



2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

The Citizens' Disaster Response Center has just concluded the fourth year of its 5-year Strategic Plan (2013-2017). This Strat Plan has the overall goal of *"Building resilient communities to reduce impact of widespread and increasing magnitude of disasters."*

This narrative report covering the period January-December 2016 shows the implemented activities as designed in the Strat Plan and the proposed 2016 Core Program.

This report looks into how the period's operations have contributed toward the 5-year set goal.

The main parts of the report are:

- I. Brief National Conditions in the Reporting Period;
- II. Project Activities Implemented, Deviations, Corrective Measures; and
- III. Financial Report

The presentation of the project activities will be based on the 6 set purposes and their corresponding activities as presented in the approved Gantt Chart. The purposes are: 1) Strengthen community-based mechanisms and capacities to implement and practice DRM; 2) Sustain DRR projects with consideration to climate change, international standards, special sectors, etc.; 3) Enhanced effectiveness of CDRN/RCs to respond to complex disasters; 4) Enhanced knowledge generation and sharing on DRM and other learning resources and tools; 5) Strengthen cooperation and advocacy with local and international partners to sustain (for continuing) support to communities and strengthen unities on advocacy issues; and 6) Organizational Development.

I. Conditions in the Reporting Period

2016 was a particularly hard year for the farmers. A series of devastating disasters hit many farming communities from Luzon to Mindanao.

Farmers in Mindanao felt the impact of El Nino in the first quarter of the year. The effect of drought was dragging, and has brought misery among the toiling farmers. Crop failure and surmounting debts threatened their daily existence. Due to lack of government assistance, thousands of hungry farmers staged protest rallies demanding for assistance in March 2016. But by April 1, 2016, government troops violently dispersed the protesting farmers that resulted to 2 farmers being killed, 106 injured, and 80 jailed with 4 senior citizens charged with direct assault and murder.

In the last quarter of the year, starting October, three successive typhoons brought havoc to several regions and provinces in Luzon.

Typhoons Karen and Nina came after the other on October 16 and 19 respectively in Central and Northern Luzon. Both typhoons combined brought Php10 billion is estimated losses for the agriculture sector.

For Typhoon Lawin alone, half a million families were affected and more than 160,000 homes were damaged. Out of the PHP10.2 billion damage to agriculture caused by both typhoons, PHP6.9 billion or 68% is attributed to Typhoon Lawin with almost 200,000 hectares of farmland affected. Rice was the hardest-hit sub-sector accounting for 74% of the total production losses.

Barely two months later, on Christmas day (December 25), another typhoon, Typhoon Nona, made a landfall in the Bicol Region. The estimated damage to the agriculture sector in the region is Php4.1 billion it includes damages for rice, corn, livestock, and fisheries infrastructures. The provinces of Albay, Camarines Sur and Catanduanes all declared a state of calamity.



Scorched grasslands in Sultan Kudarat, El Nino



Farmers' camp-out at the SOCCSKSARGEN Dep't of Agriculture Regional Office



Collapsed structure due to typhoon Karen



Typhoon Lawin aftermath in Cagayan Valley



Nina's aftermath in Bato, Catanduanes. (Photo credit: Rick Bahague)

II. Implemented Project Activities, Deviations, Corrective Measures

Purpose 1: Strengthen community-based mechanisms and capacities to implement and practice Disaster Response Management (DRM)

In order to strengthen community-based mechanisms and capacities in DRR, CDRC and the Regional Centers (RCs) embarked on several DRR projects in different areas across the country during this period.

1. Enhance capacities of existing Disaster Preparedness Committees (DPCs)

To further improve the capacities of existing DPCs, CDRC and the RCs continued their capacity-building activities through DRR projects supported by various donors such as Action Medeor, Caritas Austria, and UNICEF Philippines. These capacity building activities ranged from trainings on Community-Based Disaster Management (CBDM) to trainings on leadership, lobbying, resource generation, etc.

2. Form new DPCs



Disaster Preparedness Trainings for the DPCs of Panday Bulig and LCDE in Encap Project

New DPCs were also formed in different areas across the country through the newly-approved DRR projects with DKH in February, and the People in Need (PIN) project in November.

In the DKH Encap Project, 39 new DPCs were formed in different areas across 12 regions across Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. In the PIN project, 2 new DPCs were established in Rodriguez, Rizal under the urban poor group Kadamay.

These new DPCs were trained in CBDM, disaster preparedness, leadership, monitoring and evaluation, lobbying, data gathering, resource generation, etc.

3. Promote CBDM framework to People's Organizations



CBDM Training for the Urban Poor Sector



CBDM Training for the Teachers

CBDM orientation for different sectors were conducted by the RCs and CDRC's Training Department. The aim is for these different sectors or organizations to adopt the CBDM framework and integrate it into their own work/programs, thereby mainstreaming DRR/CBDM. These orientations happened mostly in the DKH Encap project sites for the existing POs and grassroots organizations in these areas.

Outside of the Encap Project, the following CBDM orientations were also conducted by CDRC for the following sectors:

Table 1. CBDM Orientation

Sector / Group	Activity	Date	Participants
Vendors and small business owners (Barangay 393, Quiapo, Manila)	CBDM orientation	May 2	18
Teachers (Alliance of Concerned Teachers)	CBDM orientation	Nov 8	25
Urban Poor (Kadamay)	CBDM training	Nov 24-25	16
TOTAL			59

4. Participation of community members in Disaster Preparedness Activities

DPC mobilizations on disaster preparedness activities were conducted by RCs with existing DRR projects. These activities ranged from community drills, trainings, tree planting, and other small mitigation and adaptation projects that would help reduce the impacts of disasters in the communities.



