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Report



CENTER FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOUNDATION, INC.



The Center for Disaster Preparedness (CDP), in its humble service for the past 15 years, has made great strides in the field of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) not only locally, but also on a global scale. As a regional resource center dedicated to promoting transformative and sustainable Community-Based DRRM (CBDRRM), CDP has also facilitated and pioneered the interactive learning and discourse on CBDRRM. On top of this, CDP has been an active advocate of DRRM and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) policies, influencing and ensuring its promulgation at various levels of society.

Primarily, CDP has devoted itself to the advancement and advocacy of DRRM and CCA, which is also an integral part of the organization's mission. CDP has pledged to be of service not only to other organizations and agencies that have embarked on the same journey, but also to vulnerable groups, which need assistance in developing their capacities toward a sustainable, community-based, development-oriented DRRM strategy. With the use of myriad capacity-development initiatives such as training, research, advocacy, program design, and evaluation, CDP facilitates and streamlines the path toward sustainable development by actively involving the top and bottom levels of engagement – dubbed the “bibingka approach.”

Truly, CDP prides itself in being able to foster enduring partnerships and relationships with its partner communities and agencies, an achievement deemed more honorable than any other. Devoted to their development and progress, CDP envisions safe, disaster, and climate-resilient communities capable of protecting and helping themselves in the event of a disaster and equally able to adapt to climate change.




CDP understands that the rudimentary foundation of the nation is the community or the barangay, which means that the whole country cannot attain sustainability and resilience if its foundation is not resilient. Completely aware of this, CDP has devoted itself to achieving this purpose, continually refining its dynamic role to better serve the community. To help achieve this, CDP has instituted four (4) core programs: Training and Capacity Development (TCD); Advocacy, Partnership, and Networking (APN); Research, Knowledge Exchange, and Management (RKEM); and the Projects and Partnerships Program (PPP).

Essentially, CDP's work revolves around training, research, advocacy, and partnerships. The organization, with its purpose of mainstreaming CBDRRM, has done remarkable success in the latter through its core programs. The year 2014 was certainly no exception.

Focused on promoting inclusivity and sustainability, 2014 was a year of exciting beginnings and successful breakthroughs for CDP's core programs. To start off, RKEM went leaps and bounds in streamlining DRR by conducting a plethora of researches centered on community participation and grassroots involvement like the UNESCO project entitled "Strengthening Resilience of Coastal and Small Island Communities Towards Hydro-Meteorological Hazards and Climate Change Impacts" (StResCom).

On top of this, TCD accomplished great success in enhancing disaster preparedness and livelihood sustainability in the coastal town of Mercedes, Camarines Norte with the project, "Sustainable and Resilient Agribusiness Development in Mercedes" (SARAM). Likewise, PPP endeavored in the biphasic livelihood rehabilitation and sustainability program, helping two (2) affected communities in Antequera, Bohol to achieve livelihood sustainability and resilience.





Parallel to these achievements, APN also played a critical role in advancing DRRM by continuing to bring the voices of the most vulnerable groups at the forefront as the Sectoral Representative of the Victims of Disasters and Calamities Sector at the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) under the Office of the President (OPP). Mainly, this holds true at the institutional level with CDP's engagement in the Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP), a global DRRM network that not only strengthens linkages among DRRM organizations but also provides a greater avenue for their voices to be heard, echoing the issues and problems they face at the ground.

In quintessence, CDP dedicates itself not only to the safety and resilience of the communities to disasters, but also to the achievement of sustainable development. As the organization ventures into greater heights and evolving landscapes, its main devotion remains to be community service and engagement. At the heart of everything is CDP's passion for the people who are most vulnerable, those who cannot govern their own path to development. At present, CDP continues to tread the path toward sustainability, advocating and working for a safer and more resilient future not only for the community but for the whole country.



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A woman with dark hair, wearing a black top and a colorful patterned dress, is speaking into a microphone. She has a name tag that says "Malu". In the background, there is a banner with the text "LESSONS LEARNED" and a red arrow pointing to the left. The scene appears to be a conference or a public event.

Advocacy, Partnership, & Networking

The APN Program plays a pivotal role in advancing the institution's transformative and sustainable (DRRM) disaster risk reduction and management engagements through advocacy, forging partnerships, and network building with diverse stakeholders at the national, regional, and global levels. In 2014, the program had actively embarked on dialogues, processes, and activities at all scales to help shape the direction of the post-2015 DRRM agenda.

