



Regional Advisory Group Meeting Report 2018

Southeast and East Asia Region

Prepared by:
Asia Regional Hub

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Event Brief:

1. Meeting date:

27-28 November 2018

2. Meeting venue:

Settha Palace Hotel, Vientiane, Lao PDR

3. Participants:

Country	Organisation/ Designation	Name
Philippines	Center for Disaster Preparedness (CDP)	Michael Vincent MERCADO
		Loreine B. DELA CRUZ
Cambodia	Save the Earth Cambodia	Vacant
Vietnam	Development Workshop France (DWF)	Guillaume Andre CHANTRY
South Korea	Korea Disaster Safety Network (KDSN)	Taeshik LEE (could not attend)
China	Green Camel Bell	Zhao ZHONG (could not attend)
Japan	Japan CSO Coalition for DRR (JCC-DRR)	Takeshi KOMINO/ Aoi HORUICHI (both could not attend)
Indonesia	YAKKUM Emergency Unit	Debora Dian Utami NUGRAHENI
	Resilience Development Initiative (RDI)	Husnul Aris ALBERDI
Myanmar	Community Development Association	Dr. KHIN Maung Win
	Agency for Basic Community Development	Dr. Maung John (could not attend)
UK	GNDR (Network Development Manager)	Emma Frances Megan KERR
Thailand	GNDR (Regional Development Coordinator)	Mohammad Abdur ROUF
Thailand	GNDR (Regional Assistant)	Baranee TONGBOONRAWD

4. Meeting objectives:

- **Obj 01:** Reporting back to the RAG on activities carried out by NFPs at the national level.
- **Obj 02:** Deciding on priorities and actions for the NFPs and RAG for the next year i.e. 2019.
- **Obj 03:** Making the members aware of what's happening in the Network – ongoing priorities and scope of continuing integration and collaboration.
- **Obj 04:** Strengthening accountability within the structure and agreeing on the revised ToR.

Introduction

The objectives of the meeting were introduced by the Regional Development Coordinator. The meeting was chaired by Loreine Dela Cruz, the GNDR Regional Representative, Southeast Asia and East Asia region. It was noted that the missing of RAG members from East Asian countries and some countries in ASEAN could pose a concern for the RAG meeting discussion and its outcomes.



During the introduction session, Regional Representative has provided the updates from the recent global board and regional representative meeting. The Regional Development Coordinator presented the key decision of RAG meeting 2017 which included the prioritized tasks and responsibilities of national focal points and RAG.

The RAG members have shared their expectation and contribution they were ready to offer for this RAG meeting.

Members' Expectation from the RAG process:

- National focal points should aim to strengthen national and regional network.
- GNDR should be more active during the crisis and make the network membership visible for all.
- Community platform should be expanded wider to connect with other platform.
- Promote better collaboration among GNDR members as well as active participation of GNDR members in social media.
- Encourage RAG members to take active roles in the countries.
- Improve understanding between RAG members and Secretariat on the roles in region.
- GNDR does not become a bureaucratic machine and keep the innovative way to reflect voice of vulnerable people.
- GNDR to issue solidarity statement during the crisis to let the members know their position.

Contributions members were ready to offer towards RAG process:

- Facilitate the collaboration between GNDR and members in the country.
- Active participation and bring in the insights and experiences from the country and local level.
- Provide and share country's perspectives and lessons learned with other RAG members.
- Strengthen partnership with local partners and create access to the Network to non-members in the country.
- Engage with local network on DRR/national platform, and promote advocacy at regional/international level.
- Generate resources and outreach to unreached CSOs/ countries within the region.
- Bring the global perspective from the wider Secretariat.

Best Practice from the Region

The best practices were explored through the case of 2018 Sulawesi earthquake and tsunami in Palu, Indonesia. Two RAG members from Indonesia presented the information on relief and emergency

operations with the aspect on localization. The involvement of local government, communities and the engagement of local partners highlighted the importance of localisation which generated good impact on the disaster management and rehabilitation process.

Findings from National Coordination Meeting

Philippines:

The National Coordination Meeting was held in October 2018. 10 GNDR Members, affiliate members as well as 5 non-members from FBOs, CSOs, media and academia have participated in the meeting. In the meeting, GNDR objectives and membership were introduced. The discussion also focused on the actions towards new DRR bill ratification which included the consultation of CSOs, strategy of passing the bill and communication material. The localization was also discussed in the meeting in order to help members understanding the localization process and requirement.

In the meeting, the participants have agreed on the form of communication in the country and the required actions to maintain the network. The community platform of GNDR has also been introduced to the participants which may help them to connect to each other.