Mitigation activities of DPCs in Bicol and Leyte for the Encap Project

5. Promotion of DRR to LGUs

Part of the ongoing DRR projects of CDRC and the RCs mentioned above are orientations to LGUs and government agencies on CBDM and the DRR law. In the ongoing DRR projects, LGU officers were always included in the CBDM trainings being offered in the communities. Their direct involvement in these trainings and activities did not only help increase their knowledge and skills on DRR, but also helped promote CBDM in their respective areas. The concept of having DPCs as partners in DRR became more acceptable to the LGUs because of their direct participation in the activities of the DPCs.

Purpose 2: Sustain DRR projects with consideration to climate change, international standards and special sectors

CDRC sustained the implementation of its DRR, emergency, and rehabilitation projects in 2016. Most of these projects incorporated climate change adaptation and international standards, and focused on special sectors such as children, people with disabilities and the elderly.

1. Project monitoring of past and current projects

The Field Operations Department (FOD), through its area and project officers, regularly monitored the ongoing and recently-concluded projects in 2016.

Disaster Risk Reduction Projects

For the DRR projects, four projects were concluded in 2016 – the UNICEF project in Palawan and Northern Samar for Child-Centered DRR, the A-PAD project, the JDC Psychosocial Training, and the Action Medeor project in the Visayas. Two of these projects continued to the next phase – UNICEF and A-PAD. Two new ones were also approved in 2016 – the DKH Encap Project with 12 RCs, and the People in Need (PIN) project for urban DRR.



DRRM Orientation and BCP Workshop in Cebu City for A-PAD Project



Participatory 3D Mapping in Mapanas, Northern Samar for UNICEF Project

Table 2. DRR Projects in 2016

Donor	Partner RCs	Project Title	Project Areas	Period of Implementation
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Philippines		Disaster Risk Reduction: A Child Centered Approach	Northern Samar Palawan	April 2014 to March 2016
Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management (A-PAD)	TABI CRRC MISFI	Enhancing disaster response capability through promoting collaboration among	Albay Cebu Davao	March 2015 to March 2016

		government, private sector and civil society organizations		
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)	CDRN	Training of Local Professionals and Volunteers Working with Victims of Disaster in the Philippines	CDRN-wide	July 2015 to June 2016
Action Medeor	CPRS STPRC PCDR	Improving Health Care and Disaster Response Capacities on Community-Level in 11 Typhoon-Affected Communities in Negros Occidental, Mindoro Occidental, and Iloilo, Philippines	Negros Occidental Mindoro Occidental Capiz	February to December 2016
UNICEF Philippines		Disaster Risk Reduction: A Child Centered Approach (Phase 2)	Northern Samar	October 2016 to September 2018
A-PAD	TABI CRRC MISFI	Enhancing disaster response capability through promoting collaboration among government, private sector and civil society organizations (Year 2)	Albay Cebu Davao	March 2016 to March 2017
DKH	CorDisRDS ICRED CVDRC ABI CREST STPRC TABI LCDE BREAD MISFI	Enhancing Capacities in Disaster Risk Reduction Management for More Resilient Peoples and Communities in 11	Benguet Ilocos Sur La Union Cagayan Palawan Sorsogon Metro Manila Leyte	February 2016 to July 2017

	DIRECT PB	Regions in the Philippines	Misamis Oriental Davao Oriental South Cotabato Surigao del Norte	
People in Need (PIN)		Disaster Risk Reduction Capacity Building of Urban Poor Communities in Relocation Areas of Rodriguez, Rizal	Rizal	November 2016 to April 2017



Climate Change discussion in PIN Project



CBDM Training in DKH Encap Project

Meanwhile, CREST, CDRC's Regional Center in Metro Manila, signed a new project with Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund (ASB). This was a replication of the Action Medeor project of CDRC and CREST in 2014 on school-based DRR. This time, CREST replicated the project concept in the Panay Region. CDRC served as the consultant on financial management, and supported the finance staff of CREST in complying with the financial requirements of ASB.

Emergency Response Projects

Aside from the DRR projects mentioned above, CDRC also responded to the following disasters in 2016: the El Nino (drought) in Mindanao, Typhoons Karen and Lawin in Central and Northern Luzon, and Typhoon Nina in Southern Luzon. CDRC and the RCs mostly provided food and non-food items to the affected population such as rice, dried fish, sardines, oil, blanket, plastic sheet, and hygiene kit. In some instances, mosquito net, water container, sleeping mat, water filter, and other items were also distributed depending on the needs of the people. In the case of the El Nino disaster in Mindanao, CDRC and DIRECT also provided seeds for replanting.

In most of these major emergency responses, CDRC and partners strived to adhere to the SPHERE standards, especially in fulfilling the minimum amount of calories required per family.



Relief operations for Typhoon Lawin in Cagayan; and the drought in Mindanao

Table 3. Major Emergency Responses in 2016

Donor	Partner RCs	Emergency	Project Areas	No. of Beneficiaries Served
DKH	DIRECT	El Nino (drought)	Sarangani South Cotabato Sultan Kudarat	1,397
A-PAD	MISFI	El Nino (drought)	North Cotabato	650
CARE Philippines (Food Packs) A-PAD (NFI)	ABI	Typhoon Karen	Nueva Ecija Zambales Aurora	240
Action Medeor	ICRED	Typhoon Lawin	Ilocos Norte	483
Mercy Relief	CVDRC	Typhoon Lawin	Cagayan	750
DKH (Food Packs)* UNICEF (NFI)	CVDRC	Typhoon Lawin	Cagayan	400
DKH*	ABI CVDRC ICRED CorDisRDS	Typhoons Karen and Lawin	La Union Pangasinan Tarlac Nueva Ecija Aurora Cagayan Ilocos Norte Ilocos Sur Kalinga	5,399
CARE Philippines	STPRC	Typhoon Nina	Quezon Marinduque	234

DKH*	TABI STPRC LCDE	Typhoon Nina	Albay Quezon Northern Samar	556
A-PAD	TABI	Typhoon Nina	Camarines Sur Catanduanes Albay	740
TOTAL				10,849

*Emergency Relief Assistance Fund or ERAF was used for the Typhoon Lawin response with DKH; see details in Table 9



CDRC distributed water filter from Mercy Relief in Amulung, Cagayan after Typhoon Lawin
Relief distribution in Nueva Ecija for Typhoon Karen with CARE and A-PAD

Not included in the above data are emergency responses conducted by the RCs themselves. For instance, ICRED, CVDRC and CorDisRDS conducted assessments and emergency responses for Typhoon Lawin with CARE Philippines. TABI also distributed initial relief in Camarines Sur and Catanduanes for Typhoon Nina with CARE Philippines, and in Albay with Mercy Relief.

