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Introduction

The Citizens' Disaster Response Center has just concluded the last 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 2017 shows the implemented activities as designed in the Strat Plan and the proposed 2017 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

The Philippines experienced two strong earthquakes, typhoons and a devastating armed conflict in 2017.

On February 10, at 10:03 PM, a magnitude 6.7 earthquake struck the Province of Surigao del Norte in northeastern Mindanao. The Philippine Institute of Seismology Volcanology and (PHIVOLCS) reported that the epicenter was located in Surigao Strait. 16 km offshore northwest of Surigao City at a shallow depth of 10 km. The earthquake was generated by the movement of the Philippine Fault - Surigao segment. The ground shaking magnitude earthquake was felt at Intensity Scale VII in



Collapsed bridge in Surigao City after the 6.7

Surigao City and San Francisco. The rest of the municipalities in Surigao del Norte experienced intensity VI to IV. Small magnitude earthquakes followed afterwards. As of February 22, 230 aftershocks were recorded, 106 of which were plotted and 26 were reportedly felt. Liquefaction and earthquake-induced landslide were documented as well as the collapsed Anao-aon Bridge, damages to buildings, ports, roads, other bridges, and residential houses.



Impact of the earthquake in Leyte

On July 6, a 6.5-magnitude earthquake struck the Province of Leyte. The earthquake had a depth of 6.49 km; it had an epicenter located three kilometers north-northeast of Masarayao, Leyte. There were 72 injured people in Kananga, Ormoc City and Carigara, while a landslide was also reported in Jaro, Leyte following the earthquake. As of July 19, nearly 1,000 aftershocks have occurred. includina several

over 4.0 in magnitude and a 5.8-magnitude guake on July 10. Three deaths and 448 injuries have been reported. A total of 4,130 families or 16,052 persons have reportedly been affected in 27 barangays in the Province of Leyte (Region VIII).

On May 23, the Philippine Government launched a military and law enforcement operation in Marawi City, Lanao del Sur province against a local nonstate group, displacing 353,921 individuals (77,180 families). On October 17, President Duterte declared the city liberated and on October 29. after five months of displacement, a phased return of families has started as barangays safe. Considering Iligan City the need to securely clear the



the military clears and declares Overcrowded evacuation center for Marawi IDPs in

residential areas of unexploded ordnance, the return of the majority of displaced families is not expected until early to mid 2018.



TD Maring damaged houses in Calamba

Tropical Depression Maring and Typhoon Lannie entered the Philippines on September 12 and dumped rains over parts of Luzon. Maring left at least 5 people dead, 4 injured and 6 missing in Luzon. At least 2,103 families or 8,794 persons were affected by Maring in 109 barangays in Calabarzon. Central Luzon, and Metro Manila. Both storms left the country September 13.

On December 16, Tropical Storm Urduja made landfall over San Policarpio, Eastern Samar province. Two months of rain fell in 48 hours, triggering severe

flooding. The NDRRMC reported 425,996 families (1,780,163 persons) have been affected in 2,471 barangays in Regions VIII, MIMAPOPA, V, VI, VII, and CARAGA. A total of 45 persons were reported dead. In addition to causing the loss of human lives and internal displacement, the tropical storm substantially impacted shelter. livelihoods, WASH and caused damage to critical infrastructure including roads, bridges and power transmission lines. The latest report indicates that more than 6,800 houses in 12 provinces were destroyed. Housing damage was mainly attributed to flash floods, landslides, overflowing rivers and wind damage.



Tropical Storm Urduja destruction in Eastern Samar

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Families displaced by typhoon Vinta take shelter in makeshift houses in Bukidnon

Tropical Storm Vinta made landfall on December 22. The tropical storm has left a trail of destruction, including killing more than 170 people, displacing thousands, damaging houses and livelihoods, and disrupting normal lives of people mainly in northern and central parts of Mindanao. According to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the storm has affected at least 313,498 people in 998 barangays in regions MMAROPA, VII, IX, X, XI, XII, ARMM and CARAGA. Most recent reports indicate that Vinta damaged 6,850 houses in 12 provinces, of which more than half were totally

destroyed. Furthermore, conflict affected communities, IDPs and returnees to Marawi City, Lanao del Sur were also affected.

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 DRM, 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 DPCs

To further improve the capacities of existing Disaster Preparedness Committees (DPCs), CDRC and the RCs continued their capacity-building activities through DRR and rehabilitation projects supported by various donors such as DKH, Caritas Austria, People in Need, A-PAD, Oxfam Philippines, and UNICEF Philippines. These capacity building activities ranged from trainings on Community Based Disaster Management (CBDM) to trainings on leadership, lobbying, resource generation, business continuity planning, financial management, etc. (see separate project reports for details).

2. Form new DPCs



CBDM Training in Mabiga and Puguin, Conner, Bookkeeping Training in Karikitan, Conner, Apayao Apayao

As a result of the above mentioned trainings, four (4) new DPCs were formed in the Cordillera Region through the Oxfam-supported early recovery project for Typhoon Lawin (2016). These new DPCs in Conner, Apayao were trained in CBDM, financial literacy, business management, and basic bookkeeping.

