

Stakeholder Statement: Civil Society Organisations

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The Asia Pacific Region comprises large number of civil society organisations represented by global, regional sub-regional and national networks including the ADRRN (as lead), GNDR, ICVA, the APG and others. They are actively contributing towards achievement of the Sendai Framework through programmes and activities with their communities notwithstanding the impact of Covid19, which in the last two years really stretched us struggling to meet the surge in demand among communities, while trying to survive as funding streams have been diverted.

The pandemic has exposed many of our shortcomings of the disaster risk management system, the fragility of our frontline infrastructure, issues around social protection and hidden vulnerabilities.

At the same time, it has demonstrated the enormous potential of the 'all-of-society' approach enshrined in the Sendai Framework. Unprecedentedly, many of our member organizations have worked closely with local and national governments, in addition to private sector and academia, to meet the complex needs that couldn't be addressed by governments alone. We have seen the tremendous power of humanitarian spirit in cooperation and altruism.

We urge governments in the region to build on this spirit of cooperation by opening institutional structures that enable most systematic and sustained cooperation with Civil Society Organisations.

We are still not out of pandemic, yet we must most urgently accelerate actions in the field to make for lost ground on the Sendai Framework targets.

The CSO-Stakeholder group, commits to work with AP-DRR members, in taking our common agreed actions in the Asia Pacific Action Plan, particularly in promoting locally led action, recognizing and strengthening local leadership, multi-hazard anticipatory planning, promoting nature based solutions, leveraging technologies and working in greater cooperation and partnerships with other actors to promote resilience of communities at risk, through innovation and mobilization of resources.