Meanwhile, A-PAD Philippines, wherein CDRC and PDRF are co-chairs, conducted relief operations for various emergencies through the combined efforts of the private sector. This was already a product of the private sector organizing done through the A-PAD project.

Table 4. Other responses led by A-PAD Ph or its private sector partners:

Donor	Partner RCs	Emergency	Project Areas	No. of Beneficiaries Served / Goods Given
La Consolacion College	CRRC	Fire	Bacolod	186 hh
Various donors	MISFI	Drought	North Cotabato	70 sacks of rice

Various companies under PDRF	CVDRC	Drought	Isabela	100 hh
A-PAD Ph Metro Naga group	TABI	Typhoon Nina	Camarines Sur	1,717 hh
TOTAL				2,003 hh 70 sacks rice



A-PAD Metro Naga group pooled resources for Typhoon Nina response

In addition, the A-PAD prepositioned tarpaulins for evacuation centers, schools and other public spaces were also distributed in Nueva Ecija, Zambales, Aurora and Cagayan after Typhoon Lawin. These were used as emergency and temporary roofing.



Tarpaulins for public spaces such as barangay halls, schools, etc.

Table 5. Tarpaulins Distributed

Donor	Partner RCs	Emergency	Project Areas	No. of Tarpaulins Distributed
A-PAD	ABI	Typhoon Lawin	Nueva Ecija	5
			Zambales	6
			Aurora	8
	CVDRC	Typhoon Lawin	Cagayan	5
TOTAL				24

Early Recovery and Rehabilitation Projects

For early recovery and rehabilitation, Typhoon Yolanda projects continued in 2016. These are the Shelter and Livelihood projects with DKH in Leyte and Samar, and the Caritas Austria Livelihood project in Cebu and Negros.



Frozen products in the Caritas Project



Trade Fair in the DKH Livelihood Project

A new early recovery project also started in December 2016 after Typhoon Lawin with Oxfam Philippines. This is a cash transfer project in Apayao with CorDisRDS using electronic prepaid cards. It also has a strong gender component, highlighting assistance to vulnerable women through “cash for care work”.

Table 6. Early Recovery and Rehabilitation Projects in 2016

Donor	Partner RCs	Project Title	Project Areas	Period of Implementation
DKH		Phase II: Construction of 300 permanent houses for severely typhoon affected people in Jaro, Leyte	Leyte	October 2015 to 2017
Caritas Austria	CRRC CPRS	Livelihood Programme in Cebu and Negros	Cebu Negros	August 2015 to July 2017

DKH	LCDE	Phase II: Livelihood Assistance towards Resilience and Sustainability in Typhoon Yolanda Affected Communities	Leyte Samar	October 2015 to March 2017
Oxfam Philippines	CorDisRDS	Typhoon Lawin Early Recovery Project in Conner, Apayao	Apayao	December 2016 to May 2017



Shelter Project in Jaro, Leyte with DKH

Aside from projects mentioned above, the RCs also went on to implement early recovery and rehabilitation projects on their own. CVDRC, ICRED and CorDisRDS directly partnered with CARE Philippines for a shelter and livelihood project in Northern Luzon for Typhoon Lawin. TABI also partnered with CARE for a Typhoon Nina shelter project. All of these projects with CARE used a cash transfer modality.

Meantime, CDRC assisted in the conduct of an external evaluation of the project: *“Providing Drinking Water to Residents in Northern Cebu”* funded by Hope Bridge, and implemented by CRRC last 2015. The objective of the evaluation is to assess the effectiveness of the project and to conceptualize other water-related projects.

2. Identification, development and management of new projects

Brainstorming and planning with the staff and the RCs for DRR, emergency, early recovery and rehabilitation projects took place during this period. Several new proposals, already mentioned earlier, were developed and approved as a result.

Table 7. List of Approved Proposals in 2016

Donor	Partner RCs	Project Title	Project Areas	Period of Implementation
Action Medeor	CPRS STPRC PCDR	Improving Health Care and Disaster Response Capacities on Community-Level in 11 Typhoon-Affected Communities in Negros Occidental, Mindoro Occidental, and Iloilo, Philippines	Negros Occidental Mindoro Occidental Capiz	February to December 2016
UNICEF Philippines		Disaster Risk Reduction: A Child Centered Approach (Phase 2)	Northern Samar	October 2016 to September 2018
A-PAD	TABI CRRC MISFI	Enhancing disaster response capability through promoting collaboration among government, private sector and civil society organizations (Year 2)	Albay Cebu Davao	March 2016 to March 2017
DKH	CorDisRDS ICRED CVDRC ABI CREST STPRC TABI LCDE BREAD MISFI DIRECT PB	Enhancing Capacities in Disaster Risk Reduction Management for More Resilient Peoples and Communities in 11 Regions in the Philippines	Benguet Ilocos Sur La Union Cagayan Palawan Sorsogon Metro Manila Leyte Misamis Oriental Davao Oriental South Cotabato Surigao del Norte	February 2016 to July 2017

