



Annual Project Progress Report

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UNV Support to enhancing capacity of United Nations Plan of Action on Disaster Risk Reduction for Resilience in South and East Asia and Pacific Project ID (Award): 00084544 Regional - Asia-Pacific

1. Project Information

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Project Start Date: 10/1/2014 Original End Date: 9/30/2016 Extended to: *mm/yyyy*

Management Arrangement¹: Stand-alone project

Implementation Modality: DIM

Funding Modality: [Choose an item](#). (applicable to joint projects only)

Implementing Partner: UNDP, UNRCOs, UNISDR, UNOCHA,

2. Relevance

Country-level Outcomes/Outputs (UNDAF/CPAP/Gov't Strategy): [Provide relevant extract](#).

Strategic Framework 2014-2017 Outcome: Outcome 1: UN entities are more effective in delivery their results by integrating high quality and well-supported UN Volunteers and volunteerism in their programmes. Outcome 2: Countries more effectively integrate volunteerism within national frameworks enabling better engagement of people in development processes.

Global Programme: (Community Resilience)

3. Progress

Project aimed to achieve

Project Output

UN Country Teams (UNCTs) and UN entities capacities are strengthened in Indonesia to provide effective support to country driven efforts to address disaster risk.

Output Number:

1

Targets:

- At least 4 official documents integrate disaster risk reduction and volunteerism
- At least 4 new partnerships are developed
- At least 9 UN Volunteers Mobilized
- At least 50 UNV Online Volunteers and 800 of other volunteers¹ mobilized
- At least 3 capacity-development

Global Programme Outcome: UNV_Outcome 7 DRR_ Enhanced global, regional and national capacities for resilience for environmental management and DRR

Project Outcome: The importance of disaster risk reduction and resilience for sustainable development, as well as the relevance of the role and importance of volunteerism as a strong people-centered approach to achieving this, is demonstrated to and recognized by stakeholders of the post-2015 development agenda and the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.

Achieved Results (UNV Specific)

The DRR Coordinator in Thailand, designated to manage, coordinate and ensure implementation of the regional project "United Nations Volunteer (UNV) Support to enhance the capacity of United Nations Plan of Action on Disaster Risk Reduction for Resilience in South and East Asia and Pacific", in parallel provides technical support in disaster risk reduction issues to the Office of the United Nations Resident Coordinator (UNRCO) in Thailand, in collaboration with the UNDP Bureau for Policy and Programme Support (BPPS) in Bangkok Regional Hub and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

The DRR Coordinator organized a Strategic Planning/Capacity Building Workshop (joint workshop by UNV, UNISDR/GETI and UNDP) on 3-6 November 2015 in Bangkok, Thailand, bringing together all mobilized International and National UN volunteers (12) under the project. The regional workshop focused on both capacity building of the UN volunteers and strategic planning of activities for 2016 under the project. During the capacity building component of the workshop, UNVs were updated on the outcomes of the WCDDR, introduced to the recently adopted Sendai Framework for DRR (SFDRR) as well as existing linkages between SFDRR and SDGs, trained on integrating DRR into UNDAF and supporting the Resident Coordinator and UN Country Team on Emergency Response Preparedness. During the strategic planning component of the workshop, discussions focused on

Status:

- Achieved
- Partially Achieved
- Not Achieved

¹ 'Other' volunteers are those who are not UN Volunteers, but are mobilized by UNV directly or by partners with UNV support.



activities implemented

Indicators:

- Number of MPAs & APAs developed/ contingency plans updated and revised in alignment with the ERP Guidance
- Number of CCA, UNDAF, UNPAFs, programmes/projects that include DRR and volunteerism.
- Hazard and Risk Mapping produced
- Number of capacity-development activities for communities on building resilience against climate change and disaster risks, disaggregated by women, youth, people with disabilities and marginalized people
- Number of events in support of SFDRR implementation
- Number of guidelines/ recommendations

reviewing project strategy and action plan. In addition, to ensure better alignment of initiatives, UNDP, UNISDR & UNISDR GETI, UN OCHA, UNEP, UN ESCAP, UNESCO, WHO, UNICEF, ILO and IFRC presented on their key priorities and programmes for 2016-2017 and participants elaborated on opportunities for further cooperation.

