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Communities across East Asia and the Pacific (EAP) face recurrent extreme weather events and natural hazards—such as earthquakes, floods, storms, and volcanic eruptions—that can lead to sudden-onset disasters. USAID Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/BHA) programming in FY 2020 continued to support disaster risk reduction (DRR) programs that enhanced early warning systems, improved disaster preparedness, and strengthened the capacity of first responders in at-risk areas.

- USAID/BHA provided more than \$22.8 million in FY 2020 to 18 local, national, and international organizations across the region, supporting innovative DRR strategies tailored to the needs of vulnerable populations.
- With \$3 million in FY 2020 funding, USAID/BHA supported the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) to strengthen first responder capacity of national Red Cross and Red Crescent societies across EAP, enhancing their ability to quickly respond to sudden-onset emergencies.
- During FY 2020, USAID/BHA partners supported Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) member states to develop and institutionalize early warning, disaster management, and hazard monitoring systems.
- USAID/BHA partners supported rural and urban communities in multiple countries, including Indonesia and Mongolia, to improve preparedness for and resilience to natural disasters and associated livelihood disruptions. Separately, USAID/BHA partners integrated gender and disability inclusion into community-based disaster preparedness programs in Pacific Island countries.

**USAID/BHA DEVELOPMENT
& DRR FUNDING FOR
EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC¹
IN FY 2020**

Standalone DRR \$22,846,184

Total: \$22,846,184

In EAP in FY 2020, USAID/BHA supported DRR activities in Cambodia, Fiji, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Taiwan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, and Vietnam.

¹ These numbers reflect DRR programs funded through USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Increasing National Resilience and Response Capacity to Natural Disasters in EAP

With \$3 million in FY 2020 USAID/BHA funding, IFRC's Red Ready program continued to strengthen the capacity, readiness, and resilience of national Red Cross and Red Crescent societies across EAP to respond to natural disasters. Red Ready supports national societies to develop their organizational management capacity, helping them to better prepare for emergencies, effectively manage resources, and facilitate timely responses to humanitarian needs. Since FY 2018, USAID/BHA has contributed \$5 million to IFRC's Red Ready program to support national response capacities in Burma, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Timor-Leste, and Vietnam.

Improving Disaster Management Response and Coordination Systems

USAID/BHA has supported the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) since 2002 to strengthen the capacity of ASEAN disaster management authorities to respond to emergencies. These programs aim to integrate adaptable and relevant components of the U.S. National Incident Management System, such as the Incident Command System (ICS) platform, into the disaster management systems of partner countries. As the U.S. Government management framework globally recognized as a best-practice for emergency response and contingency planning for large-scale events, ICS provides organizational structure and processes to streamline planning and resource allocation during an emergency situation, improving the speed and effectiveness of a rapid response. With \$850,000 in FY 2020 funding, USAID/BHA continued to support USFS program activities including enhancing partner countries' capacity to conduct basic and intermediate ICS training courses, providing technical assistance for emergency operations centers, and supporting the development and implementation of disaster management policies and standard operating procedures. With USAID/BHA funding, USFS has supported the adaptation and institutionalization of ICS emergency management concepts in Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, the Philippines, RMI, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vanuatu, and Vietnam.

Developing Innovative Tools to Minimize Disaster Shocks in Cambodia

Since 2018, USAID/BHA has supported the UN World Food Program (WFP) to develop the Platform for Real-Time Impact and Situation Monitoring (PRISM), a multi-hazard disaster management platform, to reduce the impact of shocks on vulnerable populations in Cambodia. In coordination with Cambodia's National Committee for Disaster Management, WFP is working to develop an impact-based risk forecasting system, utilizing information technology to create coordination mechanisms at the national and sub-national levels and implement risk mitigation mechanisms. Additionally, WFP has helped improve coordination by conducting awareness campaigns, capacity building and analysis dissemination workshops, natural-hazard simulations, and technical information exchanges. In FY 2020, USAID/BHA contributed \$423,000 in additional funding to the program—for a total of nearly \$823,000 in funding since FY 2018.

Strengthening Community DRR in Indonesia's Nusa Tenggara Region

During FY 2020, USAID/BHA provided \$350,000 to World Neighbors to help strengthen disaster preparedness and reduce food insecurity among vulnerable populations in Indonesia's disaster-prone Nusa Tenggara region. Due to geographic isolation, lack of irrigation systems, and limited livelihood opportunities, farmers in East and West Nusa Tenggara provinces regularly face food insecurity that is exacerbated by natural disasters. To increase households' ability to cope with economic and environmental shocks, World Neighbors trained farmers on resilient agriculture practices, such as planting drought-resistant crops. In addition, the USAID/BHA partner worked with communities to identify disaster risks, develop preparedness and mitigation plans, and train local disaster authorities. Since FY 2018, USAID/BHA has provided World Neighbors with nearly \$3.7 million to support agricultural production and DRR activities.

Building Disaster Resilience Among Rural and Urban Communities in Mongolia

With \$1.3 million in FY 2020 funding, USAID/BHA is supporting World Vision to strengthen community resilience to climatic and human-induced hazards in rural and urban Mongolia. Households in Mongolia's densely populated urban areas and remote border provinces face a variety of hazards, including earthquakes, flooding, harsh winters, infrastructure fires, and wildfires. World Vision is working with communities and local authorities to update disaster management guidelines, build response capacity, and run disaster simulations, increasing the capacity of households and institutions to cope with and prepare for disasters. In addition, World Vision is implementing livestock management and disease prevention and control activities for herders, increasing their resilience to natural hazards that could adversely affect their livestock and threaten their livelihoods.