PIN		Disaster Risk Reduction Capacity Building of Urban Poor Communities in Relocation Areas of Rodriguez, Rizal	Rizal	November 2016 to April 2017
Oxfam Philippines	CorDisRDS	Typhoon Lawin Early Recovery Project in Conner, Apayao	Apayao	December 2016 to May 2017
DKH	DIRECT	Emergency Relief for El Nino Affected Families in Mindanao	Sarangani South Cotabato Sultan Kudarat	April to September 2016
CARE Philippines	ABI	Typhoon Karen Rapid Assessment and Initial Relief Operation	Nueva Ecija Zambales Aurora	October 2016
Action Medeor	ICRED	Emergency Relief Assistance to Communities Severely Affected by Typhoon Haima/Lawin	Ilocos Norte	October to December 2016
Mercy Relief	CVDRC	Typhoon Haima Relief 2016	Cagayan	October 2016
UNICEF	CVDRC	Typhoon Lawin Relief Operation	Cagayan	October 2016
Action Medeor	STPRC	Emergency Relief Assistance to Communities Severely Affected by Typhoon NockTen/Nina	Mindoro Oriental	December 2016 to March 2017
CARE Philippines	STPRC	Typhoon Nina Rapid Assessment and Initial Relief Operation	Quezon Marinduque	December 2016
DKH		CDRC Core Program and ERAF Support for 2016		January to December 2016

Project management orientations and planning were conducted at the start of every project in order to unite partners on the project objectives and deliverables.

Recently approved projects were regularly monitored by the FOD and assigned coordinators/program managers. Monitoring visits allowed CDRC to identify problems and help the RCs in addressing challenges.

3. Increase sources of emergency fund

Aside from the funds from international funding agencies, CDRC’s LPD also tapped local and international sources of funds to raise more money or goods for disaster-affected communities. They were able to solicit funds and goods from schools, individuals, Filipinos overseas, businesses, offices, churches, etc. These resources allowed CDRC to immediately respond to small and localized disasters such as fire, floods, displacements, etc.

A benefit concert for the Kidapawan drought victims was also organized by the artist group LAPIS, and proceeds went to CDRC’s relief efforts in Mindanao for communities affected by the El Nino Phenomenon.



An official PayPal account was finally opened by CDRC, allowing donors a more convenient way of donating and sending remittances.

LPD was able to expand its local resource pool in 2016 by introducing CDRC and CDRN, and by providing orientations to different groups, offices, venues, schools and institutions. From these orientations, volunteers and regular donors were gained.

Table 8. Expanding local resource pool:

Group	Activity	Date	Participants
Private Sector	Radio Show on Disaster Resilience (RADSHOW)	Feb 18	Open to the public
LAPIS	Benefit Concert for Kidapawan	April 30	Open to the public
iVolunteer	Go Volunteer Fair	March 5-6	Open to the public
University of British Columbia	Field Visit to the community	July 7	UBC Students
iVolunteer	Forum	Oct 15	Open to the public



Volunteers at the CDRC booth during the RADSHOW and iVolunteer events

CDRC was able to disburse funds to the RCs for small emergencies such as localized fire, drought, flood, etc. through the stand-by Emergency Relief Assistance Fund (ERAF) from the Core Program supported by DKH.



Relief operation for flood-affected families in Metro Manila



Relief operation for fire-affected families in General Santos City

The ERAF was also utilized to jump-start emergency responses while still waiting for additional funds from donors to come in. See complete breakdown of ERAF disbursements below. ERAFs for Typhoons Karen, Lawin and Nina were also included in the Major Emergency Response report in Section 1, Table 3 above.

Table 9. Emergency Relief Assistance Fund (ERAF)

Month	Regional Center	Disaster	Area	No. of Beneficiaries
August	DIRECT	Fire	General Santos City	103
August	CREST	Heavy rains and floods	Malanday, Marikina	530

August	ABI	Heavy rains and floods	Tarlac Pampanga	400
October	CVDRC	Drought	Delfin Albano, Isabela	500
November	CRRC	Typhoon Marce	Medellin, Cebu	77
			SUB TOTAL	1,610
October	CDRC	Typhoons Karen and Lawin	Aurora	750
October	CVDRC	Typhoons Karen and Lawin	Cagayan	1,400
October	ICRED	Typhoon Lawin	Ilocos Norte Ilocos Sur	871
October	ABI	Typhoon Lawin	La Union Pangasinan Tarlac Nueva Ecija Aurora	1,800
November	CorDisRDS	Typhoon Lawin	Kalinga	978
			SUB TOTAL	*5,799
December	TABI	Typhoon Nina	Albay	346
December	STPRC	Typhoon Nina	Quezon	150
December	LCDE	Typhoon Nina	Northern Samar	60
			SUB TOTAL	*556
TOTAL				7,965

*ERAFs released for Typhoons Karen, Lawin and Nina are also included in Table 3.

A concept similar to ERAF was also proposed to Mercy Relief. The only difference is that, the proposal for Mercy Relief is for a Soup Kitchen. Stand-by funds for hot meals will be made available to the RCs during an emergency. This will enable RCs to quickly provide immediate assistance. CDRC is still awaiting approval of the proposed mechanism.

CDRC also signed an MoU with CARE Philippines as part of its Humanitarian Partnership Platform. This enables CDRC to access a small amount from CARE to do rapid assessment and carry out initial small scale distribution during an emergency.

With these different arrangements with various donors, CDRC and the RCs are in a better position to quickly respond to calamities.

4. Early recovery component integrated in emergency response

Early recovery components were integrated in some of the project proposals to donors such as materials for house repair and seeds for planting. This strategy allowed the affected families to quickly get a sense of normalcy in their lives after a disaster. This was seen in the El Nino response wherein seeds were distributed, allowing the farmer-beneficiaries to immediately replant and restore their livelihood.

Purpose 3: Enhanced effectiveness of CDRN/RCs to respond to complex disasters

The ever increasing complexity and frequency of disasters has become a big challenge for CDRC and the network to upgrade its standards and systems.