- **Enhancing Inter-Agency Contingency Planning/Emergency Response Preparedness in Thailand**

In close collaboration with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the DRR Coordinator is currently also working on enhancing inter-agency contingency planning in Thailand. In December 2015, the Office of the United Nations Resident Coordinator, together with the OCHA Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, organized an Emergency Response Preparedness planning workshop. The objective of the workshop was to guide and facilitate discussion on aligning the United Nations Country Team (UNCT)'s preparedness planning with the new IASC Emergency Response Preparedness Guidance, as well as with the Government's Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Plan. Participants of the workshop included both operational and decision-making level representatives from the United Nations Country Team as well as selected representatives from the Government of Thailand, including the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (Ministry of Interior) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

During the workshop, participants focused on three key aspects:

1. *sharing experiences and lessons learned from the Thailand Floods (2011), from both the perspectives of the Thailand Government and responding humanitarian agencies;*
2. *gaining an overview of the Government's current national Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Plan (2015), with a particular focus on the national guidelines developed to request international assistance.*
3. *identifying key further actions to update the current Inter-Agency Contingency Plan in line with the new IASC Emergency Response Preparedness Guidance.*

The action points resulting from the workshop are being taken forward by the UNCT, facilitated by the RC Office.

The DRR Coordinator has also undergone IASC Emergency Response Preparedness Training of Facilitators and joined the Emergency Preparedness Regional Working Group.

- **Supporting UNCT in mainstreaming DRR in CCA/UNPAF 2017-2021 in Thailand**

The UNCT Thailand has started the roll-out process of the new UNPAF for the next programming cycle 2017-2021. The Conceptual Framework, product of the mid-term review of the current UNPAF (2011-2015), is being used as the guiding document for the formulation of the new UNPAF. The UNCT priorities have been refined in order to focus on the provision of the highest-quality policy advice and technical support to Thailand as MIC. Resilience and sustainable green economy has been identified as one of the three pillars of the Conceptual Framework in Thailand. This third pillar ensures the UNCT to further mainstream disaster risk reduction into the CCA and the UNPAF. In the drafting process of the CCA, Climate Change and Disaster Resilience has been identified as one of the key priority areas of the development in Thailand as further confirmed at the Strategic Prioritization Retreat with the Government in October 2015. The UN Volunteers reviewed the draft CCA, provided written inputs on DRR and contributed to the identification of UNPAF outputs, aligned with Thailand 12th National Economic and Social Development Plan ensuring DRR integration into UNPAF.

- **Meeting of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Disaster Risk Reduction, Ms Wahlstrom, with the UN Country Team in Thailand and the Development Cooperation Seminar on Disaster Risk Reduction: Implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR in Thailand**



The DRR Coordinator on behalf of the Resident Coordinator's Office supported the organization of the meeting of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Disaster Risk Reduction, Ms Wahlstrom, with the UN Country Team in Thailand and the Development Cooperation Seminar on Disaster Risk Reduction: Implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR in Thailand.

- **Support to the MADRID Project and Social Innovation for Disaster Risk Reduction developed with partnership of public-private-people organizations in Thailand**

The primary task of the National UNV/DRR Associate under the UNDP's MADRID is coordination, administrative and organisational support including logistic and administrative support to UNDP, NESDB and DDPM representatives to attend the workshop and events related to project activities, registration of participants, note taking and document translation service (Thai-English), coordination with stakeholders to attend the workshops and meetings.

- **Technical assistance and capacity building to at-risk states on planning, coordinating and implementing humanitarian and early recovery action in India**

The UNV project team in India facilitated training on child centered risk assessment (CCRA) initiated to integrate Multi-Hazard Vulnerability Mapping (MHVM) with the government management information system. Stakeholders trained included senior experts and professionals from national disaster management authority (NDMA) and South Asia Regional Commission members (SAARC) that they may carry forward this pioneering initiative to their countries and respective levels. The training objectives included: to understand different components of CCRA within overall DRR programming, perform CCRA through software and related tools, and apply the analysis generated from CCRA to policy and programme development. The training was conducted in Pune, Maharashtra State with a follow up refresher training in Ahmadabad, Gujarat State.

- **Support to risk informed development planning using the Multi Hazard Vulnerability Mapping (MHVM) System in India**

The UNV project team in India carried out Hazard mapping of disaster impacted districts across states in India through MHVM, collating districts impacted using hazard indicators to form a database system. The technical application of MHVM system is already rolled out in Rajasthan, Bihar and Assam states of India

- **DRR Stakeholder mapping across states in India**

The UNV project team in India conducted stakeholder mapping of government, research and risk assessment institutions, local and international NGOs, and UN agencies on related DRR and volunteer programs including description of their mandates in regards to DRR and Volunteerism.