3. Promote CBDM framework to People's Organizations

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 within the ongoing DRR projects already mentioned above.

Outside of these DRR projects, the following CBDM orientations were also conducted by CDRC for the following sectors:

Sector / Group	Activity	Date	Participants
NASSA-Caritas organized communities (6 municipalities and 10 barangays in Isabela)	 Disaster Management Orientation Community Risk Assessment Community Disaster Planning Community Drill 	June-August 2017	300
AMA (organization of parents of UNBOUND scholars from 9 project areas in NCR and 2 from Luzon)	Community Based Disaster Management	June- September 2017	30
TOTAL			330

Table 1. CBDM Orientation



CBDM trainings for NASSA-Caritas communities in Isabela

4. Participation of community members in Disaster Preparedness Activities

DPC mobilizations on disaster preparedness activities were conducted by CDRC, and 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 (see separate project reports).



Community Drill in Mapanas, Northern Samar under the UNICEF project



Community Drill in Isabela for NASSA-Caritas communities

5. Promotion of DRR to LGUs

Part of the ongoing DRR projects of CDRC and the RCs mentioned above are



Discussion on the DRRM Law (RA10121) and the Children's Emergency Relief and Protection Act (RA 10821) for Mapanas LGU

orientations LGUs to 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 2017. Most of these projects incorporated climate change adaptation and international standards, and focused on special sectors such as urban poor, children, people with disabilities and the elderly. Even in the emergency and rehabilitation projects, DRR components were already incorporated to promote sustainability.

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 2017.

Disaster Risk Reduction Projects



Children in Mapanas present their DRR Action Plan to the Municipal Council during International Children's Day

For the DRR projects, three projects were concluded in 2017 – the A-PAD-supported project in three pilot areas (Bicol, Cebu and Davao), the DKH-supported Encap project with 12 RCs across the Philippines, and the People in Needsupported project for urban DRR in Rodriguez, Rizal.

Meanwhile, the UNICEF-supported project in Mapanas, Northern Samar for Child-Centered DRR, will continue until the latter part of 2018.

One new DRR project was approved in 2017 – the TUKLAS Innovation Labs

funded by Start Network and UK Aid. CDRC was invited by CARE Philippines to join the consortium led by Plan International. The consortium is composed of Plan, CARE,

Action Against Hunger (ACF), and CDRC. CDRC hosts the North Luzon TUKLAS Innovation Lab based in Baguio City, while the other consortium members host the labs in Central and South Luzon (Care), Visayas (Plan), and Mindanao (ACF). The project seeks out innovative proposals addressing solutions on DRRM. Successful innovators will receive grants of up to Php 1 million to test and implement their ideas. Many of the RCs also submitted their proposals and participated in the information sessions and workshops held by TUKLAS across the country.



Information Session in North Luzon

Table 2. DRR Projects in 2017

Donor	Partner	Project Title	Project	Period of
	RCs		Areas	Implementation
UNICEF Philippines		Disaster Risk Reduction: A Child Centered Approach (Phase 2)		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)	Bicol 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 Davao Oriental South Cotabato Surigao del Norte	February 2016 to July 2017
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
Start Network		TUKLAS Innovation Labs	North Luzon	August 2017 – December 2018

Aside from the DRR projects mentioned above, CDRC's RC in Metro Manila, CREST, also implemented a Disability Inclusive DRR Project in Quezon City for 13 pilot schools. This project is in direct partnership between CREST and Action Medeor. CDRC's Training Department provided support in conducting the trainings from August to September 2017.



The Training Department supported the DRR Trainings of CREST for Schools in Quezon City

CREST also had direct partnership with Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund (ASB) for a DI-DRR project in Panay which ended in January 2017. CDRC provided financial management support by training its staff, and assisting the organization in coming up with its own finance manual.

Emergency Response Projects

Aside from the DRR projects mentioned above, CDRC and the RCs also responded to the following disasters in 2017: Typhoon Nina in Southern Luzon (continued from 2016), Surigao Earthquake, Leyte Earthquake, Marawi Conflict, TD Maring and Lannie, and Typhoons Urduja and Vinta. 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, water container, sleeping mat, and other items were also distributed depending on the needs of the people.

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



DKH and Panday Bulia

Table 3. Major E				
Donor	Partner RCs	Emergency	Project Areas	No. of Beneficiaries Served
Caritas Austria	STPRC	Typhoon	Quezon	2,002
	TABI	Nina	Camarines Sur	
DKH*	BREAD	Earthquake	Surigao	298
A-PAD	LCDE	Earthquake	Leyte	1,682
DKH*	LCDE	Earthquake	Leyte	187
DKH*	STPRC	TD Maring	Quezon	502
		and Lannie	Laguna	
			Rizal	
DKH*	PB	Typhoon	Cagayan de Oro City	572
		Vinta	Misamis Oriental	
	MISFI		Bukidnon	1,000
			Compostela Valley	
	Kadait		Zamboanga del Norte	151
Care		Marawi	lligan	220
Philippines		Conflict		
DKH*	PB	Marawi	Lanao del Sur	500
		Conflict		
TOTAL				7,114

 Table 3. Major Emergency Responses in 2017

*Emergency Relief Assistance Fund or ERAF was used for the emergency responses with DKH; see details in Table 7



RDO for Marawi evacuees in Iligan with CARE Philippines and Mindanao RCs



RDO for TD Maring and Lannie-affected areas with DKH and STPRC

Not included in the above data are emergency responses conducted by the RCs themselves. For instance, LCDE conducted assessments and emergency responses for Typhoon Urduja and the Leyte Earthquake with CARE Philippines.