The APN's Program Head served as the Sectoral Representative of the Victims of Disasters and Calamities Sector at the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) under the Office of the President. The program stood firm in bringing the voices of the most vulnerable groups at the national platform since 2012. While in NAPC, CDP has also served as Executive Committee member of the People's Development Trust Fund. It is a fund created under the Social Reform and Poverty Alleviation Act (RA 8425). CDP also served as alternate to the Chair of the NAPC Basic Sectoral Council.

Furthermore, APN represented CDP in the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council. As one of the civil society organization (CSO) members of the council, CDP has influenced decision-making processes in DRRM governance through active participation to the technical management and technical working group (TWG) meetings. Moreover, as part of the said council, APN program staff were selected to be part of the Philippine Official Delegation to the United Nations 3rd World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, Japan on March 14-18, 2015.

Since 2007, CDP is an active member of the Education Cluster spearheaded by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Department of Education. APN staff represented CDP in the said cluster. In line with the cluster engagement, CDP constantly attended cluster meetings where initiatives on DRR and education in the country are prioritized and discussed to enable stakeholders from the education sector to prepare for disasters.

CDP, as one of the convenors of the Disaster Risk Reduction Network- Philippines, became instrumental in popularizing the Philippine DRRM Act of 2010 (Republic Act No. 10121). APN staff represented CDP in the activities of the said network. Network engagements focused on partnership with various local government units, private groups, civil society organizations, and communities where APN program staff served as resource person in various trainings, workshops, fora, and other learning events.

Another networking endeavor of the APN program is the participation to the consortium of the Scaling Up Resilience in Governance (SURGE) project aimed at increasing resilience of high- risk communities. The SURGE initiative is implemented by international NGOs namely Oxfam, Christian Aid, Plan International-Philippines, and Handicap International.



At the regional level, APN program represents CDP in the Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network as the Vice Chair of the Excomm. As part of the network engagement, CDP regularly participated in the network meetings and activities such as the Asian Ministerial Conference on DRR last June 2014.

On behalf of CDP, APN participated in the activities of Global Network of Civil Society Organization for Disaster Reduction. Among the network activities were the Action at the Frontline Regional Workshop and consultation on the development of the Global Assessment Report. One of the CDP Board members was elected as the Southeast Asia Representative of the said network.

Research, Knowledge Exchange, & Management

The Research, Knowledge Exchange, and Management (RKEM) Program has been influential in shaping CDP's transformative national and international engagements through its various areas of concerns. For 2014, RKEM aimed to facilitate knowledge exchange and development on CBCDRRM among national and international practitioners.

The first half of the year saw RKEM's heavy focus on multiple regional research engagements. Primary of these is the National Survey on Climate Change Education for Sustainable Development (CCESD) in the Philippines. Through this CCESD Programme, the RKEM program staff conducted fieldwork, case studies, and teachers' training in Haiyan affected areas to strengthen the capacities of policymakers and teacher education institutions and to bolster their educational responses to mitigate and adapt to climate change.