- **Visit of the Special Representative of the Secretary General (SRSR) for Disaster Risk Reduction, Ms Wahlstrom, to India**

Project UN Volunteers participated in preparations towards the SRSR visit including mobilization of partners and setting up of agenda, and reporting in the workshop: "Enhancing private sector partnership for disaster risk reduction on 24th August 2015", the SRSR attended.

- **Coordination of UNDMT monthly meetings and reporting in India**

The UNV project team in India provides coordination and reporting for the UNDMT in India.

- **Supporting UNCT in mainstreaming SFDRR in UNPDF implementation in Indonesia**

United Nations Development Partnership Framework (UNPDF) 2016-2020 in Indonesia was finalized and signed in 2015. The UNPDF implementation is currently being rolled out. Project UN Volunteers integrated SFDRR component in the UNCT annual work plan document. UN Volunteers reviewed the existing



UNPDF and explored the possibilities of alignment with SFDRR. As well, UN Volunteers will provide technical guidance and coordination support to UNCT to implement SFDRR in the coming months. This also includes integration of volunteerism in DRM.

- **Support Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) in mainstreaming DRR in Humanitarian Action in Indonesia**

Project UN Volunteers are supporting OCHA office in mainstreaming DRR in HCT. Indonesia is currently undergoing a transformation of paradigm from disaster management to disaster risk management. UN Volunteers are supporting HCT in development of DRR Option in humanitarian action.

- **Support ASEAN and United Nations Joint Strategy for Disaster Risk Management**

Project UN Volunteers in Indonesia analyzed the DRM components of ASEAN Vision 2025 document and provided recommendations for Joint UN and ASEAN activities including on volunteerism. The UN-ASEAN Joint Strategic Planning process for disaster management will take place in the first half of 2016.

- **El Niño Focal Point in Indonesia**

Project UN Volunteer is the Focal point for El Niño Focus Group in Indonesia. The role is to coordinate the El Niño Focus Group. The UN Volunteers are also providing strong technical and logistical support in development of the Concept note for El Niño Scenario Development Exercise in Indonesia and organisation of the meetings and workshop.

- **Disaster Risk Assessments in Malaysia**

Malaysia does not have United Nations Development Assistance Framework. In Malaysia dialogue with the Government was initiated by DRR Specialist/project UNV and cooperation with different agencies installed. Currently one of the major focuses of the DRR Specialist in Malaysia remains on Disaster Risk Assessments e.g. introduction of the Risk thematic mapping of Malaysia, research on Past Disasters on Malaysia, production of Leopold's matrix.

- **Supporting Humanitarian Country Team in Malaysia**

The DRR Specialist/International UNV in Malaysia is supporting the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) inter alia by reviewing and finalizing the HCT Strategy and Action Plan.

- **Supporting National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC) and DRR interventions in Maldives**

The DRR Specialist/International UN Volunteer in Maldives started the assignment on the first week of January 2016. He is co-hosted by UNDP and National Disaster Management Centre, established after the Tsunami 2004 under the Ministry of Defense and National Security. The NDMC is undergoing transition and will be reformed to NDMA (National Disaster Management Authority) on 16 March 2016 upon the entry into force of the Disaster Management Bill. Currently they mostly concentrate on response. UNDP Environmental Unit is implementing GEF /LECRoD project.

The International UN Volunteer supported the NDMC in initiating the regional level warehouse to establish in 4 atolls. The DRR Specialist will be involved in updated the UN inter-agency contingency planning for Maldives and in parallel, he is discussing with UNWomen possible collaboration on Integrating the Gender specific /PWD / Marginalised DRR measures into DRR action, particularly in the CBDRM process. He is also expected to produce shortly guidelines on involving Volunteers into the Planned CERT at Island level.

