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# Introduction

On its 16th year, Center for Disaster Preparedness (CDP) interminably serves as a standard in the practice of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) in the Philippines and beyond. The institution maintains its stature as a key player in the regional and global scale as it ceaselessly performs empowering and sustainable community- based engagements in DRRM.

Over the years, CDP has carried out the advocacy on DRRM and climate change adaptation to advance community- based and development- oriented DRRM approach. CDP lives up to its commitment to achieve safe and resilient communities through its constant implementation of initiatives through its four (4) core programs: Advocacy, Partnership and Networking (APN); Research, Knowledge Exchange and Management (RKEM); Training and Capacity Development and the Projects and Partnerships Program (PPP). Through the said programs, it has steadily worked hand in hand with manifold groups from the international up to the community level comprised of government, civil society groups, practitioners, academe, community- based organizations, faith- based groups; and along with stakeholders including children, elderly, people with disabilities, women and indigenous groups.

For 2015, CDP has notably advanced the DRRM advocacy to the next level at the global scale for it has joined 187 UN member states in adopting the first major agreement of the Post-2015 development agenda, a far reaching new framework for disaster risk reduction with seven targets and four priorities for action, also known as the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015- 2030. CDP is deemed a significant actor in the said endeavor for it was the only civil society group to be invited in the parliamentarians meeting and was elected as the representative of

the South East Asia in the Global Network of Civil Society Organizations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR). Through its APN program, CDP was also able to showcase its good practices through presentations in the side events of the conference.

The institution has also remained an active member of Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP), a global network that provides a forum on learning, accountability and performance issues for the humanitarian sector. CDP also took part in the 9th Senior Disaster Officials Forum in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit, which was hosted by the Philippine Government.

At the regional level, CDP has been actively engaged in the Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network (ADRRN) for it has served as the Vice Chair of the network. For the national level, has continued its affiliation with the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) Technical Management and Technical Working Groups and it was again selected as one of the national sectoral members of the Victims of Disasters and Calamities sector of the National Anti- Poverty Commission. Its APN program has also partnered with The Asia Foundation in doing the Sunset Review of the Republic Act 10121, also known as the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 that arrived with momentous amendments for the said law.



As for the collaboration with civil society organizations and practitioners in DRRM, CDP was once again elected as the lead convener of the Disaster Risk Reduction Network- Philippines, a national network on DRRM. The institution has also renewed its alliance with Aksyon Klima, also a national network but with focus on climate change adaptation (CCA).

With training as a core competency of the organization, it has persisted to lead the capacity building in CBDRRM across the country. The TCD team was able to educate 3,626 individuals from various sectors under the following projects:

1) Sustainable and Resilient Agribusiness Development in Mercedes (SARAM), funded by the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA); 2) Disaster Risk Reduction through Education and Managing Barangay Integrated Goals towards Disaster Resilient Communities (DRREAM BIG), in partnership with United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); and 3) Planning for Resilience and Effective Preparedness (PREP) that was funded by Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Through these projects, a total of 69 training sessions and capacity-building activities were steered by CDP. Apart from these successful activities, TCD was able to shepherd 99 engagements together with the academe and government agencies like the Department of Education (DepEd), the Department of Interior and Local Government's (DILG) Local Government Academy (LGA), the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), the

Office of Civil Defense (OCD) – Central and Regional Offices, and the provinces of Agusan del Norte and Camarines Norte and INGOs such as AECOM, Handicap International, Kaibigan Foundation, Oxfam, Peace and Equity Foundation (PEF), Fatimco, Tambuyog Development Center, TRIAS, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Red Cross, World Vision, Volunteer Service Overseas (VSO), Adventist Community Service, and the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) Partnership Group (APG). It has also facilitated trainings for the private sector and families.

The team was also able to author seven (7) modules on DRRM focusing on: 1) CBDRRM and Inclusivity; 2) Household Preparedness; 3) Child-focused DRRM; 4) Youth Camp; 5) Private Sector; 6) DRR and the Value Chain; and the 7) Training Academy.

CDP unwaveringly performs in terms of research and knowledge exchange in DRR and CCA. Its RKEM program has led the production of researches, studies and papers in DRRM and CCA. For 2015, it has headed two research projects such as the Child-Centered Urban Disaster Risk Reduction Project together with Plan International – Philippines and an action research entitled, "Frontline: Turning Community Views into Action," in partnership with the GNDR.

RKEM also initiated a study on transgender individuals titled, "Psychological Resilience and Flooding: The Case of Teenage Transwomen in Quezon City, Philippines." The team was also involved in two major evaluation activities for its partners that extended humanitarian initiatives for Typhoon Haiyan survivors. One was with Peace and Equity Foundation (PEF) on their post-disaster rehabilitation and recovery work and another one was with OXFAM for their Typhoon Haiyan Response. Furthermore, it has also valiantly supported the completion of the Ter-



ments together with the academe and government agencies like the Department of Education (DepEd), the Department of Interior and Local Government's (DILG) Local Government Academy (LGA), the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), the





minal Report for the Technical Assistance Project in Securing the Safety of Informal Settler Families (ISFs) in Metro Manila.

