## STRENGTHENING INCLUSIVE DISASTER RISK GOVERNANCE FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE IN ASIA

Climate change poses significant threats to the Asia Pacific region, necessitating regional cooperation and collective action to reduce risks and foster resilience. Many of these countries share common climates and face similar nature-induced hazards. Despite existing inter-governmental and civil society networks in the region, there remain significant gaps in the representation of vulnerable communities in decision-making processes at the national and regional levels. These gaps, particularly unequal resilience, stem not only from shortfalls in funding and action but also from inadequate local participation in disaster risk governance. Moreover, civil society organisations (CSOs) and local authorities often lack platforms to share their learnings with decision-makers, leading to the exclusion of local voices in policies and practices designed to manage disaster risks and climate action.

Tackling these shared challenges requires coordinated strategies, policies, and initiatives that encourage communities to enhance resilience, manage risks, and improve responses to climate-related disasters. Strengthening Inclusive Disaster Risk Governance for Climate Resilience in Asia (SIDRRA)



## A Collaborative and Targeted Approach to Transforming Disaster Risk Governance

Supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, the **Strengthening Inclusive Disaster Risk Governance for Climate Resilience in Asia** (SIDRRA) project aims to enhance adaptability and strengthen resilience among at-risk communities in Asia and amplify local voices in decision-making processes. It also promotes multi-stakeholder engagement to ensure that adaptation strategies are grounded in the realities of those most affected. By bridging policy and practice, the project helps local knowledge influence regional resilience agendas.

Through this mandate, the project contributes to more inclusive and effective climate adaptation policies and practices across Asia, empowering vulnerable communities to better cope with the impacts of climate change and disasters.

## The SIDRRA project adopts a comprehensive, multi-tiered approach to promote inclusive disaster risk reduction in the region.



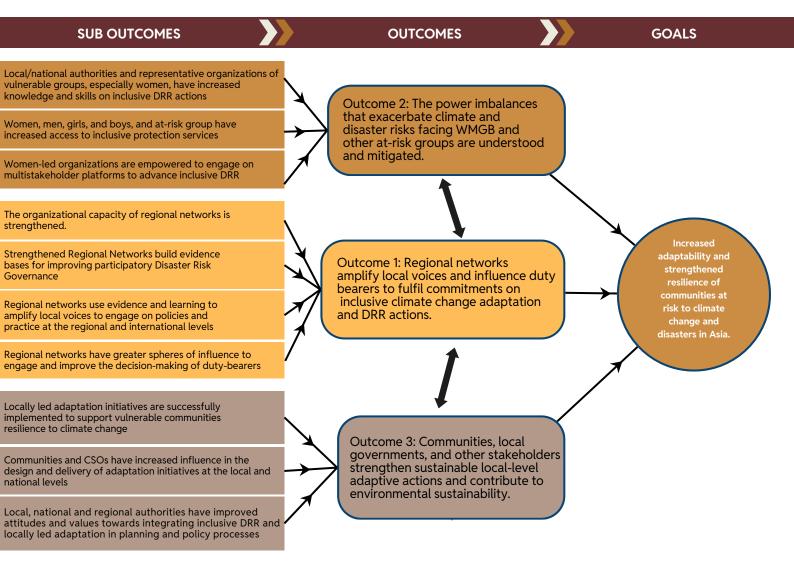
Amplify local voices of partners and networks to influence decision-makers to fulfil their commitments to inclusive climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction actions.



Address power imbalances that women, marginalised communities, and other vulnerable groups face. Addressing these gaps is an essential step towards ensuring that policies, systems, and actions are equitable and inclusive.



Advance grassroots adaptive actions so that communities, local governments, and other stakeholders work together towards disaster preparedness and mitigation actions that are specific, customised, and effective.



The SIDRRA project unites partners in a shared commitment to advance inclusive disaster risk governance and climate resilience, amplify local voices and empower at-risk communities across Asia.

The consortium driving this project consists of three leading organisations - The International Rescue Committee, Duryog Nivaran, and the Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network. They are supported by the Philippine Business for Social Progress, Mercy Malaysia, CWS Japan, and Janatakshan to implement the project. Together they bring a wealth of experience, regional presence, and a shared commitment to strengthening disaster risk governance through inclusive and communitycentred approaches. **The International Rescue Committee** is a global leader in emergency response and humanitarian aid. The IRC's expertise in protection, gender equality, and social inclusion is instrumental in shaping inclusive and impactful project interventions.

## Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network

is a leading network of CSOs across Asia-Pacific. ADRRN's extensive network of partners across the region allows the project to directly engage with communities, gather grassroots insights, and influence policy at all levels.

**Duryog Nivaran** is a South Asia-based network of organisations. DN is crucial in connecting local realities with national and regional decisionmaking processes, ensuring that marginalised voices are heard.

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