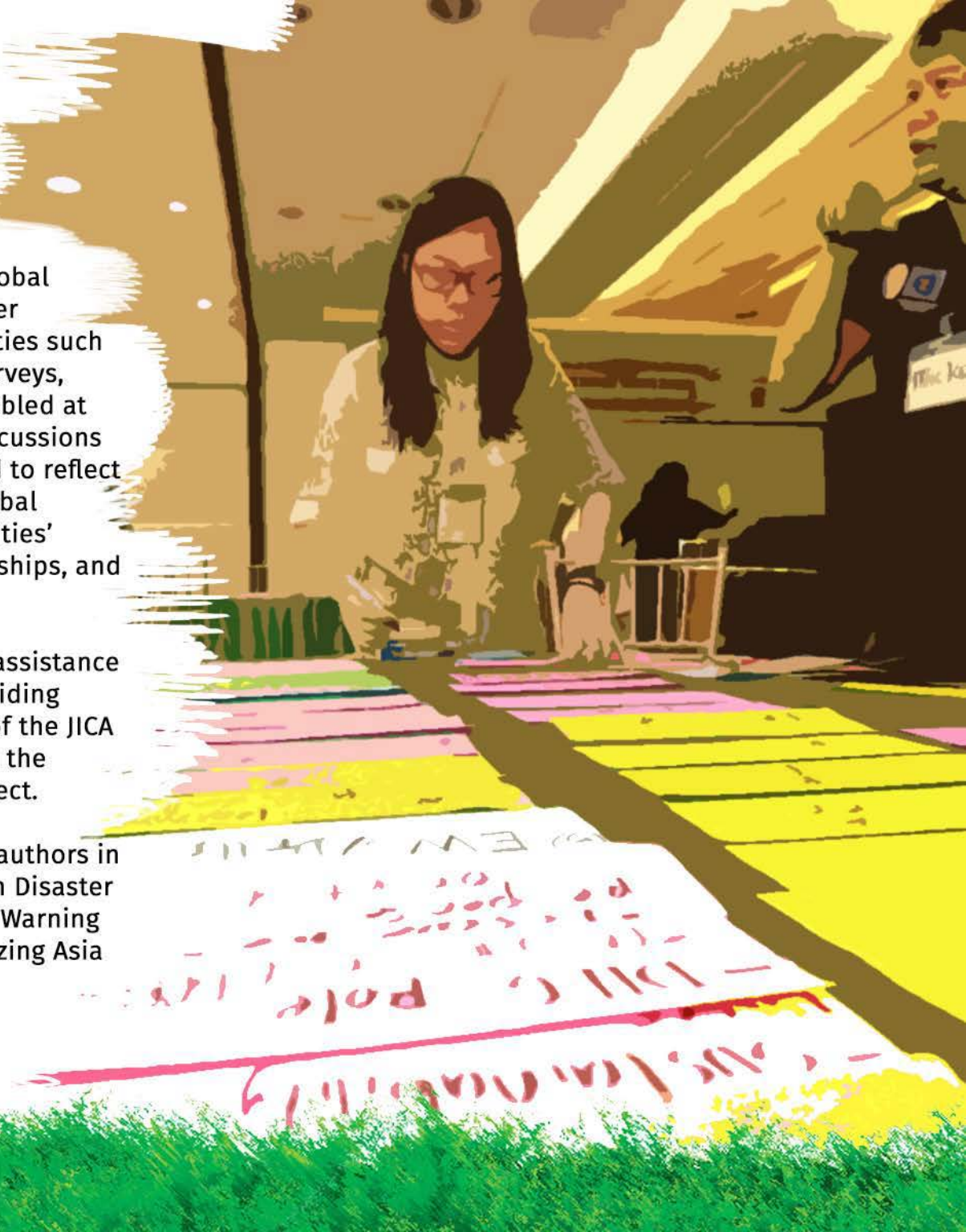
This was followed by the conduct of the third phase of the UNESCO project entitled “Strengthening Resilience of Coastal and Small Island Communities Towards Hydro-Meteorological Hazards and Climate Change Impacts” (StResCom). RKEM staff actively engaged participants in the project areas of Alabat Island, Quezon, Angono, Rizal, and Rapu- rapu Island, Albay in manifold activities including: community fora, community-based disaster risk reduction and management trainings, and municipal and national summit on Local and Indigenous Knowledge (LINK).


The last quarter of the year shifted RKEM’s research focus on institutional endeavors. RKEM is spearheading the task of chronicling CDP’s 16 years of experience in the field of DRR through the initiation of a book project tentatively entitled “Engage, Practice, and Advocate: The CDP Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Experience.” Moreover, with the one year anniversary of the Typhoon Haiyan catastrophe, RKEM has heeded the call to listen to the voices of the stricken communities through the conduct of key informant interviews and focus group discussions in Cebu, Ormoc, Samar, and Tacloban, aiming to set down as narratives for a book project compilation of the arduous challenges and unstinting lessons learned from the great upheaval.

RKEM has been consistently engaged with the Global Network of Civil Society Organizations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR) through its empowering activities such as the Action at the Frontline (AFL). By way of surveys, interviews, and case stories, this project has enabled at risk and vulnerable communities to generate discussions about the threats they are constantly facing, and to reflect and share lessons learned with the local and global network. These processes facilitate the communities' aspirations to spearhead actions, create partnerships, and develop sustainable communities.

RKEM's expertise in research has solicited their assistance in the development of manuals, specifically providing technical assistance on the ISF Module, editing of the JICA Basic Instructor's Guide on CBDRRM Manual, and the UNICEF CCDRRM Manual for the DRREAM Big Project.