RKEM team has produced audio-visual materials such as videos called the “Waves of Resilience” that depicts the experience of the municipality of Mercedes in Camarines Norte and “Daloy ng Katatagan,” that features the Technical Assistance Project in Securing the Safety of ISFs in Metro Manila.

RKEM also collaborated with DRRNetPhils, ALNAP, and Oxfam Philippines to launch the State of the Humanitarian System Report 2015, a report on the performance of the humanitarian sector on current incidents that have adversely affected the humanity.

CDP remains to be one of the CSOs continually linked with by groups for implementing programs and projects. For 2015, the second year of PPP, it has directed three pursuits that are primarily focused on promoting disaster resilience among cities namely Strengthening Urban Communities’ Capacity to Endure Severe Shocks (SUCCESS) Project with Catholic Relief Services (CRS); Strengthening Resilience to Disasters among Vulnerable Urban Poor Communities in Manila, Philippines with Plan International; and Technical Assistance on Securing the Safety of Informal Settler Families in Metro Manila in collaboration with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Australian Government.

PPP team has also spearheaded a livelihood project in the communities affected by earthquake in Bohol with the support of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). It has also assisted the people with disabilities through its project with the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund (ASB), referred to as, “Persons with Disabilities: Empowered, Engaged.”


2015 is indeed a year of accomplishment and action for CDP given its remarkable achievements and mammoth success in the field of CBDRM and DRRM. It continues to soar greater heights en route for the furtherance and advancement of the people’s welfare to incessantly realize the safety and security of humankind in disaster and climate risks.











# Core Program Milestones





# Advocacy, Partnership, and Networking Program

Equipped with effective and efficient advocacy strategies, the Advocacy, Partnership, and Networking Program (APN) has been forging strong coalitions with civil society organizations, communities, government agencies, the academe and scientific community, the media, and other key stakeholders, in ardent service of its mandate to promote partnership and networking at local, regional, and global levels.

APN has striven to further expand and strengthen its multi-stakeholder and multi-scale advocacy approach through its fervent and dynamic participation in monumental events and activities in 2015; in the local frame, with the Sunset Review of Republic Act 10121 and Disaster Risk Reduction Network Philippines (DRRNetPhils); in the regional field, with the Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network (ADRRN); and in the global arena with The World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit.

## RA 10121 Sunset Review

APN spearheaded the Sunset Review of Republic Act 10121 or the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act, through the conduct of multiple national and local consultations which were validated by national agencies, local government units, civil society organizations, peoples' organizations, and other key stakeholders.

APN collaborated with Partners for Resilience to provide meaningful inputs to the RA 10121 Sunset Review highlighting the following ten major concerns:

- Climate and Ecosystem-Smart Disaster Risk Reduction
- Risk-centered approach in all types of hazards at all levels as well as within and across all sectors







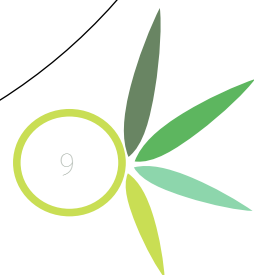
- Persons with Disabilities
- More defined and increased participation of CSOs
- Early Warning Systems for No Regrets Actions
- Training Institutes
- Strengthening DRRM capacities at the local level
- Conduct of Annual Risk Assessments
- DRR into Primary School Curricula
- Forecast and science-based DRRM

In addition to this, APN, through DRRNet Phils, in partnership with Scaling Up Resilience in Governance (SURGE) and World Vision Development Foundation conducted 3 CSO summits, 5 island consultations, 5 SURGE roundtable discussions, and 1 faith-based consultation to gather policy recommendations for the RA 10121 Sunset Review. These prolific endeavors tackled four key focus areas: institutional mechanism, planning and implementation, finance and budgeting, and CSO participation.

Furthermore, APN in partnership with the Asia Foundation, conducted 62 consultations with national government

agencies, regional government agencies, cities and municipalities, barangays, vulnerable sectors, and national and local civil society organizations to gather significant inputs to the Sunset Review of the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Law and Implementing Rules and Regulations. The action research followed an analytical framework aimed to solicit inputs from local implementers. Following the four thematic areas in the National DRRM Framework: Prevention and Mitigation, Preparedness, Emergency Response, and Recovery and Rehabilitation, the following key focus areas were analyzed to enable effective disaster risk reduction and climate change implementation: Risk Assessment, Planning, Funding, Preparedness for Response and Building Back Better. These focus areas are influenced by an enabling DRR/CCA environment as characterized by good governance, political will, and enabling policies.

As a result of the Sunset Review, APN has focused on pushing for the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund



(NDRRMF) Reform. APN has already influenced the drafting of the amendatory bill and was able to feed the results to the process through its involvement in Technical Working Groups and a series of writeshops and consultation processes conducted by the national government. These critical concerns will be further vigorously advocated by APN for 2016.

## Disaster Risk Reduction Network Philippines (DRRNetPhils)

CDP serves as the lead convener of the Disaster Risk Reduction Network Philippines (DRRNetPhils) with members





of the APN serving as CDP's organizational representatives. Thus, APN, through DRRNetPhils, led the drafting of the position paper on the Sunset Review, providing additional voice to the creation of a separate agency.