1. Facilitate bilateral partnerships of RCs with funding donors

For this period, CDRC facilitated the bilateral partnerships of RCs with CARE Philippines. Many of the RC's responses for Typhoons Lawin and Nina were already in direct partnership with CARE. Caritas Luxembourg and Mercy Relief continued also its bilateral partnerships with the different RCs like PCDR and STPRC. Whenever possible, CDRC encourages donors and RCs to directly form partnerships with each other. This helps develop the capacities of the RCs in project management, and which is also what CDRC wants in the long run.

2. Sustain existing bilateral partnerships of RCs with funding donors

To ensure that RCs maintain existing bilateral partnerships with funding donors, CDRC monitored ongoing or recently concluded projects to provide assistance or support. These monitoring visits were often included in scheduled visits of current projects.

CDRC also regularly got in touch with the funding donors to check on their ongoing projects with the RCs, and if they needed support. One example is the Hope Bridge project with CRRC, wherein CDRC helped facilitate the external evaluation.

3. Adopt international standards in DRR

In most of its relief operations and projects, CDRC and the network members have strived to adhere to the international humanitarian standards as prescribed in various documents such as the SPHERE and the Core Humanitarian Standards (CHS). These were introduced to the staff and the RCs through trainings and workshops.

CDRC has also time and again encouraged the RCs to engage and participate in international or UN-sponsored formations and gatherings in order to increase its capacities and knowledge on DRR and humanitarian work.



EPRP Workshop with DKH Consultant Chris Ball

Another enhancement introduced within the period is the development of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan (EPRP), which helped the CDRN come up with protocols and SOPs during emergencies. Through the DKH Encap project and through the valuable assistance of the DKH Consultant, CDRC, CDRN and each RC have started to develop an EPRP outlining available resources, structures, procedures and cooperation mechanisms in the event of a disaster.

In addition to the EPRP process being supported by DKH, CARE Philippines also supported the regional Emergency Preparedness Planning (EPP) of the network. The first batch, in a series of regional EPP workshops, was conducted in North Luzon last Sept 27-29. Hosted by CorDisRDS, two other RCs were able to participate: ICRED and CVDRC. Other EPP workshops are planned for South Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. These workshops will strengthen the EPRPs of each RC and the overall EPRP of the network by particularizing on the regional situation and specific collaborations within the RCs in a particular region or area.

Purpose 4: Enhanced knowledge generation and sharing on DRM and other learning resources and tools

One important aspect of DRR is knowledge and information sharing. A well-informed citizenry is a well-prepared citizenry. CDRC's Research and Public Information Department strives to produce timely and reliable information to the public.

1. Release fast and reliable information and position on issues

Press releases, photos, videos, podcasts, and website articles were released by the Research and Public Information Department to the media, the CDRC website, and CDRC's social networking sites (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc.):

Press Release:

1. Bicol MSMEs boost disaster resilience through Business Continuity Planning, Nov. 28, 2016
2. ABI to provide medical assistance to #KarenPH-affected communities, Nov. 8, 2016
3. 3 Years after Yolanda, beneficiaries of CDRC Shelter Program still homeless, Nov. 7, 2016
4. Humanitarian aid workers and volunteers harassed by the military in Nueva Viscaya, Oct. 24, 2016
5. Bukas na Liham kay Pang. Rodrigo Duterte at DSWD Sec. Judy Taguiwalo, Oct. 23, 2016
6. CDRC seeks help of anti-red tape czar for Yolanda survivors' shelter, Oct. 17, 2016
7. Calamity survivors seeking safer grounds and food security killed in /fort Magsaysay, Sept. 9, 2016
8. An Open Letter to the Outgoing President, June 9, 2016
9. The Kidapawan Massacre: Disaster Upon Disaster, April 5, 2016
10. Two major national disaster response organizations launch A-PAD Philippines platform, March 3, 2016
11. International symposium and national platform launch of A-PAD Philippines, March 3, 2016
12. International symposium and national platform launch, Feb. 24, 2016
13. A-PAD Philippines conducts Luzon-wide conference, Feb. 19, 2016

Disaster Alert:

1. Typhoon Nina (Nock-Ten) Sit Rep #5, Dec. 31, 2016
2. Typhoon Nina (Nock-Ten) Sit Rep #4, Dec. 28, 2016
3. Typhoon Nina (Nock-Ten) Sit Rep #3, Dec. 26, 2016
4. Typhoon Nina (Nock-Ten) Sit Rep #2, Dec. 26, 2016
5. Typhoon Nina (Nock-Ten) Sit Rep #1, Dec. 21, 2016
6. Typhoon Lawin (Haima) Sit Rep #7, Oct. 27, 2016
7. Typhoon Lawin (Haima) Sit Rep #6, Oct. 24, 2016
8. Typhoon Lawin (Haima) Sit Rep #5, Oct. 21, 2016

9. Typhoon Lawin (Haima) Sit Rep #4, Oct. 20, 2016
10. Typhoon Lawin (Haima) Sit Rep #3, Oct. 20, 2016
11. Typhoon Lawin (Haima) Sit Rep #2, Oct. 18, 2016
12. Typhoon Lawin (Haima) Sit Rep #1, Oct. 17, 2016
13. Typhoon Karen (Sarika) Sit Rep #5, Oct. 18, 2016
14. Typhoon Karen (Sarika) Sit Rep #4, Oct. 18, 2016
15. Typhoon Karen (Sarika) Sit Rep #3, Oct. 17, 2016
16. Typhoon Karen (Sarika) Sit Rep #2, Oct 17, 2016
17. Typhoon Karen (Sarika) Sit Rep, Oct. 16, 2016
18. 106 Urban Poor Families Affected by Fire in General Santos City, July 17, 2016
19. Farming Communities Affected by El Nino (Drought), May 3, 2016
20. Farmers' 5-day Protest in Koronadal City Forces Gov't to Release 2k Sacks of Rice, May 2, 2016

Podcast:

1. CDRC Podcast 2015, Final Episode: Cagayan Valley Farmers' Organization Prepares for El Niño, Jan. 6, 2016
<http://www.cdrc-phil.com/cdrc-podcast-2015-final-episode-cagayan-valley-farmers-organization-prepares-for-el-nino/>