Indonesia:

The National Coordination Meeting was organised in August 2018 with 19 participants from different islands (Four of them are the existing GNDR members). In the meeting, GNDR and its membership was introduced to participants along with the assistance that can be offered to non-members, if needed, for the GNDR membership application process. The meeting also discussed on the GNDR community platform. For strengthening coordination mechanism, National Platform for DRR expressed that they will reposition their role as knowledge hub among DRR local actors in Indonesia. Some participants would prefer an open platform (e.g. WhatsApp, online platform) to share their experiences on disaster risk reductions and to make members become more active in discussion.

Vietnam:

The meeting was held in September 2018. Since there are a few CSOs working in Vietnam, the meeting was conducted in conjunction with the DRR meeting of government authority (National Disaster Management Office). In the meeting, Sendai framework and target E indicators have been discussed. The VFL 2019 project has been introduced with the planned timeline.

Field trip: Meeting with DRR Actors in Lao PDR

RAG members met with Mr. Vilayphong Sisomvang, Acting Director General, Social Welfare Department (Secretariat of National Disaster Prevention and Control Committee), Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare. The meeting focused on the government disaster management in Lao PDR and the emergency response during the recent dam collapse in the Northern part of country.

Director General presented the information on Early Warning System in the country and the ongoing disaster management projects. The good practices from the dam



collapse incident were shared to participants with the discussion on the emergency operations in other countries.

Secretariat Update

The Regional Development Coordinator presented the ongoing projects of GNDR at the global and regional level which included, among others: -

- Strengthening Collaborative Capacities for Resilience (GIZ)
- Institutionalising Sustainable CBDRM (USIAD OFDA)
- Views from the Frontline (DFAT for pilot / EU for 50 countries)
- Roles of CSOs influencing coherence (GIDRM/GIZ)

The participants have discussed in details on the projects and their involvement in each project. The Regional Coordinator then presented on the membership mapping and recategorization. Most participants flagged that the number of members in their countries significantly reduced. The national focal points will investigate the uncategorised members in their countries and get back to GNDR Secretariat. In doing so, the national focal points have requested GNDR to share with them the original list of members before recategorization.

The membership survey findings and overall statistics were shared with the participants. It has been pointed out that the negative findings from survey should indicate the region so the relevant RAG will be able to take necessary actions within the region.

Change of focus of RAG – Adoption of new RAG ToR

The session started reconfirming the change of the term, from RSG to RAG and an introduction on ToR of RAG for strengthening the accountability by Network Development Manager. The Regional Steering Group (RSG) in Southeast and East Asia region is now called Regional Advisory Group (RAG) like in other regions across the network. The Global Board opted for the term 'RAG' as it reflects the role of the committee better. The Regional Representative also provided the outcome from GNDR global board on the RAG ToR and global strategy. The new RAG ToR were discussed among RAG members with the following feedback.

- The RAG function should remain localised. The RAG members should be able to feed up the voices of members from their countries and/ or in the region to the global board.
- The third paragraph of History section should be removed and the second paragraph should be revised by taking out the negative phrase as it is not relevant to the Southeast and East Asia region RAG.
- Participants noted on the similar tasks and responsibilities of RAG at regional and national level with one additional tasks involving the quarterly discussion through a group on the community platform.
- The election process in ToR could help the selection of RAG members and make RAG more accountable.

Introduction to Community Platform

Regional Assistant presented the GNDR Community Platform and its features. The main focuses of presentation were about the access to community platform, member profile setup, the mapping of members, the official contact of members, specific discussion groups in platform, publication and

knowledge sharing features, fundraising activities and so on. The exercise has been given to participants to practice in making a post in their group and connecting to other members through community platform.

Country Level Planning: 2018-2019

In this session, Regional Development Coordinator has provided the information from the inception meeting of RAG last year. Then, the national focal points have worked together to draft a country level plan.