Through CDP's active membership in DRRNet Phils, APN steered the the "Tindog Tayo 2016: A Presidential Forum for a Resilient Philippines" held last November 24, 2015. In partnership with the Commission on Elections, SURGE, Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection, UNICEF, ACCORD, CDP, CDRC, OXFAM, World Vision, and other pertinent stakeholders, the event served as a venue for presidential aspirants such as Senator Miriam Defensor-Santiago, Former DILG Secretary Manuel "Mar" Roxas III, and Senator Grace Poe to deliver their respective stances on addressing DRRM and CCA issues, the needs of vulnerable sectors, the proximity of potential future disasters like the "Big One," and the enhancement of the DRR and CCA policy and institutions in the country. Mobilizing existing and new partners from civil society, the government, the barangays, the academe, the media, and more, the forum was able to enhance the public's awareness on the present state of DRRM-CCA, highlight the needs and priorities of various sectors, and elevate DRRM-CCA as an electoral issue to ensure that the next leader will commit to making it a priority agenda.

## APEC Summit

In the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit on November 2015, CDP was part of the 9th Senior Disaster Officials Forum as a speaker and participant. There, the APEC DRR Framework was approved with the aim to create resilient economies and communities. In addition to this, APN served as a speaker for a side event during the APEC Summit through SURGE.



## Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network (ADRRN)

CDP's Deputy Executive Director and Program Head of APN Ms. Maria Cagay was selected as the Vice-Chair of the Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network (ADRRN) a network organization aiming to promote coordination, information sharing and collaboration among NGOs and other stakeholders for effective and efficient disaster reduction and response in the Asia-Pacific region.

With ADRRN sitting in the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) Inter-Asia Partnership, CDP through APN was able to voice out the experience of the community of the Asian Regional Implementation Plan of Sendai Framework for DRR.

## World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

The World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction is a series of conferences by the United Nations which focus on disaster and climate risk management in the context of sustainable development. As preparation for this momentous event, APN spearheaded the final assessment of the Hyogo Framework for Action through the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC).

CDP headed activities to garner input to the text of the Sendai Framework for the NDRRMC through SURGE Activities in Iloilo and CARAGA and through Asian Disaster Risk Reduction Network (ADRRN). The final draft of the CSO statement for Sendai was drafted through mobilization of CSOs, peoples' organizations, and the academe. The final position paper was submitted to the Philippine Delegation through Disaster Risk Reduction Network.

During the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Japan in March 2015, staff members of APN served as official delegates of the Philippine Delegation to Sendai as well as the UN Major Group for Children and Youth. In addition, APN served as the National Champion of the SURGE Consortium.

## Moving Forward

For 2016, APN will continue to drive CDP's advocacy and partnership engagements with passion, through preparatory activities for the World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul, Turkey, the 7th Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR), and the 22nd Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Indubitably, APN's strife to sustain key partnerships and its continuous vigor for advocacy initiatives will have significant impact not only to critical local agenda, but to vital regional and global concerns as well.





# Research, Knowledge Exchange, and Management Program (RKEM)

Essentially, the Research, Knowledge Exchange, and Management (RKEM) Program prides itself in being able to undertake vital research and knowledge sharing initiatives that are largely crucial to advancing Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (CBDRRM) in all levels of engagement, may it be national, regional, or global. Year 2015 was no exception as RKEM endeavored in several research projects coupled with significant knowledge exchange and management engagements that have notably contributed to the attainment of the organizational advocacy.

Indeed, Year 2015 was one to remember for RKEM as it accomplished great feats not only in research but also in relevant fields in DRRM, such as training and advocacy through strengthening its knowledge exchange and management component. On top of this, RKEM also led several studies and papers which aided in the effective implementation of certain projects, proving that close coordination and harmonization among programs is most vital in efficiently carrying out projects.

## Research

The team successfully undertook two major research projects, one of which was the Child-Centered Urban Disaster Risk Reduction Project with Plan International – Philippines, wherein RKEM was assigned to conduct the baseline study to scope out and determine the current DRR environment in the selected project areas of Quezon City, San Juan City, and Valenzuela City. From February to June 2015, various research activities were conducted by RKEM with different sectors in the target communities: local government units, parents, teachers, non-government and youth organizations, and children and the youth aged 10-12 and 13-15 respectively; to nurture the consciousness of the communities in disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM) and climate change adaptation (CCA).

The other fruitful undertaking was the research entitled “Frontline: Turning Community Views into Action”. CDP, in partnership with the Global Network of Civil Society Organizations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR), launched and implemented the action research entitled “Frontline” which aimed to encapsulate the views and perspectives of the sectors at the vanguard of disasters caused by either natural or human-induced hazards. By partnering with local organizations, RKEM was able to engage eight (8) municipalities in six (6) major ‘risk zones’ which cover the diverse physical, geographical, and socio-economic aspects of the country that influence the existence of the apparent threats in these areas. Mainly, these crucial information form part of the shared voice that will drive action to alleviate risk and build on the resilience of the most vulnerable sectors.





