



# **Regional Mechanisms for Disaster Management and International Coordination on humanitarian affairs**

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**DG ECHO - Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection**

# With just over



**we help millions of people  
worldwide**



**each year**

## Some of the largest crises in recent years

-  **Syria conflict**  
Over 12 million affected within the country, half of which are children
-  **Central African Republic**  
2.6 million people in need of assistance
-  **Sahel hunger crisis**  
Over 20 million suffering food insecurity
-  **Ebola epidemic**  
Over 20 000 cases in four countries
-  **Ukraine conflict**  
Over 2 million people displaced
-  **Rohingya crisis**  
Over 900 000 rohingya refugees in Bangladesh

**EU action is guided  
by humanitarian principles**  
as reflected in the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid





## European Union and ASEAN Regional Forum cooperation on disaster relief and humanitarian assistance

EU and ARF members can benefit from increased collaboration on disaster management, building on the good cooperation already in place

Cooperation between regional mechanisms such as the European Union's Civil Protection Mechanism and the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance (AHA Centre) is crucial

The EU is committed to supporting the 2016-2020 ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) work programme, as well as the ASEAN Emergency Response Mechanisms

## The 4 priorities of ECHO Disaster Preparedness Strategy in Asia

- Shock responsive service provision and social protection (the integration of contingencies and preparedness arrangements into locally owned basic service delivery and social protection for vulnerable populations)
- Forecast based early actions (to develop national and local competencies for early action)
- Disaster preparedness in urban settings (supporting methodological development and local competencies in preparedness for response and early action in urban areas, particularly in megacities)
- Emergency preparedness for response (to increase humanitarian preparedness for response and Emergency Response Mechanisms (ERMs))

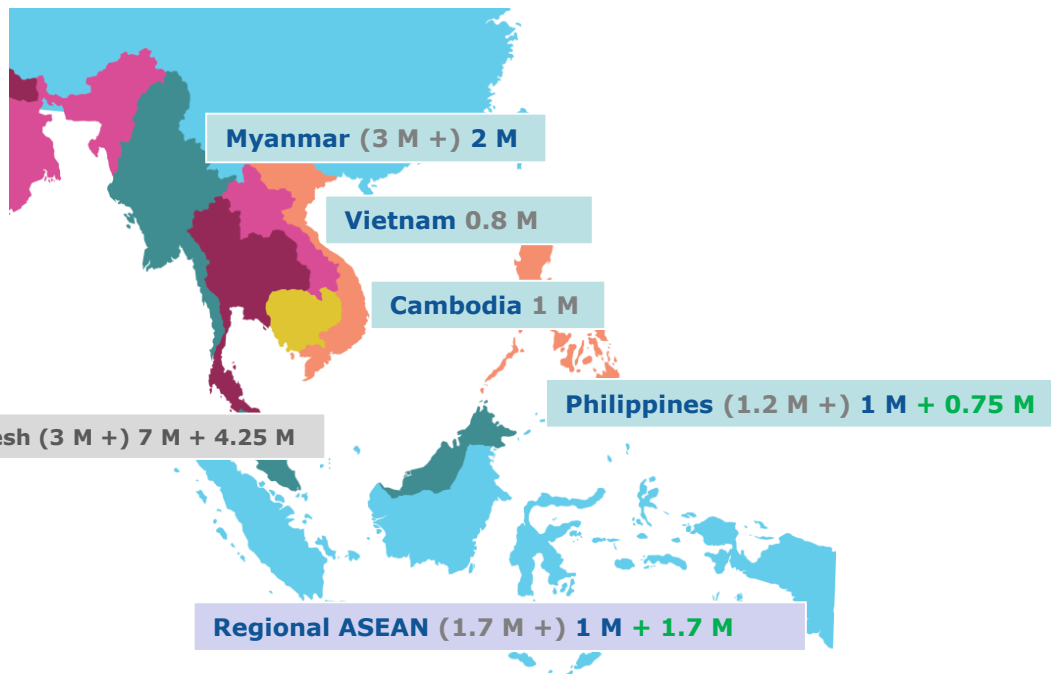
## ECHO Humanitarian Response in ASEAN countries



In 2018, ECHO Asia & Pacific supported humanitarian response to 5 disasters through international partners in 4 countries: Laos (1), Philippines (2) and Indonesia (2)

**EUR 4.18 million**

## ECHO Disaster Preparedness in ASEAN countries



Current ECHO Disaster Preparedness funding in South East Asia: **EUR 28.7 M**

2017 : EUR 10.7 M

2018: EUR 11 M

2019: EUR 6.7 M

# European Union Civil Protection Mechanism

When the scale of an emergency overwhelms national response capacities, the **EU Civil Protection Mechanism** enables a coordinated assistance from the Participating States.



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Participating  
countries include

EU Member  
States



Iceland, Norway, Serbia,  
North Macedonia,  
Montenegro, and Turkey

Civil protection legislation  
provides for:

Cooperation in prevention and  
preparedness

Effective disaster response

Reinforced joint training and  
exercises

of civil protection experts

Rapid deployment via voluntary  
pool  
of national crisis response assets

## EU Civil Protection Mechanism

20

activations in 2018



Examples:



Civil unrest



Volcano



Floods



Earthquakes



Medical



Forest fires



Preparedness  
& prevention



Environmental  
accident



Epidemic



Marine pollution



# Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC)

Monitors disasters  
around the globe

24/7

Maps disaster risks



Provides real-time  
information



Coordinates joint European  
response operations



# EU Civil Protection Mechanism Activation

Natural or man-made **disaster**  
inside or outside the EU



Affected country requests assistance  
from the Mechanism through the  
**Emergency Response Coordination  
Centre (ERCC)**

Once the affected  
country has **accepted  
the offers...**

**Participating states**  
offer assistance, such as  
personnel and equipment



EU Civil  
Protection  
Mechanism is  
activated

**...ERCC coordinates**  
the deployment and  
delivery of assistance



ERCC may deploy  
a team of **EU Civil  
Protection** experts

Assistance delivered,  
experts return.



End of the  
emergency  
response



## EU cooperation with the AHA Centre – an example of Regional Mechanisms for Disaster Management and International Coordination

Building on the already good cooperation between the EU and the AHA Centre is very important, and the Support AHA Project is a prime example of deepening these links

EU Civil Protection Agencies are currently answering a Call for Proposals to strengthen EU-ASEAN collaboration on Disaster Management through sharing expertise, skills and experience

The Support AHA Project will help increase the capacity and sustainability of the AHA Centre, thus improving Disaster Management and International Coordination in the ASEAN region



Thank you!