Also not included in the data above are the smaller disasters that CDRC and the RCs responded to. See Table 7 for the complete list of ERAF (Emergency Relief Assistance Fund) RDOs conducted. If the MER and ERAF RDOs are combined, a total of 10,076 families or around 50,000 persons were served.

Early Recovery and Rehabilitation Projects

For early recovery and rehabilitation, Typhoon Yolanda projects were concluded in 2017. These are the Shelter and Livelihood projects with DKH in Leyte and Samar, and the Caritas Austria Livelihood project in Cebu and Negros. However, the Caritas project's Phase 3 started again in December 2017 with CRRC and CPRS as partner RCs.



Last batch of DKH shelter beneficiaries

Fish drying project with Caritas Austria

The early recovery project with Oxfam Philippines and CorDisRDS for Typhoon Lawin also ended in May 2017. This cash transfer project culminated into a sharing of the results of two research papers (scoping study on humanitarian resources and capacities, and gender snapshot) produced at the end of the project (see separate research reports). One research presentation was held in Tuguegarao City, and another in Quezon City. Key stakeholders from the local and national agencies were invited to both events.



Presentation of research findings to key stakeholders

Distribution of PayMaya Cards for the Cash Transfer Program

Donor	Partner	Project Title	Project	Period of
	RCs	-	Areas	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
Caritas Austria	CRRC CPRS	Livelihood Programme in Cebu and Negros (Phase 3)	Cebu Negros	December 2017 to November 2019

 Table 4. Early Recovery and Rehabilitation Projects in 2017

Aside from projects mentioned above, the RCs also went on to implement early recovery and rehabilitation projects on their own. BREAD directly partnered with CARE Philippines for a shelter project in Surigao after the earthquake using a cash transfer modality.

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, some already mentioned earlier, were developed and approved as a result.

Donor	Partner RCs	Project Title	Project Areas	Period of Implementation
DKH		CDRC Core Program		January to December 2017
DKH	All	ERAF Support for 2017	Nationwide	January to December 2017

Table 5. List of Approved Proposals in 2017

Start Network		TUKLAS	North	August 2017 –
		Innovation Labs	Luzon	December 2018
Caritas Austria	CRRC	Livelihood	Cebu	December 2017
	CPRS	Programme in	Negros	to November
		Cebu and Negros		2019
Mercy Relief	All	Emergency Hot	Nationwide	June to
		Meals Project		December 2017
CARE	LCDE	EPP Workshops	Central and	May-August
Philippines			South	2017
			Luzon	
			Visayas	
			Mindanao	
CARE UK and	All	Review and Field	Nationwide	July-September
IOM		Testing of DNCA		2017

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 disasteraffected 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.

LPD was able to expand its local resource pool in 2017 by introducing CDRC and CDRN, and by providing orientations and trainings to different groups, offices, venues, schools and institutions. From these activities, volunteers and regular donors were gained. CDRC also received professional fees or institutional donation for these trainings.

Group	Activity	Date	Participants
IBON Foundation	Safe Workplace Setting	May 2017	37
Pay Dragon Safe Workplace Setting		June 2017	27
NLREC	Safe Workplace Setting	July 2017	28
KUMON	Safe Workplace Setting	September 2017	28
Manila Southwoods	Safe Workplace Setting	September 2017	30
Golf & Country Club			
TOTAL			150

Table 6. Expanding local resource pool:



Training for Manila Southwoods Employees

Training for Kumon Employees

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.



ERAF for earthquake in Ormoc

ERAF for armed conflict in Calbiga

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 the Leyte Earthquake, Surigao Earthquake, TD Maring and Lannie, Typhoon Vinta, and the Marawi Conflict were also included in the Major Emergency Response report in Section 1, Table 3 above (see separate ERAF report for the details).

Month	Regional Center	Disaster	Area	No. of Beneficiaries
February	BREAD	Flood	Butuan City	614
March-April	BREAD	Earthquake*	Surigao del Norte	298
March	KADAIT	Flood	Zamboanga del Norte	129
March	MISFI	Flood	Tagum City	810
June	PB	Marawi Conflict*	Lanao del Sur	500
April	LCDE	Armed Conflict	Calbiga, West Samar	909
July	LCDE	Earthquake*	Ormoc, Leyte	187

 Table 7. Emergency Relief Assistance Fund (ERAF)

September	STPRC	TD Maring and Lannie*	Quezon Laguna	502
			Rizal	
December	CVDRC	Armed Conflict	Nueva Vizcaya	500
December	PB	Typhoon Vinta*	Cagayan de Oro City	572
			Misamis Oriental	
December-	MISFI	Typhoon Vinta*	Bukidnon	500
January			Compostela Valley	500
December-	KADAIT	Typhoon Vinta*	Zamboanga del Norte	151
January			_	
TOTAL				6,172

*ERAFs released for TD Maring and Lannie, Typhoon Vinta, Marawi Conflict, and the Surigao and Leyte Earthquakes, are also included in Table 3, and considered as MER.