Propelling CDP's internal research capacities, RKEM initiated a study on one of the most vulnerable populations when it comes to disasters. Entitled "Psychological Resilience and Flooding: The Case of Teenage Transwomen in QC, Philippines", the study aimed to contextualize the experiences of transgender individuals, particularly transwomen teenagers, before, during, and after disasters. Three participants were chosen through purposive sampling based on their unique experiences as transwomen adolescents living in Barangay Sta. Lucia, a community in Quezon City, Philippines that is susceptible to typhoons and flooding. The study concluded that in quintessence, it is imperative that the TTW, more so all of the LGBTQIA sectors, be included, empowered, and further educated in the myriad planning processes of the community regarding disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM). Indeed, it is only in giving power to these gender minorities that a culture of safety can truly be achieved, where all facets and segments of society are made accountable for their own resilience.

Aside from these research projects, members of the RKEM Team were also engaged in two major evaluation activities. The first is PEF's RECOVER HOPE I and II Program Evaluation (Community Mortgage Program). The program evaluation endeavored to document and analyze the processes and results (output, outcomes, and impacts) of RECOVER HOPE I and II and draw out lessons learned which could inform future post-disaster rehabilitation and recovery work of PEF as an institution. The second is a Program Evaluation of OXFAM's Typhoon Haiyan Response. Primarily, the program evaluation assessed the overall impact and effectiveness of Oxfam's 18-month response — from November 2013 to March 2015 — after the onslaught of Typhoon Haiyan. It sought to assess and scrutinize the process and results (outputs, outcomes, impact) and capture the challenges, gaps, and learnings, helping enlighten future endeavors on disaster and emergency response. Four (4) municipalities covered by the Haiyan Response across Eastern Leyte and Tacloban, Eastern Samar, Northern Cebu and Western Leyte and

Ormoc were covered by the evaluation. In addition to these research endeavors, the RKEM team considers the accomplishment of the Terminal Report for the Technical Assistance Project in Securing the Safety of Informal Settler Families (ISFs) in Metro Manila as another feather in their cap, as the team helped in the creation of final case stories and designed its form.

## Knowledge Exchange

Aside from the team's accomplishments in Research, RKEM boasts numerous achievements in Knowledge Exchange that have left a mark in the efficient flow of CDP's internal and external communication avenues.

RKEM has actively provided for the stable management and facilitation of the organization's social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. It has also produced CDP's organizational branding guidelines including the creation of the CDP logo, letterhead, brochure, powerpoint template, business cards, all of which are essential in promoting the CDP brand and advocacy.

RKEM's expertise has also crossed to the digital media format with the production of Videos such as "Waves of Resilience" about the municipality of Mercedes in Camarines Norte and "Daloyng Katatagan" documenting the Technical Assistance Project in Securing the Safety of Informal Settler Families (ISFs) in Metro Manila. These endeavors in social media and video production are being dynamically sustained through Partnership with the De La Salle University – Taft students, who, through CDP's influence, have registered as youth advocates





for disaster risk reduction and management.

In addition to RKEM's efforts in branding to promote its advocacy, RKEM has also engaged in a one-of-a-kind event to strengthen the organization's promotion of humanitarian causes. RKEM facilitated a meaningful knowledge exchange in conjunction with the Disaster Risk Reduction Network (DRRNet) Philippines, the Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP), and Oxfam Philippines to launch the State of the Humanitarian System Report 2015, a detailed report

on the performance of the humanitarian sector on events that have beleaguered not just the Philippines, but the whole world. This event primarily looked at the significant efforts done by major stakeholders in the humanitarian field in recent events that have strongly impacted society. Deemed a significant first in humanitarian discourse, this event aimed to pave the way toward more sustainable linkages and strategies, as partners who participated in the activity were able to benefit from the firsthand

information on global innovations of multi-sectoral humanitarian systems.

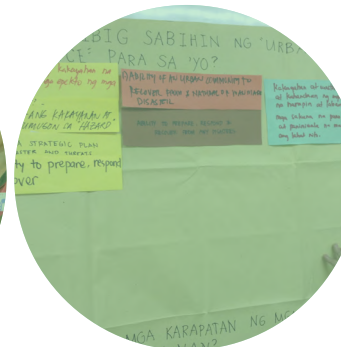
Likewise, furthering the organization's promotion of local and indigenous knowledge in disaster risk reduction, members of the RKEM Team shared their expertise in two events celebrating the 2015 International Day for Disaster Reduction (IDDR): at the Red Cross "Knowledge of Life" IDDR Forum and the "Knowledge for Life #IDDR 2015 Tradition and Heritage Towards a Disaster Resilient Makati" IDDR Celebration.

## Knowledge Management

RKEM has fulfilled its mandate to manage knowledge on DRR, CCA, and critical developmental issues through the creation and production of Information and Education Campaign (IEC) materials including production of infographic and project synopses. Utilizing the expertise of its staff in visual arts, RKEM has engaged in beautifully and innovatively packaging project reports and other materials.

Furthermore, the RKEM team has attempted to manage institutional knowledge through digital platforms. RKEM has spearheaded the development of a new CDP Website, and has also compiled an inventory of organizational activities and engagements from CDP's various programs.

In addition, in preparation for the publication of the CDP Anniversary Book, RKEM led the fruitful Anniversary Book Writeshop attended by the different programs in CDP. It aimed to provide an avenue for participatory contribution to the content of the book, targeting the development of the first draft of the book chapters by second quarter of 2016.