- **Support to the Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (DRRWG) and its Steering Committee in Myanmar**

UN agencies, UNV, (I)NGOs, CSOs and private sector are part of the DRR WG. The support to the UN agencies by UN Volunteers in this Group is leading to the



	<p>strengthening of the UNCT on DRR activities. The DRR WG and its Steering Committee are co-chaired by the Government and UNDP and supported by UN Volunteers in meeting preparation, organization and minutes. UN Volunteers also support research activities and ensure that volunteerism and roles of volunteers are included in the work of the DRR WG. In 2 months, 2 DRR WG meetings have been supported and UN Volunteers participated in 3 DRR WG workshops.</p> <p>In the first months of their assignment in Myanmar, UN Volunteers’ main work as support to UNCT is related to the UNCT post-flood recommendations. After the floods of August 2015 in Myanmar, the UNCT provided recommendations for improving Early Warning Systems (EWS) in Myanmar. The purpose is to develop those for the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology (DMH) in order for this main EWS Government actor to improve its messages during disasters (this includes harmonization and standardization of messages, formulation of multi-hazards messages, elaboration of messages based on the multitude of languages in Myanmar, etc.). The DRR WG is the focal point for this UNCT recommendation, and UNDP as chair of the Group is working through the UN Volunteers on stocktaking and assessing EWS activities, strengthens and weaknesses all over the country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide support to the Policy Technical Task Force (TTF) – under the DRRWG in Myanmar <i>UN agencies, UNV, (I)NGOs, CSOs and private sector are part of the Policy TTF. The support to the UN agencies by UN Volunteers in this TTF is leading to the strengthening of the UNCT on DRR activities. The Policy TTF is leading the review on the institutional and regulatory framework of disaster risk management in Myanmar. This includes the review of the Standing Order (2009) and the Myanmar Action Plan for DRR (MAPDRR) and its subcomponent 6 related to “Community based Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction”, highlighting roles of volunteers and the importance of volunteerism in DRR at community level.</i> <p><i>The Policy TTF is chaired by UNDP DRR Head of Unit, and supported by UN Volunteers in meeting preparation, organization and minutes. UN agencies, UNV, (I)NGOs and private sector are part of this Policy TTF. In 2 months, 3 TTF meetings have been supported.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical support to the UNDP’s Environment, Climate Change, Energy and DRR Pillar in Myanmar. <i>UN Volunteers in Myanmar support technically these pillar members in their work (e.g. summary of projects and concept notes, editing of strategies, etc.)</i> 	
<p>Project Output The importance of disaster risk reduction and resilience for sustainable development, as well as relevance of the role and importance of volunteerism as a strong people-centered approach to achieve this, is demonstrated to and recognized by stakeholders of the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the Post 2015 Development</p>	<p>Global Programme Outcome: UNV_Outcome 7 DRR_ Enhanced global, regional and national capacities for resilience for environmental management and DRR</p> <p>Project Outcome: The importance of disaster risk reduction and resilience for sustainable development, as well as the relevance of the role and importance of volunteerism as a strong people-centered approach to achieving this, is demonstrated to and recognized by stakeholders of the post-2015 development agenda and the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.</p> <p>Achieved Results (UNV Specific)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) <i>During the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) held in Sendai, Japan, in March 2015, UNV successfully organized a series of events to engage UNV’s partners to highlight the value of volunteerism in DRR, and the crucial role of volunteers in the post-2015 era.</i> <p><i>Among all the activities. UNV organized a side event at the public forum, “The power of engagement: volunteerism and disaster risk reduction in view of the post-2015 agenda”. The side event became a major success where Mr. Masami</i></p>	<p>Status:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Achieved</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partially Achieved</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Achieved</p>



Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.
Output Number:
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Baseline:
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Targets:
 - At least 2 research paper on environmental change and disaster preparedness published
 - At least 2 event for preparation for the WCDRR supported
 - A document on good practices and lessons learned in support and implementation of regional/national initiatives towards the Hyogo Framework for Action developed
Indicators:

- Number of partnerships, and national and regional events to promote and enhance DRR and Volunteerism.
- Regional and national policy documents that integrate volunteerism into disaster risk reduction and environmental management
- Policy and practice reviews/ research papers/reports on disaster risk reduction in the project countries, supported by volunteers
- Evidence of good practices and lessons learnt in support and

Tamura, Director, Global Issues Cooperation Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan, had a meaningful participation, including a presentation on Japan-UNV historical collaboration to strengthen volunteerism worldwide. As well, the side event confirmed UNV's the support provided by the Government of Japan, Brazil, Argentina (White Helmets), UNDP, IFRC to enables the environment for UNV to achieve its programmatic outcomes and strengthen volunteerism and DRR.