Moreover, members of the RKEM have served as authors in several research publications including the Asian Disaster Preparedness-Center (ADPC) Guidebook on Early Warning System for End to End Coastal Hazards in Urbanizing Asia to be published by Springer.



A stylized illustration of a meeting or presentation. A man in a white shirt and tie stands at the front, gesturing towards a screen. Several people are seated in the foreground, looking towards the speaker. The style is graphic and uses a limited color palette of blues, greys, and whites.

Throughout the year, RKEM has exemplarily fulfilled its mandate to facilitate knowledge exchange and public awareness in local, regional, and international levels through continuous development and sustenance of partnerships with the private sector, the academe, civil society organizations, and other key stakeholders; attendance in local and international fora and seminars; television guestings for various networks; and active participation as key note speakers and facilitators in myriads of DRR orientations and events in various parts of the globe.

Furthermore, RKEM has placed significant efforts in the realm of knowledge management through the formation of a database of DRR programs, projects, and materials; packaging and standardization of training kits in terms of content and design; institutional website development, and continuous meetings on strategies for institutional experience documentation.

Truly, RKEM has been an instrumental force in CDP's research, knowledge exchange and managements engagements in 2014, and it will continue to fulfill its mandate in upholding CDP's mission, vision, and goals through the development of new discussions on disaster risk reduction and climate change and emerging discourses of urban resilience, education, and sustainable development.

Training, & Capacity Development

Traced from CDP's humble beginnings, Training and Capacity Development (TCD) has become an integral program involved and dedicated to the organization's core competency on capacity building. Primarily known in the advancement of community preparedness, TCD managed to engage and influence multilevel communities and institutions that resulted to DRRM mainstreaming in the Philippines.

In 2014, TCD marked its significant contribution in module development when it was tapped to lead the standardization and testing of Basic Instructors' Guide (BIG) module that will serve as the country's primary module on DRRM. Backed with its overwhelming engagements, CDP easily managed to collate best practices and new approaches toward an inclusive, culturally sensitive, and comprehensive DRRM in the country.





Subsequently, this was also the year when CDP began to encourage various partners in the implementation of DRRM focusing on the following areas: Sustainable and Resilient Agribusiness Development in Mercedes (SARAM) project funded by the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs which now led to the creation of Mercedes' Municipal DRRM code; child-centered Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction and Management under UNICEF's Disaster Risk Reduction through Education and Managing Barangay Integrated Goals towards Disaster Resilient Communities (DRREAM BIG) project which allows youth participation in DRRM and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) initiatives in the municipalities of Basud and Paracale in Camarines Norte province; CBDRRM training along coastal communities of Camarines Norte under the Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC) which resulted to the installation of End-to-End Community Based Early Warning System; and JICA's capacity enhancement project for CBDRRM for Office of Civil Defense national and regional staff

With the growing number of involvements at the grassroots, TCD extended its institutional support by conducting a series of trainings and capacity development activities for the newly integrated trainers from Disaster Risk Reduction Network -Philippines (DRRNet-Phils). At the same time, CDP also spearheads the operational aspect of DRRNet-Phils' biggest project for Informal Settler Families (ISFs) in Metro Manila covering 115 barangays. Likewise, the time when CDP saw the need to increase its workforce.

Despite the overwhelming initiatives lodged in the program, TCD assures that most of the training requests in the organization are being met and is always of efficient conduct. This is evident in the regular staff development seminars, group sharing and discussions, and field exposure. Seeing the need to propagate CBDRRM, the program suggested to adjudge CBDRRM through a course offering in the proposed CDP Trainer's Academy.

The program is truly vital to what CDP is now known for, the fountain of pioneering ideas, best practices, new approaches, and methodologies in CBDRRM. With high hopes in communities' wealth experience, CDP will remain true and steadfast to its commitment in championing CBDRRM in the country by enabling their capacity to proactively involve in DRRM.



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Projects, and Partnerships

The year 2014 saw considerable growth in CDP as an institution, sustaining and developing multiple engagements in both local and international spheres. The institution felt the pressing need for the formation of a unit that would be able to sufficiently provide direction and guidance to all projects. This impelled the inception of the Projects and Partnerships Program (PPP), aiming to helm CDP projects with a long-term duration. Prior to the setting up of the PPP, the projects were lodged either with the Training and Capacity Development Program or the Research and Knowledge Exchange Management Program or under the Office of the Executive Director. By setting up a program focus on project development and management and partnership building, lessons learned from the project is easily shared among project officers which could feed into project development.