### Facebook Insights

## Summary

Increase of 2,054 likes in the Center for Disaster Preparedness's Official Facebook Page

Average of 13,473 daily reach from January to December of last year with the highest recorded total reach of 77,286 people on November 12, 2015.

### Trending Post



A feature on the activity book entitled 'Batang Handa, Batang Ligtas' developed by CDP and Plan International received the highest 'virality' last year.

## Capacity Building

On top its core mandates, RKEM has undertaken capacity building activities, developing not only the strengths and capabilities of its program members, but of its partners as well.

For one, the RKEM team attended CDP's Management-Leadership Training Workshop which aimed to catalyze profound leadership and management skills among CDP staff members. Moreover, members of the team also participated in several humanitarian initiatives such as the "Integration of mental health in general health care using mhGAP Intervention Guide in Tacloban: What can we learn?" headed by the International Medical Corps, the "Psychological First Aid and Katatagan" launched by the Psychological Association of the Philippines, and the "Partners' Forum on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergencies" led by the Psychosocial Support and Children's Rights Resource Center.

In its efforts to share the call for a more participative and collaborative disaster risk reduction and management, RKEM developed the CDP Volunteer Application Form, encouraging people of all ages to take part in organizational endeavors towards resilient and sustainable futures. Currently, the CDP volunteers have reached around twenty (20) people who were mobilized in the momentous Tindog Tayo Presidential Forum.










A young child with dark hair, wearing a white tank top with blue trim and colorful shorts, is sitting inside a large, empty wooden barrel. The child is looking towards the camera with a neutral expression. The background shows a rustic structure made of vertical wooden poles and a dense green forest. The scene is outdoors on a dirt ground.

# Training and Capacity Development

With their hearts and minds centered on the needs of the communities, the Training and Capacity Development (TCD) program perennially serves as CDP's most dedicated capacity-building team that diligently teaches stakeholders, duty-bearers, and barangay members alike on Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (CBDRRM). For 17 years now, the whole organization has prided itself as one of the leading pioneers in CBDRRM, continually undertaking advocacy, research, capacity development, and many other evolving fields in the DRRM landscape. Certainly, the TCD program has played a colossal role in realizing this milestone, with their burning passion to empower and capacitate the people, especially those at the grassroots level.

In 2015, CDP's primary capacity development team was able to train an estimated number of 3,626 individuals from a multitude of pertinent sectors under their three major projects which are: 1) Sustainable and Resilient Agribusiness Development in Mercedes (SARAM), funded by the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA); 2) Disaster Risk Reduction through Education and Managing Barangay Integrated Goals towards Disaster Resilient Communities (DRREAM BIG), pioneered by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); and 3) Planning for Resilience and Effective Preparedness (PREP), supported by Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Through these three vital endeavors, TCD was able to conduct a total of 69 training sessions and capacity-building activities, of which 36 was conducted by the DRREAM BIG project alongside 28 activities led by the SARAM team and five (5) activities accomplished by the PREP project.

Dedicated to providing community-based disaster education, the training component of CDP takes pride in being able to facilitate and lead the journey of Filipino communities toward resilience and, eventually, development. More importantly, TCD recognizes that sustainable resilience and development can never be realized alone, which is why the program eagerly partners and cooperates with other programs and agencies inside and outside the field of DRRM. To wit, the team of proficient trainers worked alongside the government, international non-government organizations (INGOs), local government



units (LGUs), people's organizations (POs), the private sector, and the academe on a total of 99 engagements for year 2015. In the academe, TCD collaborated with premier educational institutions such as the Central Bicol State University of Agriculture (CBSUA), Southern Luzon State University (SLUS), the University of the Philippines' (UP – Diliman) College of Social Work and Community Development (CSWCD) and Department of Geography, UP – Visayas, Montessori Child Development Center, and St. Scholastica's College Manila. Apart from this, TCD has also teamed up with government agencies like the Department of Education (DepEd), the Department of Interior and Local Government's (DILG) Local Government Academy (LGA), the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) – Central and Regional Offices, and the provinces of Agusan del Norte and Camarines Norte.

While TCD has remained at the forefront of disaster preparedness, they remain keen to learn from other stakeholders in myriad fields, understanding that resilience can only be accomplished by approaching DRRM holistically – a vision that can only be realized by converging for a greater cause. With this in mind, TCD fervently collaborated with INGOs in and out of the vDRRM landscape, pooling their resources and working as a team toward their shared goal of sustainable development. Some of the international organizations and networks that TCD joined forces with are AECOM, Handicap International, Kaibigan Foundation, Oxfam, Peace and Equity Foundation (PEF), Fatimco, Tambuyog Development Center, TRIAS, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Red Cross, World Vision, Volunteer Service Overseas (VSO), Adventist Community Service, and the AADMER Partnership Group (APG).

