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Myanmar, Thailand and the Philippines

ENHANCED USE OF DISASTER RISK INFORMATION FOR DECISION-MAKING IN SOUTH EAST ASIA

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This Asian Development Bank Regional Capacity Development Technical Assistance project (ADB TA-8812) formed part of an ASEAN disaster risk programme. The work was undertaken in coordination with the ASEAN Secretariat and focused on integrating disaster risk information into public investment and urban planning processes. Training courses were developed to support the BUILD SAFELY component of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) programme (2016-2020).



The ICEM/PhilKoei multi-disciplinary team was selected for the project by the ADB. Mike Sharrocks was the urban planner on the team, commissioned through PhilKoei. His role was to lead the preparation and presentation of urban planning training modules for regional disaster risk management (DRM) courses.

Initially, the project required exploratory consultations with urban planning and disaster risk agencies in Thailand, Myanmar and the Philippines covering urban development, DRM and capacity building needs.

BUILD SAFELY recognized the need to strengthen disaster and climate resilience of secondary cities as a priority, particularly with rapid urbanization and increasing disaster risk in the region. The target audience for training modules were urban planning practitioners in the ASEAN region who would be able to build urban resilience across the region. Thus, practitioners would need to carry out risk assessments, and understand how disaster risk reduction (DRR) could be incorporated into the development of urban policies, strategies, plans and projects.



Training modules were prepared for, and presented at, two ASEAN regional DRM courses in Bangkok. The modules covered: urban disaster risk in the ASEAN region; integrating DRR into urban development; and, integrating DRR into urban infrastructure planning and design. Thereafter, these modules were produced for online courses that would increase the outreach, sustainability and impact of the training materials.



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