What do you want to do?	When do you want to do?	How much money you may need, if any?	Support may require from GNDR
Indonesia			
Recategorization old Member (10)	Jan, Feb	\$0.00	List and Data of Old Member
Creating National Group at Community Platform	Jan	\$0.00	List and Data of all Member in Indonesia
Sharing this meeting (Community Platform)	Jan	\$0.00	-
Quarterly Sharing and Consultation (4)	Mar, June, Sept, Dec	\$0.00	-
Recruitment New Member (15)	Jan, Feb,	\$0.00	-
National Coordinating Meeting (1)	August	\$2,000.00	Financial Support (Budget Approval)
Myanmar			
Reviewing the GNDR members in Country	In 2 months	CDA will contribute	Guidelines and Reference Documents
Communicating the GNDR Members and set up meetings	In 2 months	CDA will contribute	Guidelines and Reference Documents
Set up GNDR Members Meetings	In 2 months	CDA will contribute	Guidelines and Reference Documents
Designing in-country coordination strategic plan for GNDR members	In 4 months	CDA will contribute Require consultant	Guidelines and Reference Documents Better to have consultant from GNDR
Mapping and Capacity Assessments on GNDR National Members	In 6 months	CDA will contribute	Guidelines and Reference Documents
Preparation for advocacy plan on new memberships	In 3 months	CDA will contribute for developing and printing	Guidelines and Reference Documents
Expend Membership strengthening in-country activities and visit to different areas for meeting with Local NGOs/CSOs	In 6 months	CDA will contribute some	
Review meeting with the NGOs/CSOs who have already applied or members of GNDR no in any current categories (<i>help to recategorize old member</i>)	In 3 months	CDA will contribute	Need reference information
Supporting the GNDR New Membership applications	In 6 months	CDA will contribute	Need reference information

Introducing GNDR and Advocacy to CSOs at in country states / regions (<i>Rakhine and Kayin States and Ayeyawaddy Region</i>)	In 6 months	CDA will contribute some	Need some financial resources
Setting up state and regional coordination meetings, exchange visits of GNDR Members	In 6 months	CDA will contribute some	Need some financial resources
<i>Strengthening GNDR</i> Members on collaboration with the government agencies at different level	In 12 months	CDA will contribute some	Need some financial resources
Organize Country Level Coordination Meetings	In 12 months	CDA will contribute some	Need financial resources
GAP and GNDR Members meeting in Myanmar	In 12 months	CDA will contribute some	Need financial resources
Philippines			
Update members about the developments in the RAG, etc.	December (2018)	None	Documents/Documentations
Get referrals and endorsements from current members and networks to recruit more CSOs to GNDR; Double the current full members by the end of 2019	December (2018)	None	None
Organize country level coordination meeting to teach members how to use community platform, and discuss pressing concerns such as localization, capacity-building needs of members, urging members in monitoring the commitment of the government to the action points of SFDRR; get inputs and ideas from members what to include in the next global strategy of GNDR	December (2018) - email blast; March (2019) - coordination meeting	USD 2,000	Financial Support
Regular updating/interaction with the members through the community platform regarding localization, resilience, etc.; sharing of knowledge materials on DRR and CCA,	January (2019) onwards	None	None
Vietnam			
“Disaster tours” For Vietnam: Safe housing, safe communities (DWF) For Philippines: Community participation (CDP) For Indonesia: DRR Funds at village level (YEU) For Cambodia: Insurance/credit fund (TBD)	First tour in Vietnam and Cambodia – 1 week Second tour in Philippines and Indonesia 1 week Participants, by country, GNDR, member organisation and Local authority & Community	TBD	TBD

	3-4 days in one country		
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Regional Level Planning: 2018-2019

Based on the Country Level Planning, Regional Representative has facilitated the discussion on Regional Level Planning for 2018-2019. The following points have been agreed by RAG members.

- Continued consolidation and expansion of GNDR membership in the region
- Building on the strength: How to make members active at national and regional level.
- Monitoring and advocating for international framework and commitment, for example, Nexus and Resilience as per the SFDRR, Paris Agreement, SDGs and so on.
- Encouraging the utilization of GNDR Community Platform at national/ regional/ global level. Make sure that the RAG members and other GNDR members in the region are familiarise themselves with the Community Platform. Promoting the platform as an open venue for discourse in various emerging topics such as localisation, resilience, etc. The information and discussion in the Community Platform may help formulate the new strategy consultation for GNDR, identify the key roles, and contribute to the campaign collaboration in the country, region, and inter-region.
- Based on the disaster tours idea of Vietnam country level plan, the South-South Learning or Academy could break ground on strategic countries in the region like China, South Korea, Lao PDR, Malaysia and Cambodia. However, this initiative would require additional financial resources to GNDR regional hub. It would be good to explore the interest of donors in supporting this activity.
- The fundraising priorities for Southeast and East Asia will be for South-South Learning and National Coordination Meeting.

Wrap up and other recommendations

Some recommendations were discussed during the wrap up session and during the reflection on the first meeting day and field trip.

- In the countries that have unreached local CSOs such as Lao PDR, Cambodia, Vietnam, GNDR and RAG may need to find different strategy or other innovative way for the recruitment or engagement of new members.
- It was proposed that the next RAG meeting should be the combined one for South Asia and Southeast & East Asia. The RAG members then have an opportunity to meet and share the experiences from their region.