A concept similar to ERAF was also approved by Mercy Relief. The only difference is that, this one is specifically for hot meals. Stand-by funds were made available to the RCs during an emergency through the Emergency Hot Meals Project. This enabled RCs to quickly provide immediate assistance as shown below (see separate Hot Meals report for the details).

Table 10. Emergency Hot Meals					
Month	Regional Center	Disaster	Area	No. of Beneficiaries	
September	STPRC	TD Maring and	Cavite	302	
•		Lannie	Laguna	271	
			Quezon	1,301	
November	DIRECT	Tornado	South Cotabato	533	
December	CDRC	TS Urduja	Northern Samar	1,900	
December	PB	Typhoon Vinta	Misamis Oriental	750	
TOTAL				5,057	

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Hot Meals during Typhoon Urduja

Hot Meals during Typhoon Vinta

With the ERAF and the Hot Meals combined, plus the MoU signed by CDRC with CARE Philippines last year for quick access to rapid assessment and initial relief funds, CDRN is 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 A-PAD and DKH Leyte Earthquake responses wherein shelter repair materials were distributed, allowing the beneficiaries to immediately repair their homes.

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

CDRN members in the CARE HPP

For this period, CDRC continued to facilitate the bilateral partnerships of RCs with CARE Philippines by bringing in the RCs the Humanitarian to Partnership Platform (HPP) of CARE. Manv of the RC responses for Typhoon Urduja, and the Leyte and Surigao earthquakes were already in direct partnership with CARE Philippines. Caritas Luxembourg and Mercy Relief continued its bilateral also partnerships with the different

RCs like PCDR and STPRC. Action Medeor and ASB continued to directly fund CREST in its DI-DRR projects. 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 helped monitor 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 DI-DRR project of CREST with ASB, wherein CDRC provided financial management support to CREST.

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 workshops and during project orientations.

Connected to this, CDRC also participated in the consultation and review of the Sphere Handbook organized by the Alliance of Sphere Advocates of the Philippines (ASAP). CDRC provided feedback that would help improve the handbook.

CDRC has 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.



Review of the Sphere Handbook

Part of increasing the capacities of CDRC and CDRN is upgrading its tools and emergency preparedness plans.

In 2016, CDRC/N started developing its Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan (EPRP) with the help of DKH Consultant, Mr. Chris Ball. This has significantly increased the preparedness of the network for emergency response – putting into paper its protocols and guidelines.



Emergency Preparedness Planning Workshop in Mindanao

In 2017, as follow-through of the EPRP sessions with Chris Ball, CARE Philippines supported the network's Emergency Preparedness Planning (EPP) sessions in Central and South Luzon, Visayas and (the EPP Mindanao North Luzon Workshop was already conducted in the last quarter of 2016). These workshops further strengthened 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.

Activity	Venue	Date	Participants
Visayas EPP	Cebu	May 9-11, 2017	CRRC, CPRS, PCDR,
			LCDE
Central and South	Bicol	Aug 1-3, 2017	ABI, CREST, STPRC,
Luzon EPP			TABI
Mindanao EPP	Cagayan de	Aug 15-17, 2017	BREAD, PB, KADAIT,
	Oro		MISFI, DIRECT

Table 11. EPP Workshops in 2017

Also part of CDRC/N's desire to further improve its emergency response capacity is to upgrade its data collection tool. CDRC applied for small funding from CARE UK and IOM in order to review its Damage, Needs and Capacities Assessment (DNCA) tool, and also make it more gender and GBV-responsive. Representatives from the RCs

were gathered last July 28-29 in Quezon City to review the DNCA tool. CARE Philippines' Gender Specialist provided basic orientation on how to mainstream gender into emergency programming. From there, the RCs proposed enhancements to the DNCA tool. After the workshop, the enhanced tool was tested and piloted by the RCs in Ilocos Norte (Typhoon Huaning) and in Mindanao (Marawi Conflict) during actual rapid assessments. The tool was further revised by CDRC based on the feedback from the RCs who used the tool. The next step for CDRC is to put the tool in the Kobo platform for easier collation.



Review of the DNCA Tool

Input from CARE on Gender and GBV

CDRC was invited by Christian Aid to participate in the Start Network project called Transforming Surge Capacity. This project, dubbed as "On Call Surge Roster" is a web-based software platform that will host a register of experienced humanitarians,



On Call Surge Launching at the PETA Theater

technical specialists and volunteers who are based in the Philippines. One of the challenges that CDRC faced during Typhoon Haiyan was finding gualified staff for its projects, and a local roster such as this would help bridge that gap during an emergency. This project also promotes localization by tapping into, and prioritizing local surge capacity. The TSC project also provided opportunities for CDRC to participate in trainings and capacity building activities sponsored by the project such as trainings on CHS, Caring for the Carers, Simulation Exercises, etc.