All participants listed below made contributions,

- *Mr. Richard Dictus, Executive Coordinator, UNV*
- *Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu UNDP Assistant Administrator,*
- *Mr. Masami Tamura, Director, Global Issues Cooperation Division, MoFA, Japan*
- *Mr. Walter Cotte, IFRC Under Secretary General*
- *Mr. Gabriel Adrian Ive President, White Helmets Commission, Argentina*
- *Mr. Milton Rondo Filho, Minister, Director CGFOME, Ministry of External Relations, Brazil*
- *Ms. Francesca Pinna, International Italian UN Volunteer working in Haiti*
- *Ms. Alma Sevillano, National UN Volunteer from Philippines*
- *Ms. Akiko Furuya, International UN Volunteer, Japanese International UN Volunteer working in Republic of Congo*

and in particular, volunteer stories from Ms. Furuya, Ms. Sevillano, and Ms. Pinna deeply engaged the audience at the side event.

It was stressed the importance of Hyogo Framework for Action, that explicitly recognized the contribution of volunteerism to disaster risk management, particularly in strengthening community capacities to respond to and prevent disasters. And through a number of examples, it was evidenced the importance of valuing volunteer contributions in the Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Being the WCDRR one of the major events leading up to the SDGs, with over 6,500 delegates, more than 50,000 visitors and 25 heads of State, it is worth mentioning, that UNV and its partners, contributed to include several references to volunteers in the new Sendai Framework.

As well, in an event where many participants and panelists focused their interventions on new technologies, climate change effects and so on, volunteerism and volunteers emerged as the human factor in times of natural disasters. It was showcased how people, as victims of disasters, are the first to respond, rebuild and disaster proof their communities and lives. Communities engage fully in implementing initiatives that reduce their vulnerability to the impact of disasters. As well, volunteerism was identified as an important component of any strategy aimed at disaster risk reduction and management.

UNV Executive Coordinator, took the opportunity of being in Japan to provide the audience with one of the best examples on how volunteerism contributes to Disaster Risk Reduction. UNV EC explained how in response to the Great East Japan Earthquake & Tsunami, individuals wishing to volunteer in the disaster affected areas were encouraged to register at the Disaster Volunteer Centers. UNV EC mentioned that the total number of individuals who did so from 11 March 2011 to 11 February 2012 almost reached 1,000,000. This remarkable example clearly stressed that organized and trained volunteers can play a crucial role in multiple phases of the disaster cycle.

In addition, and showcasing the value of volunteerism for DRR, UNDP and UNV agreed to work together in the new programme 5-10-50, which is essentially a commitment to focus on a 5 point action plan for the next 10 years in 50 countries. UNDP-5-10-50-new-global-programme-in-support-of-disaster-resilience.

As well, IFRC and UNV agreed to jointly organize a working session at World Humanitarian Summit 2016, as well as a Global Conference on Volunteerism.



implementation of SFDRR

- Number of volunteers mobilized and trained

- UNV online volunteers mobilized

With the purpose of supporting national and local Japanese volunteers, UNV Executive Coordinator met with a local student volunteer organization that organized activities for over 1,000 students in many of the earthquake affected areas in Japan. As well, and through the UNV information booth at one of the main public areas, managed by eight locally recruited volunteers and visited by over 2,000 people during the three days, UNV advocated for the meaningful contributions of volunteers in the area of DRR.

- **Asian Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) in India**

*It is noteworthy that India is hosting the Asian Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) on 14 – 17 November 2016. The intended outcome of the first Ministerial Conference in the post 2015 era in India will be to develop a ‘Regional Action plan for Implementation of the Sendai Framework’. This AMCDRR will be momentous in nature setting out the direction for disaster risk resilient development in the region for the coming decades and the agenda for the implementation of the Sendai Declaration in and across Asia. The UNV Project Team in India together with the DRR Coordinator are in lead of organizing a side event “**Promotion of Volunteerism and DRR**” at the AMCDRR. It aims to highlight the significance of volunteering for disaster risk reduction, and to propose ways to further strengthen national and regional volunteer disaster risk reduction programmes that contribute to the Sendai Framework and the Sustainable Development Goals.*

- **National Baseline Status on Disaster Risk Management for Sendai Framework (2015-2030) in Indonesia and Thailand**

The Project Team in Indonesia provided technical, coordination and report writing support to Indonesian Government in development of National Baseline Status Report on Disaster Risk Management for Sendai Framework (2015-2030) and worked very closely with National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB) and line ministries in liaison with civil society actors and UN agencies. The report will serve as a national baseline for Sendai Framework for the next fifteen years. UN Volunteers supported BNPB to organize the first national multi-stakeholder meeting (30 July 2015 in Jakarta). More than 60 participants attended the workshop and five Technical Working Groups (TWGs) were formed to work on the thirteen sector reports. UN Volunteers developed ToRs for the TWGs, created mailing lists and whatsapp groups to facilitate the discussions. Besides literature review and the indepth interviews carried out by the UN Volunteers, the results of the group work of the participants formed the basis of the main report.

