



Third Country Training Program (TCTP)

“Strengthening Disability-Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction (DiDRR) in the ASEAN Region”

Bangkok Recommendations:

We, a diverse group of participants from Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, the Philippines, Myanmar, Viet Nam, and Thailand, met at the Third Country Training Program (TCTP) on "Strengthening Disability-Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction (DiDRR) in the ASEAN Region" organized by the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD) in collaboration with the Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The Training took place from 9 to 22 July 2023 held in Phuket and Bangkok, Thailand

We discussed a range of issues and topics related to the formulation of the "Training of Trainers Handbooks and Development of Recommendations" which will be completed in 2023. We also were trained in different dimensions of promoting and implementing DiDRR.

We appreciate all sectors which are playing critical roles in safeguarding the rights and well-being of individuals with disabilities and their families, particularly on disability-inclusive disaster risk reduction.

We also reaffirm the importance of international and regional frameworks such as the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which is underpinned by the principle of "Leave No One Behind," as well as the Incheon Strategy to "Make the Right Real" for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific and the Jakarta Declaration, which underscore effective actions on DiDRR. We attach a special importance to the ASEAN Enabling Master Plan 2025: Mainstreaming the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which recommends a range of actions on DiDRR across its three pillars: political security; economic; socio-cultural.

We whole heartedly commit ourselves to being advocates for disability-inclusive disaster risk reduction in our countries. We dedicate ourselves to promoting and driving the DiDRR implementation to the best of our capacities. Our mission is to work tirelessly towards building safer and more resilient nations in the face of potential disasters. Through our unwavering dedication, passion and collaborative spirit, we aim to create a resilient ASEAN where communities are well-prepared, supported and empowered to withstand the challenges of disasters. Our advocacy will inspire action and foster culture of proactive disaster risk reduction, leaving a lasting positive impact on our nation's safety and prosperity. Together we can build a stronger, safer future ASEAN!

Determined to make a positive impact in our respective countries, we have agreed on the following recommendations on concrete steps to further strengthen Disability-Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction in ASEAN, our Region.

Policy and institutional mechanism

1. DRR policy makers should harmonize their DRR laws, policies and programmes with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, as well as the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 ASEAN Members States should establish/maintain a DiDRR focal point within respective Government supported by sustained budget.

Implementation

1. ASEAN and its Members States should have their regional mechanisms to review and monitor the implementation of DiDRR particularly actions contained in the ASEAN Enabling Master Plan 2025.

2. Governments at all levels must secure the budget, and mandate stakeholders to conduct disability-inclusive community-level evacuation drills at least twice a year aligning with existing DRR programmes and activities.

3. International, regional and national organizations, including UN entities and the APCD, shall provide DiDRR capacity development training, including Disability-Equality Training, to DRR policy makers and DiDRR focal points.

4. DiDRR focal point in government should encourage synergy amongst key players such as media, academia and private sector in providing universal design-based accessible information to all including persons with disabilities.

5. DiDRR implementers should take disability-sensitivity training to ensure proper handling of persons with diverse disabilities before, during, and after disasters.

6. Governments should collect disability-disaggregated data covering data of persons with diverse disabilities as a basis to guide local governments and communities to put in place proper disability-inclusive disaster preparedness.

All the recommendations contained herein should be implemented by respective responsible action owners through engaging persons with diverse disabilities and their representative organizations.

This statement was adopted on 20 July 2023 at the Best Western Nada Don Mueang Airport Hotel, during the implementation of the TCTP. As we look towards the future, we remain resolute in our commitment to creating a safer and more inclusive ASEAN region for all.

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