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. This also served as an opportunity for CDRC to promote its work and advocacies.

1. Release fast and reliable information and position on issues

Press releases, photos, videos, 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:

- CDRN condemns the arrest and detention of development worker Rogina Quilop, Feb. 10, 2017
- On Pres. Duterte's State of the Nation Address, CCNCI, Aug. 3, 2017 (LTTE)
- CDRC Hands Over 300 Houses to Yolanda Survivors on Its 33rd Year, Oct. 6, 2017

Disaster Alert:

- Typhoon Nina (Nock-Ten) Situation Report # 6, Jan. 3, 2017
- Earthquake Situation Report No. 1, Feb. 11, 2017
- Earthquake Situation Report #2, Feb. 13, 2017
- Humanitarian Crisis: A Situation Report on the Marawi IDPs, June 19, 2017
- Situation Report: Leyte Earthquake, July 7, 2017

News and Feature:

- Young artists from Luzon dominate ABKD 2017 poster-making contest, Sept. 30, 2017
- Adelina: a story of a woman's resilience, March 24, 2017

Photo Gallery:

Website:

• Flooding in Butuan City, Jan. 31, 2017

Facebook:

- Oct. 13, 2017, ABKD 2017 Awarding Ceremony
- Oct. 10, 2017, Go Bags for Sale!
- Oct. 6, 2017, Handover of 300 Houses to Yolanda Survivors on CDRC'S 33rd Year
- Aug. 12-13, 2017, Shelter Project: Long wait almost over
- July 28, 2017, Shelter Project: More houses nearing completion

- July 2017, Shelter Project: Resumption of Construction
- July 15, 2017, Shelter Project: Tasking for Bayanihan
- July 4, 2017, Shelter Project: Timber delivery
- Sept. 29, 2017, ABKD 2017 Judging
- Sept. 27, 2017, Staff Development
- Sept. 25-26, 2017, Staff Development
- Sept. 25, 2017, Staff Development
- July 10-14, 2017, Shelter Project: Bayanihan at Brgy. Macanip
- July 5, 2017, Beneficiaries Meeting re Resumption of Shelter Construction
- Sept. 20, 2017, Disaster Preparedness Training at the Manila Southwoods
- Sept. 12, 2017, Some parts of Quezon Province: Before and After Typhoon Maring
- Aug. 18, 2017, FGDs with and relief distribution to unrecognized evacuees
- Aug. 15-17, 2017, Mindanao-wide Emergency Preparedness Planning Workshop
- May 23-25, 2017, Day 1, Child-Centered DRR Seminar for Mapanas LGU
- June 23, 2017, Day 3, Psycho-Social Training Seminar
- June 22, 2017, Day 2, Psycho-Social Training Seminar
- June 21-23, 2017, Day 1, Psycho-Social Training Seminar
- July 28, 2017, Film showing at the Siljagon National High School
- June 29, 2017, Mainstreaming Children's Rights and Concerns, Day 4
- June 28, 2017, Mainstreaming Children's Rights and Concerns, Day 3
- June 27, 2017, Mainstreaming Children's Rights and Concerns, Day 2
- June 26, 2017, Mainstreaming Children's Rights and Concerns in DRR, Day 1
- July 11-12, 2017, Contingency Planning in Ilagan, Isabela
- July 29, 2017, Gender-Based Violence Workshop & Tool Review
- July 25-28, 2017, Photo Exhibit in Mapanas, Northern Samar
- July 27, 2017, The Network's Journey Towards Resilient Communities
- July 17-23, 2017, Regional WASH Workshop Asia
- June 9, 2017, Final Reflection Workshop
- May 16-17, 2017, DRRM Training in Ibon Foundation
- March 20, 2017, Masters of Psycho-social Training
- March 24, 2017, UNICEF and CDRC Staff Development
- Feb. 10-11, 2017, Turnover of 123 Permanent Shelters in Jaro, Leyte
- Feb. 7-10, 2017, action medeor Project Closing Workshop

Video:

- CDRC turns 33, Oct. 6, 2017, https://www.facebook.com/CDRC1984/videos/10159348241045612/
- Gender-Based Violence Orientation, July 28, 2017, https://www.facebook.com/CDRC1984/videos/10159032583625612/
- Series: Community drill in Cabisera 10, Ilagan City, July 26, 2017, https://www.facebook.com/CDRC1984/videos/10159022743000612/
- Flood waters in Brgy. Maguyam, Cavite, Philippines, June 25, 2017, https://www.facebook.com/CDRC1984/videos/10158835547485612/

- IBON Foundation Earthquake Evacuation Drill, May 20, 2017, https://www.facebook.com/CDRC1984/videos/10158647008650612/
- Earth Day, April 22, 2017, https://www.facebook.com/CDRC1984/videos/10158504095800612/

Meanwhile, CDRC was also interviewed by the local broadcast media on various topics:

- Failon Ngayon, Government level of preparedness in responding to the Big One, September 2017
- Tacloban ABS-CBN News on Shelter Handover, Oct. 6, 2017

