.

The workshop was notably a success, with participants contributing significantly in the focused discussion and thereby helping AHA Centre chart the future of ICS in the ASEAN region.

NEWS STORY

DELSA 2 Feasibility Study for Satellite Warehouses in ASEAN



Visit to the Philippines' National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) Humanitarian Response Depot



Discussion during the DELSA2 Feasibility Study for Satellite Warehouses visit in Indonesia

The establishment of the network of satellite warehouses for the ASEAN region is one of the key elements for DELSA Phase 2. The main objective of the mission is to enhance timely emergency preparedness and response capacity of the ASEAN Member States and the AHA Centre in both large-scale, and especially in medium-scale disasters within the region by way of creating additional stockpiles of relief items closer to disaster-prone areas.

With warehouses in Lao PDR, Myanmar and Thailand having been visited last month, warehouses in Indonesia and Philippines were visited in the month of November. Following the study visits, the Validation

Workshop for the Feasibility Study was conducted on 13 November 2015 in Subang, Malaysia, with members of the DELSA Project Steering Committee (PSC) alongside members of the ACDM Working Group on Preparedness and Response in attendance.

Satellite warehouses in disaster-prone and selected countries in ASEAN can help supplement the existing regional warehouse in Subang, Malaysia, operated during DELSA Phase 1 to ensure quicker availability of emergency relief items that can be deployed and distributed to the affected areas.

The expected outcome of the mission includes the following:

- Recommendations on the appropriate locations of ASEAN's satellite warehouses in the ASEAN Member States
- Cost estimation for upgrading warehouses
- Recommendations for required arrangements with host countries (such as a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)) for the operation and maintenance of the selected warehouses
- Duration of usage of the satellite warehouses to ensure sustainability upon completion of the project, and as reference to review the timeline of the MoU
- Identification of the list of possible items to be procured
- List of possible suppliers for the satellite warehouses.

4 FOUR CRITERIA were assessed:

1. Hazards and vulnerability

- Proximity to disaster prone areas
- Whether the facilities are located within secure areas

2. NDMO's Emergency and Preparedness

- Whether the country already has an existing capacity in place
- How the international assistance impacts the response

3. Logistics accessibility and infrastructure

- Whether the facilities are close to main roads, airports, and/or ports
- Whether there is enough flexibility for the reconversion into a staging area
- The quality of infrastructure, telecommunications and efficiency of customs procedures

4. NDMO's current capacity

- The NDMO's capacity for the management of stocks, inventory systems, related accountability, as well as staffing capacity
- The financial commitment for long-term sustainability

Pending ACDM approval, selected warehouses are expected to start the operation of DELSA 2 by the first quarter of 2017.

When disaster occurs, there are 4 key steps involved in activating the DELSA stockpile from Subang, Malaysia, to be deployed to the affected area in the ASEAN region. On this edition, AHA Centre's Logistic Officer (DELSA), Mr. Yoram Lukas is here to share these important steps:

1. Preparedness



Stockpile that consists of all standard relief items in Subang, Malaysia must always be ready to be deployed at any given moment. During the preparedness phase, minimum amount of stock must be determined based on the minimum number of affected people in a disaster event. Local suppliers that can help supply certain items must also be identified at this stage.

2. Activating Emergency Response Operations:



When the status of the organisation is raised from green to yellow, all personnel and any relief items that might be deployed must be ready for the operation. There are two types of disaster events that AHA Centre responds to; the first is a slow onset disaster, one that can be predicted before it occurs such as typhoon. The other type of disaster is a sudden disaster, such as earthquake and landslides, which cannot be predicted. The DELSA logistics officer will further determine the supplies needed based on the ICCT's (In Country Coordination Team) recommendations. The officer needs to determine two sources of relief item supplies. The first is from the DELSA stockpile in Subang, Malaysia, and the second from a local supplier. When the supplies needed have been determined, the AHA Centre would request UNHRD in Subang to send the relief items to

the affected area. In this phase, the DELSA logistics officer also needs to identify the mode of transportations to ensure the relief items can safely reach the affected area, either using a commercial flight, a charter flight, or with the help of ASEAN member states.