Guided by this collective vision, the training team further acknowledged the fact that all these linkages and efforts will be for naught if the general populace is not involved in the journey toward long-term development. In turn, TCD

welcomed and encouraged various requests from the private sector for trainings regarding disaster preparedness, like that of Shiphealth and the Jacinto Family in Alabang, Muntinlupa. On top of this, the training component worked with DisasterReady.org, an online learning portal that was developed in collaboration with leading aid agencies and humanitarian experts in service of the mission to foster learning and knowledge centered on safety and resilience. In entirety, more or less than 651 participants from both the civil society and private sector joined in a total of 99 peripheral engagements carried out by TCD.

Of the aforesaid engagements, 11 were official CBDRRM Basic Instructors' Guide (BIG) Training of Trainers (ToTs); ten (10) of which were conducted by the OCD and one (1) under the province of Camarines Norte. As one of the main authors of the BIG module – now dubbed as the standard guidebook for trainers and advocates alike – TCD has not only fostered an enduring relationship with its spearhead, OCD, but has also gained the latter's endorsement and accreditation in conducting and facilitating CBDRRM BIG ToTs across the country.

Ultimately, from August to November 2015, TCD was able to facilitate myriad ToTs for the OCD National Office (attended by 121 participants), OCD Region 12 (82 participants), OCD CARAGA Region (116 participants), OCD Region 5 – Camarines Norte (75 participants), OCD Davao (40 participants), OCD Region 8 (40 participants), and OCD Region 6 (40 participants). Overall, a total of 514 participants were trained and guided in CBDRRM using the BIG module, which when combined with TCD's other engagements adds to a total of 1,165 participants all in all. This certainly signifies the great contributions of TCD in sparking transformative change in society through inclusive and participatory CBDRRM, ensuring that disaster education and preparedness is entrenched on the needs and interests of the community.

By the same token, within the organization, TCD has keenly partnered with the Research, Knowledge Exchange, and Management (RKEM) Program; the Projects and Partnerships Program (PPP); and the Advocacy, Partnership, and Networking (APN) Program in a host of capacity-development engagements that mainly involved the conduct of various trainings, forums, drills/simulation exercises, learning about Livelihood and the





Value Chain, managing study tours, teaching Public Awareness, doing Planning Workshops, administering Community Organizing orientations, organizing and conducting ToTs for Inclusive CBDRRM, co-authoring CDP publications, attending conferences, and documenting related training engagements. A total of 16 internal engagements were piloted or participated in by the TCD component, not only paving the way toward a culture of safety but also toward a culture of shared accountability for CDP and its myriad stakeholders at the fore.

Indeed, CDP's primary training team plays a crucial role in mainstreaming CBDRRM, serving both as a mentor and mediator of resilience to various sectors, duty-bearers, and stakeholders in myriad levels of engagement – whether it may be on the national, regional, or global scales. Toting up to about 4,791 trained individuals for 2015, TCD undertook a number of 184 capacity-building engagements, with only 14 proficient trainers and one (1) expert member from the Executive Team (ET) comprising the whole team. In point of fact, the training team of 15 meted out approximately 10 trainings per month in 2015 alongside the publication of different tools, modules, and presentations dedicated to making CBDRRM more focused on improving the plight of the most vulnerable sectors.

Among the authored outputs of TCD include the seven (7) modules that they were able to accomplish in 2015 which focused on: 1) CBDRRM and Inclusivity; 2) Household Preparedness; 3) Child-focused DRRM; 4) Youth Camp; 5) Private Sector; 6) DRR and the Value Chain; and the 7) Training Academy. All of these modules are mostly in session guide and PowerPoint formats, with the most important module of all, the BIG module, having undergone immense scrutiny, yielding many helpful recommendations which will be used to refine the latter. Correspondingly, the program was able to establish standardized tools and module guides which they aim to polish further in the months to come. Alongside this, TCD has contributed in crafting effective tools for ToTs such as Training Needs Assessment (TNA) tools and forms, Pre/Post Tests, and Evaluation Forms which were bettered through

the utilization of appropriate software and applications, especially in the computation and comparative analysis of Pre/Post Tests.

Comparably, the training component also managed to draft 20 proposals in 2015, primarily written for and with continuing partners in the civil society that have long trusted CDP for their training needs and requests. What's more is that TCD also plans to launch one (1) course offering every year to better deliver CDP's core responsibility and enrich current partner relationships. On top of this, the training program aims to continue making audio-visual presentations and videos for their projects, building on the first video produced for the province of Mercedes, Camarines Norte. Indeed, enhancing the production of project videos will not only aid in documenting project accomplishments but will help to immortalize the significant change that CDP's undertakings have inspired, impacting the lives of all the partner communities and beneficiaries that the organization has trained.