Next steps agreed:

- GNDR Regional Hub have to share the member list before recategorization process with national focal points to follow up and investigate in their countries. The feedback from each country will be provided to GNDR on the uncategorized members for further actions.
- Regional hub will compile the report of the workshop and share it with the RAG members for review and finalization.
- A revised ToR based on the discussion and feedback from the members will be formulated and share with the RAG member for adoption.

- GNDR secretariat will advise the National Focal Points on the budget availability (if there's any) for the national coordination meeting as soon as GNDR finance finishes the budgeting for 2019.
- Next RAG meeting will be an online one – tentatively scheduled for Early April.

Workshop Evaluation:

- Most participants (80%) agreed that the objectives of workshop are met while 35% suggested that objective 04 i.e. strengthening accountability within the structure and agreeing on the Revised ToR was not fully achieved.
- All agreed that the logistic arrangement were done to their satisfaction without any major hiccup.
- 90% participants agreed that the sessions covered the topics adequately and were found useful.
- Most participants have good understanding of the Network, RAG roles and priorities. Only one person who seems to be not happy with clarity on roles of RAG and priorities/ engagement of network.
- The most useful session is the discussion on accountability and clarity on roles/responsibility. But other sessions also received positive feedback.
- The least useful session is the field visit and community platform.
- The narrative comments are similar to the recommendations/ discussion points elaborated in the report.

Annex - Agenda

Day 0: November 26, 2018			
	Participants' Arrival	Settha Palace Hotel 6 Pangkham Street, Vientiane, Lao PDR. Tel: +856 (21) 217 581 Fax: +856 (21) 217 583 reservations@setthapalace.com	
7:00 PM onwards	Welcome Dinner (whoever is available)	Settha Palace Hotel	
Day 1: November 27, 2018			
Time	Session	Facilitation Process	Facilitator
9:00 – 9:30	Introduction, welcome remarks and setting of agenda	Ice breaker (Truths & Tale), Expectation & Contribution	Secretariat (RDC), Board Representative
9:30 – 10:30	Best Practice from the Region: Localization happening in Palu Earthquake in Indonesia	Presentation, Q+A	RDI + YEU
10:30 – 10:45	Refreshment		
10:45 – 11:30	Country Coordination Meeting by NFPs – What, Why and how did it go?	Presentation, Q+A	Secretariat (RDC)

11:30 – 12:30	Presentation of the findings from National Coordination meeting: Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam	Presentation, Q+A	Secretariat (RDC) NFPs
12:30-14:00	Lunch		
14:00-17:00	Meeting with DRR Actors in Lao: meeting with the officers at the NDMO to discuss the success in emergency operation due to Xe-Pian Xe-Namnoy dam collapse	Field Trip	NDMO, Lao
17:00 – 18:00	Returning back to hotel, Freshening up		
18:30 – 20:30	Social/Networking Dinner	Venue, to be confirmed	
Day2: November 28, 2018			
Time	Session	Facilitation Process	Facilitator
9 :00 – 9 :15	Reflection on the first day including the meeting with NDMO		Guillaume Chantry, DWF
9 :15 – 10 :30	Secretariat Update – Programs, Projects, Priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Frontline - CBDRM - VFL 2017 - Membership Mapping 	Presentation Group Discussion	Secretariat (RDC)
10:30-10:45	Coffee		
10:45-11:45	Change of focus of RAG – Adoption of new RAG ToR. Accountability towards the membership	Plenary Video/Skype Message	Secretariat (NDM)
11:45-12:00 ¹	Introduction to Community platform and exploring the features together	Video, Facilitated Discussion	Secretariat (RDC)
12 :30 – 13 :00	Hands on exercise – making post, initiate discussion, forming groups in the community platform	Plenary	Secretariat (RA)
13 :00 – 14 :00	Lunch		
14 :00 – 14 :30	Team Building Exercise	Defend the Egg	Secretariat (RDC)
14 :30 – 15 :00	Country Level Planning: Plan for 2018 – 2019	Group work by countries	All NFPs
15 :00 – 15 :30	Presentation of country action plan 2018 – 2019	Presentation by countries	All NFPs
15 :30 – 15 :45	Refreshment		
15 :45 – 16 :30	Regional Level Planning: Plan for 2018 – 2019	Facilitated discussion	Board Representative

¹ For the morning session, all participants are requested to bring their laptop. Pls make sure, you have working access to community platform before coming to the workshop on that day.

16 :30 – 17 :00	Checking on expectation, Evaluation of the workshop, and closing		Board Representative Secretariat (RDC)
18 :30 – 20 :30	Farewell Dinner	Venue, to be confirmed	