The following media articles quoting or mentioning CDRC and its networks also came out in print and online media outlets:



Dr. Balingit being interviewed by the local media during the Shelter Handover

Local:

- Philippine Information Agency, 3 January, on Typhoon Nina relief operations http://news.pia.gov.ph/article/view/861482993024/camarines-sur-privategroup-launches-relief-drive-to-help-typhoon-victims
- iVolunteer Blog 26 February, on iVolunteer PH community meetup https://blog.ivolunteer.com.ph/2017/02/26/ivolunteer-ph-conducts-disasterpreparedness-community-meetup/



Newspaper clipping on EPP workshop

• PayMaya, 8 March on Rehab for Lawin-hit areas in Cordilleras https://stories.paymaya.com/rebuilding-lives-oxfampartnership/

 Cebu Daily News, 18 May, on EPP Workshop in Cebu -

https://www.pressreader.com/philippines/cebudaily-news/20170518/281758449220412

• Sunstar Daily, 23 May, on EPP Workshop in Cebu - http://www.sunstar.com.ph/cebu/localnews/2017/05/23/groups-gather-visayasemergency-preparedness-plan-543516

• Spot PH, 24 April, on where to donate for disaster victims -

http://www.spot.ph/newsfeatures/the-latest-newsfeatures/69884/10-places-to-donate-your-clothesa00197-20170424-lfrm

- Rappler, 26 July, on Duterte's SONA https://www.rappler.com/moveph/issues/disasters/140983-civil-society-organizations-duterte-sona-2016
- DepEd Division Memo, 18 August, on ABKD 2017 http://www.depedbogocity.ph/Files/memo17/350_2017.pdf
- DepEd Division Memo, 20 July, on ABKD 2017 http://www.depedcapiz.ph/issuances/Advisories/2017/212-2017-ABKDposter-making-contest.pdf
- CARE Philippines, October 4, on Tuklas Innovation Labs http://carephilippines.org/2017/10/04/calling-for-innovative-ideas/
- BusinessWorld, 5 October 2017 https://www.pressreader.com/philippines/business-world/20171005/textview
- Manila Times, 12 October 2017 https://www.pressreader.com/philippines/manilatimes/20171012/282020442515017
- Relief Web, 16 October 2017 https://reliefweb.int/report/bangladesh/globalaid-network-launches-innovation-labs-four-countries-prepare-disasters
- Philippine Star, 17 October 2017 http://www.philstar.com:8080/nation/2017/10/17/1749758/disasterpreparedness-project-get-funding-ngos

International:

- Nafcon USA, 5 January, on donations for Typhoon Nina http://nafconusa.org/2017/01/nafcon-calls-for-donations-for-typhoon-ninavictims/
- York University News, USA, 26 September, on the Kutitap Video App http://yfile.news.yorku.ca/2017/09/26/york-grad-students-launch-videopodcast-on-frontline-responses-to-turmoil-in-philippines/
- Youtube, 28 August, on the Kutitap Video Podcast https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q3Mncmts8k0

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
- CDRC Brochure
- CDRN Brochure
- Visibility Materials
 - T-shirts
 - o Banners
 - o Roll-up Banners
- DPC Brochure

The yearly national ABKD contest for children was also successfully launched. Winners were awarded last October 6, during CDRC's anniversary. The artworks were used in the 2018 Disaster Preparedness Calendar. Close to 300 children from all over

the country joined the contest. The Department of Education also formally endorsed the activity to all public elementary schools.



ABKD judging

ABKD 2017 winners during the awarding

CDRC also embarked on a research project together with CREST and OXFAM Asia Resilience Hub within this period. The research is about asking the people in the communities in Metro Manila if they feel that they are prepared for the Big One (earthquake). The result of the study will come out in 2018.



Interview in Brgy Escopa, Quezon City

Interview in Brgy Malanday, Marikina City

Aside from documenting the network's current projects, CDRN held an Expo-Summit on Community-Based Disaster Management at the historic *Bantayog ng mga Bayani* in Quezon City on July 27. With the theme "Our CBDM Journey Towards Resilient Communities," together the network shared, learned, and celebrated its pioneering journey and innovative undertakings to save lives and prepare communities for disasters. The learning event highlights included the following:

• Gallery walk

Participants moved around the building to view the exhibit and installations of the regional centers. They also showcased their products for sale. Many of these were produced by the disaster survivors themselves as well as various DPCs.



Items on display included publications, products, audiovisual materials, and poster presentations or standees on projects and/or particular CBDM success story

• Sharing session

Twelve DPC members from various parts of the country representing 12 regions shared success stories on building people's capacities, people's participation in disaster management and CBDM process through PowerPoint and short video presentations.



DPC members who shared their best CBDM practices

• Solidarity quilt

The activity ended with the creation of a huge solidarity quilt from each RC's/DPC's and other stakeholders' quilts bearing their institution names, logos or representation. lt bore the "Helping people help themselves" catchphrase tagline and the

"CBDM towards safety, resilience and people-oriented development".



Solidarity quilt which symbolizes the network members' commitment to CBDM

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



The Danish interns visit the CC-DRR project in Mapanas, Northern Samar

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.