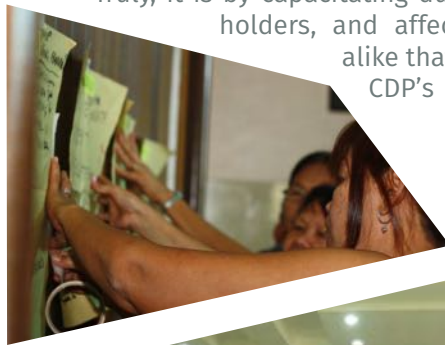
In quintessence, TCD prides itself in being able to serve the community passionately, enabling and leading those most at-risk toward safety, resilience, and progress. With a total of 127 trainings, they significantly exceeded their target of 12 trainings for 2015, accomplishing noteworthy activities such as the BIG Trainings, the DRREAM BIG Youth



Camp, and relevant Simulation Exercises (SIMEX). In the same way, the training team also headed and assisted in a number of CDP Staff Development Sessions (SDS), proving that TCD not only empowers the barangays who are at the crux of CDP's mission, but also inspires its own to keep their innermost passions ablaze.

ering the most vulnerable sectors toward sustainable development. Most of all, TCD acknowledges that the onus of long-term progress does not rest solely on the government or civil society, but on each and everyone's shoulders. Much like the traditional custom of Bayanihan, TCD is aware that every Filipino needs to take part in the crusade towards development, each doing their own part to foster a resilient and sustainable future for generations to come – a conviction that TCD (and the whole of CDP) aims to instill in everyone through zealous servant leadership.

Truly, it is by capacitating duty-bearers, stakeholders, and affected communities alike that TCD fully realizes CDP's vision of empow-





# Projects and Partnerships Program

The Projects and Partnerships Program (PPP) entered its second year in 2015 with a steadfast commitment to put forward its mandate of implementing projects with excellence while fostering strong and sustaining relationships with partners. Strongly driven by such a motivation, the whole PPP team has worked indefatigably with great pride to serve the needs of manifold stakeholders at all levels that CDP as an institution works with and for. The program has engaged in an array of activities which included project implementation, capacity building, advocacy, coordination, organizing, monitoring, and evaluation. PPP's involvement in these myriad of engagements since its inception in 2014 offered not only valuable learnings but also meaningful challenges that paved the way for the program to improve its practices, processes, and systems.

The two-year stint of the program provided a significant benchmark to improve its ways of working with partners from the government, civil society, communities and their organizations. The PPP's drive for constant learning is a concrete manifestation of its solid commitment to put forward the institution's vision of promoting safe, sustainable, and resilient communities. The program has explored manifold avenues to bolster its knowledge and skills towards the realization of its roles and responsibilities

more competently and effectively. PPP has embarked on both internal and external mechanisms to further support and enhance its capacity as one of the core institutional programs. Specifically, these mechanisms involved the formation of a core team comprised of members who play managerial roles; trainings on project development; and management and leadership; team building activities; inter-program planning; facilitation of workshops and trainings; participation to various local and international fora and other learning events

PPP has demonstrated continued and dedicated leadership in the implementation of five major projects across the country, particularly in the islands of Luzon and Visayas.





and Technical Assistance on Securing the Safety of Informal Settler Families in Metro Manila.

### Strengthening Urban Communities' Capacity to Endure Severe Shocks (SUCCESS)

In collaboration with the Catholic Relief Services (CRS), and the Dioceses of Manila, Caloocan, Antipolo, and Malolos, Project SUCCESS was carried out to reinforce the capacity of communities on Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (CBDRRM). Specifically, the project was executed in fifteen villages across the four dioceses. To realize the objective of the project, a series of community risk assessment (CRA), early warning system (EWS), contingency planning (CP), and disaster risk reduction and management planning workshops were held in the covered villages. These activities enabled the locals to identify prominent risk and hazards in the area; vulnerabilities that influence their exposure to these threats; and priority actions that could be advanced for their protection and safety. As part of the project's sustainability strategies, a Training of Trainers (ToT) for Diocese Social Action Centers (DSACs) and Barangay Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Committees (BDRRMCs) was organized. Capacitating key groups in the communities was deemed necessary to promote ownership vital for continuing the initiative even after project implementation. Mentoring sessions were also done as a mechanism for local capacity enhancement.

These projects enabled the program to work with at-risk communities and other concerned stakeholders to advance vulnerability reduction and resilience building initiatives in both urban and rural contexts.

The rapid and incessant urbanization happening in Metro Manila has led to the growing vulnerability of the metropolis' populace to hazards and risks. With this evident reality, CDP through the leadership of PPP embarked on three undertakings that are primarily focused on promoting disaster resilience among cities namely Strengthening Urban Communities' Capacity to Endure Severe Shocks (SUCCESS) Project; Strengthening Resilience to Disasters among Vulnerable Urban Poor Communities in Manila, Philippines;





## Strengthening Resilience to Disasters among Vulnerable Urban Poor Communities in Metro Manila

On the other hand, the Strengthening Resilience to Disasters among Vulnerable Urban Poor Communities in Metro Manila endeavored to advance children and youth's rights and participation in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) and climate change adaptation (CCA) agenda. In partnership with Plan International-Philippines, the three-year project targeted three major cities in the National Capital Region (NCR) and these were Quezon, San Juan, and Valenzuela. In each city, select four at-risk communities were able to actively take part in the project activities.

A diverse menu of capacity building activities was designed and carried out to boost local communities' capacities in combating disaster threats with special consideration for the needs and capacities of children. These activities were comprised of awareness raising campaign, skills training, and various learning events. Among those who benefitted from the undertakings were the village councils, parents, teachers, non-government organizations, youth groups, and children and youth. The aforementioned stakeholders were able to participate in different trainings in CBDRM which, specifically involved CRA, CP, and Barangay Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Planning (BDRRMP). A variety of skills training activities were also held and these included Basic Life Support (BLS) and Search and Rescue.