Following deliverables developed by UN Volunteers have been submitted to BNPB:

- Main Report – National Baseline Status on Disaster Risk Management.
- Annexes:

- Annex A: Report on National Level First Multi Stakeholder meeting for development of Indonesia’s National Baseline Status Report on DRM (2015 -2030).*
- Annex B: Terms of Reference for Technical Working Group (TWGs) for Sector Reports for Indonesia’s National Baseline Status Report on DRM.*
- Annex C: International and National Clusters.*
- Annex D: Indonesian Legislative Framework for DRM.*
- Annex E: Line ministries and their roles and responsibilities.*
- List of Volunteer Organisations for DRM.*

*Currently, the Project UN Volunteers are designing the template for **National Baseline Status Report (Sectoral) on Volunteerism and Community Participation in DRM**. Literature review on volunteerism is being carried out to develop the template. The report will be completed in the coming months with multi-stakeholder consultations and workshop.*

The project National UN Volunteer hosted by UNISDR in Thailand likewise supports the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM) of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Thailand to develop the National Baseline Status on Disaster Risk Management for Sendai Framework (SF). The UNV reviewed sources of



available baseline data 2005-2015 and identified gaps in Thailand for SF target indicators. The UNV is currently reviewing gaps of available data for input indicators.

Starting January 2016, the DDPM with support from Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) and GIZ started the development of the Main Baseline Status Report on Disaster Risk Management for SF in Thailand, although the timeline for the development of the sectoral reports has not been set yet.

- **Support to the Disaster Risk Youth Volunteer (DRYV) Programme (UNV-UNICEF-UNDP Programme, funded by UNV) in Myanmar**

Based on the Myanmar Action Plan on DRR, the Relief and Resettlement Department (RRD), under the Ministry of Social Welfare and Resettlement, launched a DRYV Programme in 2014. The purpose of this action was to increase capacities in community based disaster risk reduction (DRR). In March 2015, 10,000 volunteers were trained from over 800 villages of Myanmar. In this context, the UNV field office in Myanmar developed the DRYV Programme Strategy (2015-2020) as a support to RRD action plan. The goal of the UNV Programme Strategy is to enhance community resilience to disasters through the reinforcement of national and subnational institutional capacities for effective implementation of the DRYV Programme

In this work, national and international UN Volunteers started to support UNV Field Office in managing the programme strategy through the following:

- Development of a management framework for the programme;
- Liaising with RRD for the selection of 3 pilot State/Regions; and
- Elaboration of a work plan for the implementation of the Programme.

This work will be followed in the coming weeks by the recruitment of 3 national UN Volunteers that will implement the DRYV Programme Strategy in 3 pilot State/Regions, including a mapping of youth volunteers' network and activities. Those will be managed by the national and international UN Volunteers (in collaboration with UNICEF and UNDP DRR Pillar) and monitored through the developed work plan for the DRYV Programme implementation.

- **Elaboration of the National Awareness Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction (NAS DRR) in Myanmar.**

To enhance Myanmar's mitigation, prevention, preparation and response to disasters at community level, a work has been done since mid-2015 for the development of the NAS DRR. Since November 2015, UN Volunteers participated in the formulation of this strategy, designing its specific objectives, outputs and activities as well as its required monitoring and evaluation system and resources mobilisation. The Strategy will involve all DRR actors in Myanmar through a collaborative implementation and a participatory approach. NAS DRR is targeting institutions, vulnerable groups, Media, development partners and private sector. This integrated a gender-based approach with the inclusion of Women Organizations' Networks in the formulation and dissemination of messages.

- **Support to the coordination of the Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (DRRWG) in Myanmar**

The DRR WG is co-chaired by the Government, chaired technically by UNDP DRR Head of Unit, and supported by UN Volunteers in meeting preparation, organization and minutes. UN agencies, UNV, (I)NGOs and private sector are part of the DRR WG. Volunteerism and roles of volunteers are included in the work of the DRR WG, e.g. in the National Framework for Community Disaster Resilience where volunteers' roles and responsibilities are part of all sectors (e.g. urban and rural development, preparedness, etc.).