FCDRC/Volunteer Activities:

• CDRC and FCDRC took part in the *Bayani Fun Run* sponsored by iVolunteer at Makati Circuit Grounds, Makati City on October 22, 2017 to promote volunteerism.

- CDRC participated in iVolunteer/ Disney/ Globe/ National Youth Commission activity at the Ayala Triangle, Makati City to promote family volunteerism last December 10, 2017
- CDRC also hosted interns from the Metropolitan University College in Copenhagen, Denmark for 10 weeks. Two of them were deployed to the CDRN RC in Ilocos (ICRED); the other two to CDRC's network, CCNCI; and one at the CDRC office.
- Masteral students from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology also visited CDRC as part of their field visit to the Philippines.



Psychology also visited CDRC With Chicago School of Professional Psychology

2. Strengthen relations with foreign donors and establish new ones

CDRC was able to re-establish partnership with Christian Aid during this period with the Transforming Surge Capacity Project. New partnerships were also established with CARE UK, Plan International, Action Against Hunger (ACF), Handicap International, and Oxfam Asia Resilience Hub. The partnership with CARE UK was a result of the GBV in Shelter Training sponsored by CARE Philippines wherein CARE UK is the resource person. Then of course the partnership with Plan and ACF was because of the TUKLAS Consortium. CDRC and CREST also did some exploratory talks with Handicap International for a possible collaborative activity on DI-DRR, which has yet to be realized. Oxfam Asia on the other hand was research partnership on the Big One. Most of these partnerships were born out of referrals from current partners such as CARE Philippines, Action Medeor, and Oxfam Philippines.

3. Strengthen relations with local partners and establish new ones

Local partners also increased within the period. Some of the local partners reached are:

- Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industries (PCCI) and Phil Export through the Dept. of Trade and Industry – Bureau of Small and Medium Enterprise Development (DTI- BSMED)
- Local Government of Santiago City
- Northeastern College, Santiago City
- Quirino State University
- Rotary Club of Agham
- DZUP of the University of the Philippines (UP) Diliman, Quezon City
- NASSA-Caritas (tapped CDRC to conduct CBDM trainings in Isabela)

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.

4. Strengthen participation in major formations identified

For this period, CDRC joined the Resilience Learning Lab organized by CARE as one of its core members. The purpose of the lab is to promote Integrated Resource Management (IRM), and for its members to learn from each other.

CDRC also renewed its membership to the National Child Protection Working Group (NCPWG) led by the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) and UNICEF. As a sub-cluster of the Child Protection Cluster, NCPWG has the overall goal of enhancing the protection of children in emergency situations.

In June, CDRC, as the secretariat of CDRN, was invited by the Humanitarian Coordinator/UN Resident Coordinator in a meeting for National NGO Networks. CDRC has been attending these regular meetings since then in order to get updates on the efforts of the UN, INGOs, government, and other humanitarian agencies. It also served as an opportunity for CDRC to network with other NNGOs.

Within the period, CDRC also co-organized with the Center for Environmental Concerns (CEC) the formation of a coordinative body in preparation for the Big One. Partner organizations in Metro Manila were invited by CDRC and CEC to form this loose network that would prepare and coordinate with each other in case the Big One happens in Metro Manila.

Also in 2017 (September 5-7), CDRC was once again elected as one of the 11 DRRNetPhils conveners. The Disaster Risk Reduction Network Philippines is a national formation of 60 CSOs, People's Organizations and DRR advocates and practitioners. As one of the conveners, CDRC heads the Networking and Partnership Committee.

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)

years

November 9, 2017

- 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)
- Community of Practice on Community Engagement (UN OCHA-led)
- ASCENT Assert Socio-Economic Initiatives Network

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:

- International Symposium, Manila, A-PAD Philippines, January 24
- Expo-Summit on CBDM, Quezon City, CDRN, July 27
- Ipagtanggol Benefit Concert, Quezon City, ASCENT, March 25
- Facilitated the donation/ construction of school room for Pandi Residences Elementary School (PRES) in Pandi, Bulacan through the assistance of Rural Asia Solidarity Association (RASA) of Japan



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Disaster Risk Reduction Network Philippines

2017-2019 Conveners

Last September 7, 2017, the members of DRRNet-Philippines elected its new set of conveners during their general assembly in Quezon City. The Center for

Disaster Preparedness (CDP) remains as Lead Convener and the Assistance

and Cooperation for Community Resilience and Development (ACCORD) fills up the role of Co-lead Convener. Together with them, the following organizations expressed their commitment to work together in the coming





