Displacement Impacts of Sudden-Onset Events in Asia Pacific

Perspectives from the Red Cross and Red Crescent

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Disasters and Displacement in a Changing Climate:

The Role of Asia Pacific National Societies

IFRC and Asia Pacific National Societies Activities and Initiatives:

- Prevention and Preparing for Displacement
- Response
- Recovery and Durable Solutions

From:

- Myanmar
- Mongolia
- Thailand
- Solomon Islands
- China
- Fiji
- Indonesia
- Maldives
- Philippines
- Pakistan
- Bangladesh

Preparedness: Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh

11/6/2002
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9/22/2017
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12/29/2017
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Cyclone Preparedness Programme (CPP)

- Recruitment and training of camp volunteers
- Training in Disaster preparedness, Community risk assessments, First Aid and Early Warning protocols
- Personal protective gear, first aid kits, search and rescue kits and early warning tools
- 31 Units, in 31 camps
- 13 Mock Drills

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Response: Lombok and Sulawesi

IFRC Displacement Assessment

- Lombok: 430,000 displaced
- Sulawesi: 100,000 (approx.) displaced
- Findings:
- Better understanding of needs and prospects for “displaced” people
- Support host communities
- Migration and displacement dynamics in immediate aftermath of sudden onset hazards

Recovery: Shariatpur, Bangladesh

IFRC Displacement Assessment

- 43,500 displaced
- Immediate cash, shelter and food support
- Large number of landless
- Interim solution is relatives and renting
- Desire to remain in Shariatpur
- Concerns about char lands

Recommendations

- Local Actors, Community Perspectives
- Holistic Approach
- Silent Disasters

Thank You