- **Support to the Policy Technical Task Force (TTF) in Myanmar— under the DRRWG**

The Policy TTF is leading the review on the institutional and regulatory framework of disaster risk management in Myanmar. This includes the review of the Standing Order (2009) and the Myanmar Action Plan for DRR (MAPDRR) and its subcomponent 6 related to "Community based Disaster Preparedness and Risk



Reduction”, highlighting roles of volunteers and the importance of volunteerism in DRR at community level.

The Policy TTF is chaired by UNDP DRR Head of Unit, and supported by UN Volunteers in meeting preparation, organization and minutes. UN agencies, UNV, (I)NGOs and private sector are part of this Policy TTF.

- **Observed International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (13 October) and ASEAN Day for Disaster Management in Thailand and India**

Benefits of disaster risk reduction and volunteerism were promoted at the ASEAN Day for Disaster Management (ADDM) 2015 in Thailand, and International DRR Day with the theme “traditional, indigenous and local knowledge” in India.

It should be noted that the International Day for DRR in India was organized in partnership with the State Government of Himachal Pradesh. The four hundred (400) volunteers were mobilized by UNDP with the support of UNV Project Team in India and were sensitized on disaster management with emphasis on preparedness and mitigation in “traditional, indigenous and local knowledge” including simulation exercises demonstrating rescue missions.

- **International Volunteer Day (IVD 2015) Celebration in India**

DRR Specialist in India participated in a panel discussion organized to mark the International Volunteer Day on 5th December 2015 by partner Volunteer Service Organisation (VSO) with the topic “Youth Volunteering in India and the Importance of Involving Youth in Volunteering”.

- **Research Paper on Volunteerism and DRM in Indonesia**

As a scholar at United Nations University’s Resilience Academy, UNV DRR Specialist in Indonesia contributed to “Disasters by Drought: Livelihood resilience under the conditions of climate uncertainty” seminar and workshop. This third in series academic workshop was organized by United Nations University’s Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS) Institute, California Polytechnic University (Calpoly) and Munich Re from 4-9 October 2015. Please refer to : www.disasterbydrought.org. The seminar gave an opportunity to collaborate with academicians and practitioners, identify and to work on the disaster risk management research issues in Indonesia. UN Volunteers are refining the research proposal with BNPB and Ministry of Social Affairs to suit the exact needs of the institutions.

- **Volunteer Mobilization Strategy for two districts in Sri Lanka**

Supported the District Volunteer Coordinator to design a Volunteer Mobilization Strategy for two districts in Sri Lanka for the purpose of developing Village Development Plans (VDPs).

- **Draft guide to volunteer management on volunteerism in DRR from the DRR-UNV team in Sri Lanka**

UNV team in Sri Lanka drafted a guide to volunteer management on volunteerism in DRR which will be used as a tool for the ongoing DRR projects.

- **Volunteer Mobilization in Sri Lanka**

To this date, the UNV-DRR Team in Sri Lanka has been unable to initiate the first step of the UNV-DRR Sri Lanka Project, namely, to start the volunteer mobilization process, due to the following reasons:

- Institutional changes within the Ministry of Disaster Management (MDM) which is the leading implementing partner for this project
- The constitution of the Project Board Team at the MDM without the presence of UNV
- The progressive deprioritization of Component 1 of the UNV-DRR Project due to operational and environmental reasons
- The postponing of the start of Component 1 activities to the beginning of the year 2016



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Supporting the First National Consultation on the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in Sri Lanka <i>In Sri Lanka the UNV DRR project team supported the Disaster Management Center to organize the first National Consultation on the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction on 26th November 2015. The UNV DRR project team showcased the relevance and contribution of volunteerism to disaster risk reduction and also provided support through preliminary meetings, logistical help and during the event itself. The consultation saw 50+ working level participants from the public, private, NGO and media organizations attended the half-day session.</i></p> <p>First National Consultation on Building community capacity to save lives through injury management and safe transportation in Sri Lanka <i>Assisted to launch National Campaign with the first National Consultation on Building community capacity to save lives through injury management and safe transportation, together with the Ministry of Disaster Management and the Ministry of Health. The UNV DRR project team also presented the relevance of volunteerism in emergency response preparedness as part of the national campaign on 'Building community capacity to save lives through injury management and safe transportation'. Around 60+ high-level officials attended the consultation, alongside the Minister of Disaster Management himself.</i></p>
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4. Challenges/Risks and Mitigation

Quarterly missions to the UNV project teams by the DRR Coordinator are recommended to enhance coordination, monitoring of project results as well when required for capacity building of the Project UN Volunteers.