To foster awareness among the young generation, the project celebrated Earth Day through games, art activities, and interactive lectures which centered on DRR and CCA themes. An activity book for children and youth was also produced to aid in instilling a culture of safety and preparedness among them.

Learning events were also part of the awareness raising strategies for both adults and children and these included disaster preparedness forum and earthquake preparedness seminar.

The conduct of the abovementioned activities was successfully carried out through fostering strong partnerships with the city governments that provided technical and material assistance. The first year of its implementation was concluded through a lessons learned workshop which gathered different stakeholders from the covered areas to discuss the gains, strengths, challenges, and areas for improvement to better promote a child-centered DRR and CCA agenda. At present, the second year of project implementation is continuing.

## Technical Assistance on Securing the Safety of Informal Settler Families in Metro Manila

The Technical Assistance on Securing the Safety of Informal Settler Families in Metro Manila, a two-year project implemented in partnership with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Australian Government, Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Disaster Risk Reduction Network Philippines (DRRNet Phils), and ten (10) City Governments in Metro Manila has concluded in 2015. The project became instrumental in building the adaptive capacity and enhancing the preparedness initiatives of 115 barangays with families residing along the eight major waterways in Metro Manila and in high-risk areas through utilizing CBDRM approach.

As an active member of the DRRNet Phils, CDP through PPP, played a fundamental role in conducting 690 workshops, which included CRA, end-to-end community-based EWS, BDRRMP, and contingency planning. Apart from these workshops, EWS devices were distributed to ensure timely and proper risk communication and the BDRRMCs were also activated in the



communities to ensure system in DRRM work. The project provided an effective environment to foster good relationship between the government and the CSOs which is deemed as a crucial factor in sustaining project achievements and outputs. Furthermore, public awareness materials were also developed and these included Komiks ng Kahandaan and a video documentary entitled “Daloy ng Kahandaan.”

Besides the abovementioned urban DRRM initiatives, PPP has also manifested its strong commitment in pursuing a culture of preparedness and resiliency in rural areas especially in the Visayas Region.

## Bohol Livelihood Project

The livelihood project was initiated with the aim of helping the earthquake survivors in Antequera, Bohol to recover and continue their economic activities towards survival and development. Funded by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), the project provided a great opportunity for the community people to enhance their knowledge and skills on agricultural livelihood activities especially in 2015. The activities of the project included capacity building initiatives to promote people’s source of income such as the Sustainable Agriculture Orientation and Training. This training has provided the community with pertinent information on practicing a more natural process of farming. Alongside this activity, setting up of demo farms was also initiated to provide the people with the technical know-how on the actual farming techniques and methodologies. The people were also educated about vermi harvesting to promote a more environment- friendly soil cultivation. Furthermore, the people were also familiarized with the procurement of appropriate farming materials and funding assistance was also extended to purchase the necessary tools.

The project also served as the forerunner of planting of vegetables such as bitter melon, water spinach, beans, and ladyfinger to help the people have an

alternative source of food and be able to explore other channels to augment their household income. It also led the setting up of animal housing for hogs and chickens to properly inform the people of the process of organic animal breeding.

Other than organic agricultural ventures, the project also introduced other sources of revenue for people such as providing orientation on the management of a cooperative. Another activity was the orientation on the production of charcoal briquette. A demo was also conducted to encourage the community people to utilize the said product. The project also supported the production of the charcoal briquette as an alternative source of income.

The project will run until November 2016 and with this, documentation and field monitoring visits are continuously conducted to ensure its proper implementation throughout the project cycle.

## Persons with Disabilities: Empowered, Engaged

The project Persons with Disabilities: Empowered, Engaged is a year- long project implemented by the PPP in partnership with the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund (ASB). It covers six communities in the respective municipalities of Balangiga and Lawaan in the province of Eastern Samar. DRRM capacity building activities were organized for this project and these included: ToT on Disability Inclusive DRRM (DiDRRM), CRA workshops, BDRRMP workshop, sensitization of project stakeholders on disability inclusion, and psychosocial support services training. One of the project’s key milestones was the reactivation of disabled people’s organizations (DPOs) in the covered municipalities. This provided an enabling environment for the persons with disability



to exercise leadership and gain confidence as active development agents in their respective communities. Furthermore, the project experience was also shared at the Dhaka Conference on Disability and Disaster Risk Management last December 12- 14, 2015 in Bangladesh. At present, continuous field monitoring visits are conducted to guarantee the efficient execution of the remaining deliverables.

Other than their close and staunch engagement in the abovementioned projects, PPP also showed commitment in providing support to other programs in the facilitation of activities in the following engagements: Be Secure Project, SARAM, DRREAM BIG ToT, EWS workshop and family preparedness through the TCD program; State of the Humanitarian System (SOHS), Training on Climate Change in

Infanta, Quezon and Oxfam Evaluation through the RKEM Program; and Tindog Tayo Presidential Forum through the APN program.

## Beyond 2015

With all the commendable engagements that PPP had for 2015, the program's able and high spirited staff, remains dedicated and positive as they continue to embark on projects and activities that are geared towards creating a safer, inclusive, and sustainable society not only for the present populace but also for the future generation. ✨





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