Increasing Public-Private Collaboration on Disaster Preparedness in the Philippines

In FY 2020, USAID/BHA provided the Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation (PDRF) with \$100,000 to strengthen collaboration between government agencies and the private sector on DRR. PDRF worked with civil society groups, government agencies, humanitarian organizations, and the private sector to identify community disaster risks and develop shared mitigation plans and strategies. In addition, PDRF facilitated public service continuity planning to protect infrastructure and ensure the provision of critical community services in the Philippines's highly urbanized cities of Makati and Quezon during potential disasters. USAID/BHA has provided approximately \$700,000 in funding to support these activities since FY 2017.



PDRF distributes relief supplies at its emergency operations center in Manila. Photo courtesy of PDRF.

Enhancing ASEAN Early Warning Capacity

In FY 2020, with prior year funding, USAID/BHA supported the Pacific Disaster Center—managed by the University of Hawai'i at Manoa—to continue to develop and enhance the compatibility of early warning and hazard monitoring systems for ASEAN nations. The program has bolstered the capacity of national disaster management agencies to access automated hazard information and infrastructure data, share information, and strengthen warning systems. The program has strengthened the early warning capabilities and hazard monitoring of the ASEAN Coordinating Center for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Center), an inter-governmental organization that coordinates emergency response among ASEAN nations, humanitarian organizations, and the UN, through enhancements to their Disaster Monitoring and Response System (DMRS) and training to ASEAN Member State disaster management agencies on DMRS use. The program also developed and expanded country-specific versions of DisasterAWARE and standard operating procedures in Indonesia, Laos, the Philippines, and Thailand. Country-specific DisasterAWARE platforms will link automatically to AHA Center's DMRS.

Mainstreaming Gender and Disability Inclusion in Community-Based Risk Management in Samoa and Tonga

With prior year funding, USAID/BHA partner CARE continued in FY 2020 to work with communities, local organizations, and government institutions in the Pacific Island countries of Samoa and Tonga to better address the needs of women, persons with disabilities, and other groups most adversely affected by disasters. CARE builds local ownership and capacity by working with several local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to ensure full community participation and culturally appropriate approaches to gender mainstreaming and disability inclusion. By expanding knowledge of both natural disaster risks and the different capacities, needs, and risks of various groups, the program aims to ensure that those most adversely affected by disasters have a voice in the development of disaster preparedness strategies best suited for their needs. With \$790,000 in USAID/BHA funding, CARE has reached more than 22,000 people in Samoa and Tonga with community awareness and mobilization activities since FY 2019.

USAID/BHA DEVELOPMENT AND DRR ASSISTANCE FOR EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC IN FY 2020 ¹

LOCATION	ACTIVITY	IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	AMOUNT
DRR			
EAP Regional	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management (HCIM), Risk Management Policy and Practice	Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)	\$323,153
	Risk Management Policy and Practice	IFRC	\$3,000,000
	Agriculture and Food Security	UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	\$900,000
Cambodia	Risk Management Policy and Practice	USFS	\$850,000
	Risk Management Policy and Practice	WFP	\$423,000
Fiji	Risk Management Policy and Practice	IFRC	\$749,883
FSM and RMI	Risk Management Policy and Practice	International Organization for Migration (IOM)	\$2,073,996
	Risk Management Policy and Practice	U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)	\$100,000
Indonesia	Risk Management Policy and Practice	UN Children's Fund (UNICEF)	\$498,960
	Agriculture and Food Security, Risk Management Policy and Practice	World Neighbors	\$350,000
	Risk Management Policy and Practice	World Vision	\$580,000
Japan	Risk Management Policy and Practice	Peace Winds Japan	\$326,081
Laos	Risk Management Policy and Practice; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)	UNICEF	\$1,240,000
Mongolia	Agriculture and Food Security, Risk Management Policy and Practice	World Vision	\$1,300,000
Papua New Guinea	HCIM, Risk Management Policy and Practice	IOM	\$2,800,000
Philippines	Agriculture and Food Security, Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Risk Management Policy and Practice	Acción contra el Hambre/Spain (ACH/Spain)	\$1,150,000
	Agriculture and Food Security, Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Risk Management Policy and Practice	Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	\$998,766
	Risk Management Policy and Practice, Shelter and Settlements	IOM	\$750,000
	Risk Management Policy and Practice	PDRF	\$100,000
	HCIM, Logistics Support and Relief Commodities, Risk Management Policy and Practice	WFP	\$500,000
Republic of Korea	Protection, Risk Management Policy and Practice	IOM	\$265,738
Samoa	Logistics Support and Relief Commodities, Risk Management Policy and Practice, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	CRS	\$500,000
Solomon Islands	Risk Management Policy and Practice	World Vision	\$1,000,000
Taiwan	Risk Management Policy and Practice	Taiwan Red Cross	\$150,000

Timor-Leste	Agriculture and Food Security, Economic Recovery and Market	Mercy Corps	\$600,000
Tonga	Protection, Risk Management Policy and Practice	Act for Peace	\$1,067,607
Vietnam	HCIM	The Asia Foundation	\$249,000
TOTAL DRR FUNDING			\$22,846,184
TOTAL DEVELOPMENT AND DRR FUNDING IN FY 2020			\$22,846,184

¹ Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds. Funding figures reflect publicly announced funding as of September 30, 2020.

PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for disaster responses around the world can be found at interaction.org.
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, and warehouse space); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietarily, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
 - USAID Center for International Disaster Information: cidi.org
 - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at reliefweb.int.

USAID/BHA bulletins appear on the USAID website at [usaid.gov/humanitarian-assistance/where-we-work](https://www.usaid.gov/humanitarian-assistance/where-we-work)