Having the DRR Coordinator/Project Manager reporting line connected to the UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub would prove to be more strategic rather than being based in the Thailand Country Office, to improve the regional coordination of the project.

The continuous delays in the recruitment of International UN Volunteers for Maldives, Malaysia and Myanmar, that subsequently delayed the recruitment of national UN Volunteers in those countries delayed implementation of activities. Principal reason for these delays were, and prior to taking over their assignments and because of personal reasons, several candidates declined the offers for the volunteer assignments. New recruitment processes were immediately initiated and new candidates were identified, however, with substantial delays, e.g. International UN Volunteer for Maldives started in January 2016.

In Sri Lanka, the January 8th Presidential elections have led to the replacement of major focal points based at several implementing partners. For instance, UNDP and UNV had partnered with the Ministry of Economic Development prior to the elections. However, after the series of institutional changes which have occurred over the course of the following 3 months, UNDP has had to partner with the Ministry of Disaster Management (MoDM). This meant that a series of new meetings and appointments of key focal points had to take place before the UNV DRR Project could be implemented.

In the same vein, the August 17th Parliamentary elections have led to further changes within certain key Ministries. Given the close interconnectedness between administrative and political processes within the institutional arrangement proper to Sri Lanka, these changes further delayed the official initiation of the UNV DRR Project.

Additionally, against the backdrop described previously, UNV Field Unit Sri Lanka had to be properly re-introduced as a key partner in the implementation of the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF) Project led by the Ministry of Disaster Management with the technical assistance of UNDP. Given the National Implementation Modality (NIM) of the SCCF Project and the Direct Implementation Modality (DIM) of the UNV DRR Project funded both by SCCF and UNV, the takeover of the overall SCCF project by the MoDM means that until the MoDM officially initiates the project in the field (setting-up work space, nominating key focal points, etc.), the UNV DRR Project is at a relative standstill.

However, with the appointment of a Project Board Committee end of July and the approval of UNV's role in assisting the implementation of the SCCF Project, an official is scheduled to visit the District Secretariats in Kurunegala and Puttalam cities to make proper introductions and allow UNV to start its activities under the leadership of the MoDM.

5. Partnership and Resource Mobilization

Main partners: UNDP, UNISDR, OCHA, UNICEF, WFP, UNFPA, IOM, UNESCAP, FAO, UN-HABITAT, WHO, APCTT & UNIDO, IFRC, National and Local Governments, NGOs



In Sri Lanka, meetings are ongoing between various potential partners, such as Sarvodaya, ChildFund, WFP and the DIPECHO consortium, to mobilize and train volunteers; discussions were held to consider a UN Volunteer taking the coordinator role with the closing of OCHA in Sri Lanka.

There have been demands from BNPB, Crisis Centre of University of Indonesia and local NGOs for technical support from UNV in establishing a volunteer management system for Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) volunteers. Currently Project UN Volunteers are exploring possibilities for resource mobilisation to support the development of volunteer management of CBDRM volunteers.

6. Volunteer Mobilization

National UN Volunteers

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International UN Volunteers

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Other Volunteers (if mobilization was attributed to UNV Support)

400 Local Volunteers in India for DRR day

7. Knowledge

Sri Lanka drafted a guide to volunteer management on volunteerism in DRR

8. Lessons Learned

The complexity of implementing a project in several countries in support of the whole UN system would have required a stronger management arrangement to facilitate implementation and support, with the Disaster Risk Reduction Coordinator/Regional Project Manager being based in the Regional Office and additional personnel, DRR Specialist, supporting the Country Office in Thailand.

As well, this complexity implied recruitment of a large number of UN Volunteers with a background on DRR but with different profiles for every country, what implied some delays, also fostered for personal reasons of some candidates. Therefore, a different timeframe is advisable, and the project implementation period should be extended for one additional year in order to implement all the activities as originally planned.

9. Financial Delivery

Output	Year Budget USD	Delivery (%)
00092505	125,511	103
00092506	128,214	87

10. Annexes: *(Include as links, or if not available as attachments, any publications, articles, relevant photographs with captions and videos related to the project during the reporting period. Also share documentation of field visits and/or quotes from UN partners, local counterparts and/or community members for use in advocacy and communication materials.)*