News and Feature:

1. Metro Naga private sector comes together for Typhoon Nina response in Bicol, Dec. 28, 2016
2. Honouring Women Survivors' Leadership and Labour, 3 Years after Yolanda, Nov. 8, 2016
3. Congratulations to the 2016 ABKD winners!, Oct. 8, 2016
4. From Pipelines to El Nino: Water security is survival for indigenous and farming communities, Sept. 22, 2016
5. Extended! Deadline for submission of ABKD entries, Sept. 15, 2016
6. Surviving disastrous disaster politics, Aug. 30, 2016
7. 2016 ABKD Poster-Making Contest call for entries, July 26, 2016
8. CDRC Participates in El Nino Readiness Policy Workshop, April 27, 2016
9. Framework of Collaboration of DRR Stakeholders Towards Resilient Communities, April 24, 2016

Photo Gallery:

Website:

1. Drought-hit families in Cagayan Valley receive support from A-PAD, Aug. 22, 2016
2. Planting rice is never fun – NOT!, Aug. 16, 2016
3. Save lives through First Aid!, Aug. 16 2016
4. Basic Health Training of CHWs in Capiz, July 11, 2016
5. Graduation ceremony for community health workers in Negros, July 4, 2016

6. Psycho-Social Training in Pasig City, June 27, 2016
7. action medeor Partners Interim Workshop, June 21, 2016
8. action medeor head visits Negros project area, June 14, 2016
9. Monitoring of action medeor project in Mindoro Occidental, May 21, 2016
10. action medeor Phase 2 project orientation in Capiz province, May 1, 2016
11. Project monitoring in action medeor health project areas in Negros Occidental, April 30, 2016
12. Project kick-off for health and DRR project, March 14, 2016
13. Basic health Orientation, March 11, 2016
14. Day 2, project Management Training, March 9, 2016
15. Day 1, PMT, March 8, 2016
16. Improving health care and disaster response capacities project kick-off, March 7, 2016

Facebook:

17. Jan 2016 - Volunteers' Meet-up
18. Feb 2016 - Day 1, Project Kick-off and EPRP Workshop
19. Feb 2016 - Day 2, Project Kick-off and EPRP Workshop
20. Feb 2016 - Day 3, Project Kick-off and EPRP Workshop
21. Feb 2016 - Day 4, Project Kick-off and EPRP Workshop
22. Feb 2016 - Day 5, Project Kick-off and EPRP Workshop
23. Feb 2016 - CDRC at the 2016 Radio Show (RADSHOW) on Disaster Resilience
24. March 2016 - Day 2 at the Go Volunteer Event
25. March 2016 - A-PAD Philippines Year-End Assessment
26. March 2016 - CBDM Training
27. March 2016 - CBDM Training Commencement
28. April 2016 - Awarding of DSWD Registration and License to Operate
29. April 2016 - Caritas project monitoring in Brgy. Banago, Bacolod City
30. May 2016 - Disaster Preparedness Training at Bahay Nakpil-Bautista
31. May 2016 - Food packs for drought-stricken families in SOCCSKSARGEN
32. May 2016 - Donations for Drought-Affected Families in Cagayan Valley
33. July 2016 - Abangan sa ABS-CBN's Red Alert, July 13, 2016
34. August 2016 - CDRC meets USec. Ricardo Jalad
35. Oct 2016 - 2016 ABKD Judging
36. Oct 2016 - DRRNet Barangay 911 Launch in Brgy. Bagong Silangan
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38. Oct 2016 - Initial Relief in Amulong, Cagayan
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40. Oct 2016 - #LawinPH aftermath in Baguio
41. Oct 2016 - Relief Packs for #LawinPH-devastated Nueva Vizcaya
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43. Oct 2016 - #KarenPH Relief goods for Aurora
44. Oct 2016 - Emergency Response Team Meeting for #LawinPH
45. Oct 2016 - #LawinPH: Repacking of prepositioned goods

46. Oct 2016 - #LawinPH aftermath in Dugayung, Alcala, Cagayan
47. Oct 2016 - #KarenPH: Initial relief for Nueva Ecija
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2. Produce information, education and communication materials

Aside from the materials already mentioned above, the RPID also released the following IEC materials:

- 2017 Disaster Preparedness Calendar – 1,000 copies
- 2015 Philippine Disaster Report
- 2015 Annual Report
- CDRC Brochure – 700 copies
- CDRN Brochure – 700 copies
- Visibility Materials
 - T-shirts
 - Banners
 - Roll-up Banners

The yearly national ABKD contest for children was also successfully launched. Winners were awarded last October 7, during CDRC's anniversary week. The artworks were used in the 2017 Disaster Preparedness Calendar. Close to 400 children from all over the country joined the contest. The Department of Education also formally endorsed the activity to all public elementary schools.



ABKD winning entries and winners

Purpose 5: Strengthen cooperation and advocacy with local and international partners to sustain (for continuing) support to communities and strengthen unities on advocacy issues

Cooperation with both local and foreign partners is what sustains CDRC and CDRN's programs and activities. Nurturing these relationships is what keeps the organization alive and active.

1. Strengthen volunteer program

CDRC's pool of volunteers is the backbone of most of CDRC's activities – from needs assessments, data gathering, repacking, and relief distribution. The volunteers or the Friends of CDRC are at the forefront. Without their continued support, the activities and projects of CDRC would not have been successful.

A Volunteers' Meet-up was held last January 9. Volunteers from Metro Manila attended this activity. This also helped increase the commitment of the volunteers.



Volunteers' Meet-up

Volunteers were mobilized for the trainings and baseline data gathering conducted for the PIN Project in Rodriguez, Rizal from November to December.

CDRC signed an MoU with Ateneo de Manila University's Office for Social Concern and Involvement (OSCI). Both parties agreed to continue the Junior Engagement Program, which facilitates the exposure and community integration of ADMU students.