3. Executing the options



When the status of the organisation is raised to red to indicate the response phase, the DELSA logistics officer will execute the plan as identified in the previous phases, including the use of the mode of transportation which of these items need to be left behind and which determined in phase 2. Generally, the selected option is one deemed to be the quickest.

4. Demobilisation



When responding to disasters, there are certain items the AHA Centre team carries to the affected area. In the demobilisation phase, the logistics officer determines which of these items need to be left behind and which needs to be brought back. This phase also indicates that the officer needs to finalise any kind of works agreement with local vendors.



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THE OTHER SIDE

I get to work with people who are incredibly dedicated to their field and to their jobs. Their personality and their teamwork make the organisation alive. I learn something every day, and the more I try to contribute, the more I learn.

Yos Malole
AHA Centre's Preparedness and Response Officer



As a Preparedness and Response Officer of the AHA Centre, Mr. Yos Malole is often deployed at very short notice, but he finds working within the disaster management field more rewarding than it is challenging with stories to come home with. Through this month's The Other Side, Mr. Yos Malole shared some of his most memorable deployment stories.

Can you share us how you became a part of AHA Centre?

I used to work for Red Cross from 2006-2012. That's where I became familiar and became interested in the disaster management field. I joined the AHA Centre in 2013 because I wanted to explore the field further, and I also thought it was a good opportunity to join an organisation and contribute to the ASEAN region.

Do you have any memorable deployment experiences you can share with us?

I have a few that were quite memorable to me personally. The first was when I was deployed for a preparedness mission in Viet Nam, just before Typhoon Rammasun made a landfall. It was impressive how well the AHA Centre was received by the Government of Viet Nam. Our team was led by the Ministry of Agriculture, who made personal visits to areas that were forecasted to be affected by the typhoon. He made sure that people were evacuated and were well prepared to handle the effects of the disaster. Another time was when I was deployed to respond to the flood in Malaysia. AHA Centre contributed tents, and family kits. When we arrived, we were invited to enter one of the tents where the beneficiaries thanked us personally. I remember feeling how much our efforts were truly valued.

As a Preparedness and Response Officer for the AHA Centre, you must be deployed often. Is it difficult balancing your work life and your personal life?

Not really. My family appreciates and understands the work I do, and the kind of contribution I make. Sometimes I feel somewhat proud being able to bring stories from the field and tell them to my family. When my child asks my wife where I am, she'll say "He's helping people," and I think that's such a rewarding thing to say about you. I was given this opportunity to contribute and make a difference for the people living in disaster-prone areas. I think that is a great motivation to work.



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.

One ASEAN One Response



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TOTAL DISASTERS
VIET NAM 1

TOTAL DISASTERS
MALAYSIA 1

REGIONAL SUMMARY

Affected Houses 6,400
Affected Population 297,000

TOTAL DISASTERS
INDONESIA 8

12,200
Displaced People
12
Death
11
Injured People

NOVEMBER
2015

Disaster Number

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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

At least 10 significant natural disasters occurred this month in Indonesia, Viet Nam and Malaysia. Four different disasters namely volcanic eruption, earthquake, whirlwind and floods occurred in Indonesia in November. Mt. Rinjani has been active and has affected more than 1,000 families living in the surrounding areas. Moreover, the Western part of Indonesia was affected by a number of earthquakes. One of the most significant earthquakes this month happened on November 4 in Alor which caused damages to 884 houses and disrupted 51 infrastructures and public facilities.

Increased rainfall intensity in most parts of the equatorial area of the ASEAN region has started to cause flooding in several countries such as Malaysia, Indonesia and Viet Nam. In total, flooding in these three countries have affected at least 250,000 people. In the coming months, below normal rains, as an impact of the El Niño, will still be experienced in many areas in the Philippines and the Northern part of Borneo island. Above normal rainfall intensity are expected to occur in the rest of the ASEAN region, which includes the Northern part of Viet Nam, Thailand, Myanmar, Lao PDR and the Eastern part of Indonesia.

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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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