The PPP began its operation with only a handful of staff members, yet was already able to successfully launch three major projects at the tail end of 2014. PPP launched its first project: a biphasic livelihood program in collaboration with the American Jewish Distribution Committee (JDC) intending to help build the resilience of two affected communities in the Municipality of Antequera in the province of Bohol. Commencing with a livelihood baseline survey, the project is envisioned for two years of operation with the goal of strengthening social components and developing economic interventions in the aforementioned municipality.

Two projects converging on the urban aspect of disaster risk reduction came subsequently. One dubbed Project SUCCESS or “Strengthening Urban Communities' Capacity to Endure Severe Shocks” was launched in partnership with the Catholic Relief Services (CRS). This project is expected to be carried out in various social action centers under the CRS, aiming to enhance the knowledge, skills and attitude of the participants in DRRM, CBDRM, and in managing community training.

The other, a child-centered urban disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation project entitled “Strengthening Resilience to Disasters Among Vulnerable Urban Poor Communities in Manila”, is a collaboration with Plan International, targeting children and youth in selected barangays within three highly urbanized cities in Metro Manila: Quezon City, San Juan City, and Valenzuela City. The goal of this three-year project is to build the awareness and capacity of the communities, youth, and children, especially those dealing with the impacts of disasters and climate change; to enhance the selected barangays' DRRM plans; and to implement small-scale climate smart Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) related projects identified by girls and boys.

Project Title & Location	Year & Duration	Donor
Technical Assistance to Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) on Securing the Safety of Informal Settler Families in Waterways in Metro Manila (ten cities) Implemented by DRRNet Phils but CDP leads the Project Management	May 2013 - May 2015	DFAT, Commonwealth Government of Australia
Project SUCCESS (Strengthening Urban Communities' Capacity to Endure Severe Shocks	November 2014 - May 2016	OFDA-USAID thru CRS
Strengthening Resilience to Disasters among Vulnerable Urban Poor Communities in Manila	October 2014 -July 2015	Plan Australia and Plan International - Philippines
Sustainable and Resilient Agri- Business Development in Mercedes, Philippines (SARAM Project)	February 2013 -February 2016	ADRA-New Zealand and ADRA- Philippines
Towards Resilience and Development for Bohol Communities in the Aftermath of Earthquake and Typhoon Haiyan	July 2015 -July 2017	American Jewish Distribution Committee
DRREAM BIG	April 2014-March 2016	UNICEF

The projects implemented would have the core component of CBDRM Training that covers the basic concepts in DRRM, community risk assessment, DRRM Planning, and Contingency Planning. Then, depending on the community risk assessment and consultation with community people and government officials and availability of funding support, other components are integrated such as psycho-social intervention, food security and livelihood assistance, provision of emergency equipment and supplies. Projects developed gave emphasis on the inclusion of persons with disabilities and children and youth. Projects were implemented in both rural and urban areas.



As a special project of CDP, Technical Services for Participatory Vulnerability Assessment, Capacity Building and Development Planning in the Province of Basilan and Training Needs Analysis for 4 cities under the Be Secure Project was lodged under the PPP.

Indeed, the future looks bright for the PPP: plans have been drawn out to expand the PPP's management to better devote more time and energy for CDP's myriad projects; more pointedly, internal restructuring of CDP staff is already being eyed for early 2015. With CDP's further growth and innovation in the realm of disaster risk reduction and management, the Projects and Partnerships Program will certainly have a significant role in influencing and shaping CDP's transformative engagements through direction and guidance of various projects and partnerships at its helm. It will forge a path in the development and sustainment of CDP's on-going projects, continuously building and nurturing existing partnerships, efficiently managing projects, realizing each project's objectives, all to effectively contribute to CDP's institutional progress.

The Center for Disaster Preparedness takes pride in having accomplished myriad projects and programs in the field of DRRM and CCA, fostering with it lasting partnerships that have left a mark in both the stakeholders' and partner communities' minds and hearts. It is with great honor and joy that CDP attributes this success in its hardworking and diligent staff, dedicating their lives to the crusade toward sustainable development. Essentially, CDP will continue to strive and uphold the right of Filipino communities to a better and sustainable future where they are not only able to fend for themselves, but are able to govern themselves in the path toward development.

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