Aside from volunteers and exposurees, CDRC also accepted interns and research fellows in 2016.

1. Chaya Ocampo Go, York University, Canada, research fellow
2. Mark Anthony Gaban, Polytechnic University of the Philippines, intern

CDRC also hosted 2 groups (4 persons per group) of AIESEC exchange participants in partnership with AIESEC UP-Lifeboat Philippines. Each group were hosted for two

weeks. First group was hosted from June 27-July 11 and the 2nd group from July 4-18. They went to Central Luzon, Leyte and Antipolo.

1. Sabina Halim from Indonesia
2. Viet Vuong Nguyen from Vietnam
3. Sophie Mumm from Sweden
4. Sarim Jamal from Pakistan
5. Cao Minh Nhu Quynh from Vietnam
6. Enes Oztoprak from Istanbul
7. LamCong Thanh from Vietnam
8. Tran Ho Thanh Huong from Vietnam

2. Strengthen relations with foreign donors and establish new ones

CDRC was also able to reconnect with old partners such as Oxfam and CARE during this period. This rekindling of partnership quickly translated to projects and collaborations during the three successive typhoons in the last quarter of the year.

3. Strengthen relations with local partners and establish new ones

Local partners also increased within the period, mostly through the A-PAD project, which focused on building partnership with the private sector, LGUs, media and academic institutions. Under the A-PAD Philippines National Platform, CDRC signed or was in the process of working out MOUs with the following entities:

Luzon:

1. United Methodist Church – Bicol – CSO
2. United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP) – Bicol – CSO
3. Salvation Army – Bicol – CSO
4. Iglesias Unida Ekyumenikal – CSO
5. Iraga Integrated Passion Fruit Production – Business
6. Yulaik Food Products – Business
7. YML Health Food Products – Business
8. Nabua Vermi Culture Organic Fertilizer Producers Cooperative – Business
9. Evarist Travel and Tours, Inc. – Business



Visayas:

1. Cebu Chamber of Commerce and Industry – Business Group
2. Ormoc Chamber of Commerce and Industry – Business Group

MoU Signing with the Cebu Chamber of Commerce and Industry

3. Local Government Unit Ormoc - Government
4. CERNET - Community Empowerment Resource Network – CSO
5. VIHDA - Visayas Human Development Agency – CSO
6. Women's Development Center – Bohol – CSO
7. FARDEC - Farmers' Development Center – CSO
8. WRCV - Women Resource Center for Visayas – CSO
9. VPHCS - Visayas Primary Health Care Services – CSO
10. Visayas Mindanao Regional Office for Development – CSO

Mindanao:

1. Surigao City Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc. (SCCCI) – Business Group
2. Dinagat Island Province Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc. – Business Group
3. South Cotabato Rice Millers Association – Business Group
4. Infomedia Resource Management Incorporated - Media
5. Balsa Mindanao – CSO

These partnerships vary from preparedness to emergency response coordination and cooperation agreements. These partners agreed to work with CDRC when it comes to preparedness measures and emergency response during calamities.

In addition to the above groups, CDRC paid a courtesy visit to the newly-appointed Executive Director of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) last August 3. This enabled CDRC to follow-up on the wood for the shelter project still stranded at the Cebu Ports, and to inform the NDRRMC chief of what CDRC and its network are doing with respect to DRR and emergency response.



Courtesy visit to the new NDRRMC Head, Usec. Ricardo Jalad, at the Office of Civil Defense

4. Strengthen participation in major formations identified

For this period, CDRC joined the UN OCHA-led Community of Practice (CoP) on Community Engagement. CoP coordinates and strengthens capacities of humanitarian organizations undertaking various levels of community engagement in the Philippines.



CDRC also continued its active participation in the following formations by leading or attending its regular meetings and participating in its activities:

Local Formations

- Citizens' Disaster Response Network (CDRC is the secretariat)
- A-PAD Philippines – Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management-Philippines (CDRC is co-chair together with PDRF)
- DRRNet Phils – Disaster Risk Reduction Network - Philippines (CDRC is one of the conveners)
- NAPC – National Anti-Poverty Commission (CDRC is one of the sectoral representatives for the victims of disasters)
- CCNCI – Climate Change Network for Community-based Initiatives (CDRC is founding member)
- CPD-DR – Consortium for People's Development – Disaster Response (CDRC is founding chair)
- ABSNET – Area Based Standards Network (a DSWD-led network of CSOs)

International Formations

- ALNAP – Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance Action (CDRC is an observer member)
- GNDR – Global Network of Civil Society Organizations for Disaster Reduction (CDRC is a new member)
- A-PAD – Asia Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management (CDRC is founding member)

As part of these formations, CDRC helped organize the following major activities:

- A-PAD Philippines International Symposium and National Platform Launch, Manila – March 3
- CCNCI Roundtable Discussion on Climate Change – Sept 6
- DRRNetPhils Barangay 911 Launch, Quezon City – Oct 13
- CDRN General Assembly, Quezon City – Nov 24



A-PAD PH Int'l Symposium and Launch



DRRNet Phils Barangay 911 Launch

Also during the period, CDRC representatives attended the following local and international formations and events:

- Foundation for the Philippine Environment Regional Consultative Group Meeting, Quezon City – Jan 12-13
- Oxfam Rights in Crisis Partners Assembly, Quezon City – Jan 13-14
- UNICEF Learning Visit of Government Officials from Nepal -Discussion with CSOs, CDRC Conference Room, Quezon City – April 14
- DRRNet Pre World Humanitarian Summit CSO Forum, Quezon City – April 21
- UP ISSI Forum, Quezon City – April 21
- ACT Alliance Forum on “Putting People at the Centre: The Role of Faith-Based Organizations in Humanitarian Action”, Quezon City – April 27
- Pre Disaster Recovery Planning Orientation, Makati City – April 29
- Wells Fargo Forum, Taguig City – May 10
- Resilience Summit, Quezon City – May 26
- JDC Philippines Partner Conference, Pasay City, June 21-22
- C. Lhuillier Pilipino Protektado Day Launching, Paranaque City – June 21
- Metro-wide Shake Drill – June 22
- Assert Socio-Economic Initiatives Network Forum, Quezon City – June 23
- DRRNet Post WHS Feedbacking, Quezon City – June 28