A-PAD Philippines International Symposium

Ipagtanggol Benefit Concert

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

- Strengthening Community Resiliency through Peer to Peer Learning, Oxfam, January 9 and 11
- Disaster Preparedness and the Power of Local Leadership, International Institute for Rural Reconstruction (IIRR) and Give2Asia, March 6-8 (Silang, Cavite), March 9-10 (Makati City)
- Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA) Forum on Volunteerism, March 21
- Wellbeing Consultation Workshop, Christian Aid, June 13
- Localization in Asia Regional Learning Conference, Start Network, July 18-19
- Presentation of National Baseline Results, Office of Civil Defense (OCD) Kapwa ko Mahal Ko, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), and Center for Disaster Preparedness (CDP), August 15
- Strengthening Partnerships for Organizational Resilience, Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation (PDRF), August 22
- Conference on Local Leadership in Disaster Resilience: Towards Building a National and Regional Community of Practice of Local Community-Based Organizations, International Institute of Rural Reconstruction, August 22-24
- National Conference on Urban Resilience, August 29
- Regional Business Forum, General Santos City, Dept. of Trade and Industry (DTI) Bureau of Small and Medium Enterprise Development (BSMED), September 4
- KGP3 (Kalikasan, Green Productivity, Green Purchasing and Green Philippines) Expo Conference, Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and Department of Tourism (DOT), September 19-23
- Regional Business Forum, Tacloban City, DTI-BSMED, September 21
- Disaster Preparedness and the Business Community, Chamber of Commerce and Industry – Las Piñas (CCI-LP), September 26
- Preparing the Health Sector and Community for the Big One, Phil Gen. Hospital (PGH), Samahang Operation Sagip (SOS), October 4
- Regional Disaster Survivors Conference, Leyte, LCDE, November 4-7

- Food for Peace Forum to Support Marawi Evacuees, Ateneo de Manila University, November 4
- Yolanda @ 4 Years, Better Lives for Who?, Ibon Foundation, November 8
- International Symposium, Colombo, A-PAD Sri Lanka, November 22
- Climate Change Consciousness Week, Climate Change Commission, Nov 20-24
- Regional Business Forum Davao City, DTI-BSMED, November 28
- Regional Business Forum, Butuan City, DTI-BSMED, December 1
- DEPP Learning Event, Antipolo, Start Network December 4-5
- Train for Business Resilience (T4BR), PDRF, December 5
- PNVSCA National Conference on Volunteerism Crowne Plaza Manila Galleria, Ortigas Center, December 6
- First National Convention on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change Commission, December 6-7



CDRC booth at the Climate Change and DRR National Convention at the Hotel Sofitel

Localization in Asia Regional Learning Conference

Purpose 6: Organizational Development

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

The Manual of Office Policies and Procedures was again updated following the recommendations of the DSWD during the accreditation process.

1. CDRN Executive Council Meeting

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

CDRN EC Meetings:

- January 12, 2017
- May 17, 2017
- June 6, 2017

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. One regular meeting was conducted by the BOT within the year, and another consultation meeting in preparation for the Strategic Planning Workshop was held to provide direction to the organization.

BOT Meetings:

- June 17, 2017
- October 23, 2017

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

Strategic Planning Workshop

month to update the staff on the activities of each department and each project.

In the last quarter of 2017, CDRC conducted a Strategic Planning Workshop for the next five years (2018-2022). Caroline Huglin of DKH joined the planning and also presented the DRR Strategy of DKH. CDRC's BOT and some RC representatives also participated in the workshop.

4. Staff Development Activities

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

- Core Humanitarian Standards, March 20
- Basic Community Organizing, March 21-22
- Fundraising, March 23-24
- Training of Trainers, May 17-18
- Child Protection and RA 10821, Plan International (resource speaker), September 25
- Disability Inclusive DRR Orientation, CREST (resource speaker), September 26
- Philippine Health Situation and Basic First Aid, Alliance of Health Workers (resource speaker), September 27
- WASH Orientation, September 28
- Caring for the Carers, September 29
- Community Savings, Mercy Relief (resource speaker), July 4



Child Protection Training with Plan International as resource speaker



Basic First Aid Training with AHW as resource speaker

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

- Survivor-Led Response, L2GP, Feb 16-24
- GBV and Good Shelter Programming, CARE UK, May 15-17
- Transforming Surge Capacity Training, Christian Aid, March 13-17
- Regional Disaster Preparedness Workshop, German Red Cross, April 3-4



Survivor-Led Response Workshop participants

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- On Call Simulation with Start Network, Christian Aid, May 1-6
- CARE and Partners Emergency Simulation and Training, CARE, June 13-15
- Masters of Psychosocial Training Seminar, Joint Distribution Committee of the American Jewish, March 20-21 and June 21-23



German WASH Network Training in Palo, Leyte

- Resource Toolkit for Mainstreaming Children's Education, Health, Nutrition, WASH, and Protection in Disaster Risk Reduction, Center for Disaster Preparedness, June 26-30
- RA 10821, Save The Children, July 6-7
- WASH in Emergencies, German WASH Network, July 17-22
- Core Humanitarian Standards for NGOs, Christian Aid, September 12-14
- Integrated Resource Management, CARE and ACCORD, October 9-11
- Search and Rescue Training, A-PAD Sri Lanka, Colombo, November 19-20,
- SEA-EA-Pacific Regional Workshop and Exposure Visit, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, GNDR, December 4-6



GNDR Regional Workshop and Exposure Visit

Masters of Psychosocial Training

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 Management Committee and the Board of Trustees, the fifth year of implementing the five-year strategic plan has been very fruitful as evidenced by the reported achievements above. CDRC is now gearing up with renewed strength for the next five years. #