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STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY-BASED DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT IN ASIA



Beneficiary
Countries

India, Indonesia,
Maldives, Sri Lanka,
Thailand

Implementing
Partners

Raks Thai
Foundation

Budget (US\$)
\$440,000

Duration
June 2010 to
July 2012

Related SDGs



PROJECT CONTEXT

Several weaknesses have contributed to the devastating impacts of the Indian Ocean Tsunami of 2004. First, the linkages between institutional arrangements were weak, e.g. the roles and responsibilities between communities and national and local governments were not clearly defined. Second, there were also no clear models for communities, local governments, and civil society partnerships for community-based disaster risk management (CBDRM). Lastly, in many cases, the existing preparedness and response strategies did not consider climate change impacts.

PROJECT OBJECTIVE

The aim of the project was to strengthen institutional linkages between governments, civil society, and community in countries exposed to the threat of tsunamis. Furthermore, the goal was to enhance community-based disaster risk management (CBDRM).

KEY OUTCOMES

- A regional network for CBDRM was developed. The participants of the capacity building activities contributed to the design of concepts for e-learning modules and regional trainings on the integration of Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) into DRR. Furthermore, advocacy networks on CCA and DRR were strengthened and have contributed to ongoing capacity-building activities.
- A learning lab was developed in two pilot communities in Krabi Province, Thailand. As a result, six nearby communities adopted the implementation strategy after seeing the success of the pilot in the two communities and a provincial community network on disaster management was established. Last, policy advocacy with the aim of strengthening CBDRM and linking national policy and institutions was implemented. An independent survey of target communities found that awareness of climate change and natural disasters has increased.