JDC Partners' Conference



CDRC participates in Metro-wide Shake Drill in preparation for the Big One



At the Social Welfare and Development Summit with DSWD Sec. Judy Taguiwalo

- National Business Forum on SME Development and Disaster Resilience in the Philippines – July 26-27, New World Hotel, Makati City
- Social Welfare and Development Summit, Quezon City – Aug 13
- National Social Development Initiative Summit, Davao City – Aug 17-18
- DOH Harmonization of Capacity Building Activities on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergencies, Tagaytay City – Aug 18-19
- Act Alliance Forum: “Changing People’s Lives – from Delivering Aid to Ending Need: Faith-Based Organizations and Humanitarian Action”, Quezon City – Aug 18
- Quezon City Community Relations Office Orientation for CSOs – Aug 26
- NAPC Service Design Workshop on Disaster-Prone Fisherfolk Communities, Quezon City – Aug 31
- Persons with Disabilities Summit, Cainta, Rizal – Sept 18
- Consultation meeting on building alliances with the private sector for resilient communities in the Philippines, Makati City – Oct 7-8
- METSA Foundation DRRM Awareness Workshop – Oct 13-14
- Regional Business Forum in Cebu City – October 24
- Improving Quality and Accountable Humanitarian Actions in the Philippines, Quezon City – Oct 25-26
- Asian Ministerial Conference on DRR (AMCDRR), New Delhi, India – Nov 2-3
- A-PAD Sri Lanka International Symposium, Colombo, Sri Lanka – Nov 5-8



Moderating a side event at the AMCDRR

- Regional Business Forum in Cagayan de Oro City – November 22
- Regional Business Forum in Naga City – November 30
- Trade Fair – Dec 1

Purpose 6: Organizational Development

Capacity building activities to increase the skills of the staff continued within the period.

The revised and updated Manual of Office Policies and Procedures and Finance Manual were finally approved by the Board of Trustees.

1. CDRN Executive Council Meeting

The CDRN Executive Council officers held two regular meetings within the period to discuss organizational matters and propose improvements within the network:

CDRN EC Meetings:

- February 12, 2016
- November 24, 2016

A new set of officers was elected during the CDRN General Assembly last Nov 22-24:

- Chairperson: Jazmin Jerusalem, LCDE
- Vice Chairperson: Jimmy Khayog, CorDisRDS
- Secretary General: Suyin Jamoralin, CDRC
- Deputy SecGen: Cesar Dionido, CREST
- Treasurer: Percinita Sanchez, MISFI
- Auditor: Lorena Villareal, ABI



CDRN General Assembly

2. CDRC Board of Trustees Meeting

Apart from the CDRN-EC officers, the CDRC Board of Trustees also actively participated in many of the organization's activities and projects. Two regular meetings were conducted by the BOT within the year to provide direction to the organization. In between meetings, consultation meetings were done as well.

BOT Meetings:

- July 23, 2016
- December 1, 2016

3. Staff Planning and Assessments

Regular staff planning and assessments were conducted monthly by each department and by the CDRC Management Committee.

General staff meetings were also conducted every month to update the staff on the activities of each department and each project.

4. Staff Development Activities

The following staff capacity building trainings were conducted within the period:

- JDC-ITC-CDRC Train the Trainers Psychosocial Programme (Third Session) – June 23-24
- A-PAD and CDRC Staff Training on Business Continuity Planning, SPHERE, CHS, and the UN Cluster System – July 6-8
- Cross Visit of RCs to partners in Negros – Aug 26-28



Psychosocial Training of Trainers



A-PAD and CDRC staff training

Selected staff members of CDRC and the RCs also attended the following trainings sponsored by other organizations:

- CoP Community Engagement 101, Baguio City – April 18-22
- ASB Training of Trainers for Disability Inclusive DRR, Manila – June 9-15
- PDRF Emergency Operations (EMOPS) Training – June 15
- iVolunteer Training on Volunteer Management, Makati City – July 2
- Council for the Welfare of Children Orientation Workshop on the Protocol on Monitoring, Reporting and Response System on Grave Child Rights Violations in Situations of Armed Conflict for CSO/NGO partners, Manila – June 22-23
- A-PAD Disaster Management Training, Bali, Indonesia – July 17-22

- A-PAD Field Visit Program, Yogyakarta, Indonesia – July 22-25
- WFP Emergency Logistics Training – Aug 8-11
- WFP Emergency Logistics Training, Cebu City – Aug 30-Sept 2
- Oxfam Emergency Food Security and Vulnerable Livelihoods Training, Quezon City – Sept 6-9
- PDRF Training on Business Continuity Planning – Sept 21-22
- PSET Solidarity Building Through Internships, Tagaytay City – Oct 29-31
- Oxfam Training on Managing WASH in Emergency, Quezon City – Nov 21-24
- UNICEF Training of Trainers on Child Centered DRR – Nov 28-30
- Action Medeor Learning Event, Tagaytay City – Dec 5-9
- A-PAD Disaster Management Training, Tokyo, Japan – December 19-22



EMOPS Training



Learning Event sponsored by Action Medeor

Aside from the trainings above, the HR Coordinator also ensured the regular performance evaluation of the staff.

Concluding Notes

Based on the assessments per department, by the ManCom and the BOT, the fourth year of implementing the 5-year strategic plan has been very fruitful as evidenced by the reported achievements above.

CDRC is gearing up for another strategic planning for 2018-2022, which is scheduled in the last quarter of 2017.