

# **Addressing vulnerabilities of ASEAN peoples who are victims and at risk of natural disasters**

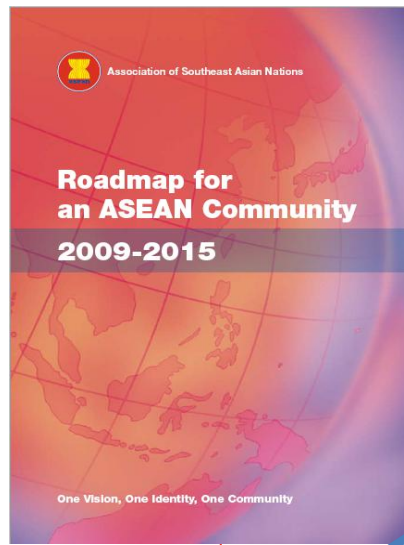
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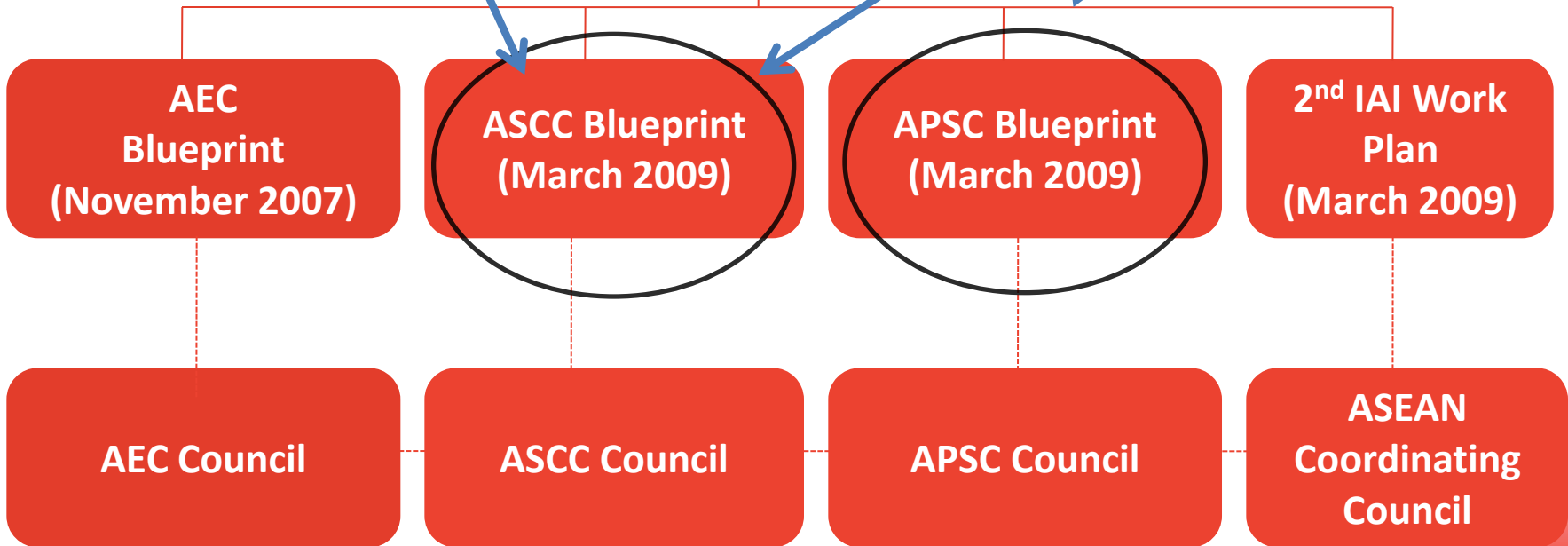


Rules Based  
and  
People Oriented



**PPR**

**DM/SW**



# ASCC Blueprint

## Strategic Goal B.7. Building disaster-resilient nations and safer communities

Including:

- Promote **technical cooperation, joint research and networking** to increase capacity in responding to disasters and reducing losses;
- Promote **sustainable livelihood options** through socio-economic development activities to minimize disaster risks and enhance community-coping capacities;
- Strengthen **community-based** disaster preparedness and **public participation** in disaster risk reduction towards a disaster-resilient community;



# ASCC Blueprint

## ASEAN's response to impact of natural disasters

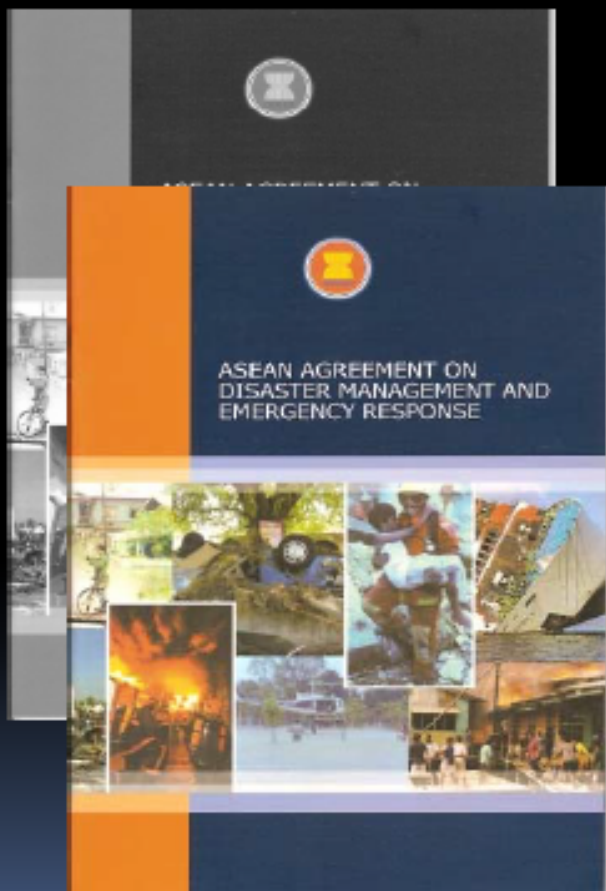
Lead sectoral body: ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM)

Other sectoral bodies in socio-cultural pillar whose work is related to Goal B.7:

- SOMHD (health)
- SOMSWD (social welfare)
- SLOM (labour)
- ACW (women/gender)
- SOMRDPE (rural development)
- ASOEN (environment)



# AADMER - FOR A MORE **UNITED AND COORDINATED** EFFORTS TOWARD DISASTERS WITHIN THE REGION



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Signed in July 2005, ratified by all ten countries in ASEAN, entered into force on 24 December 2009

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**Objective:** Reduce disaster losses in ASEAN region, and jointly respond to disaster emergencies

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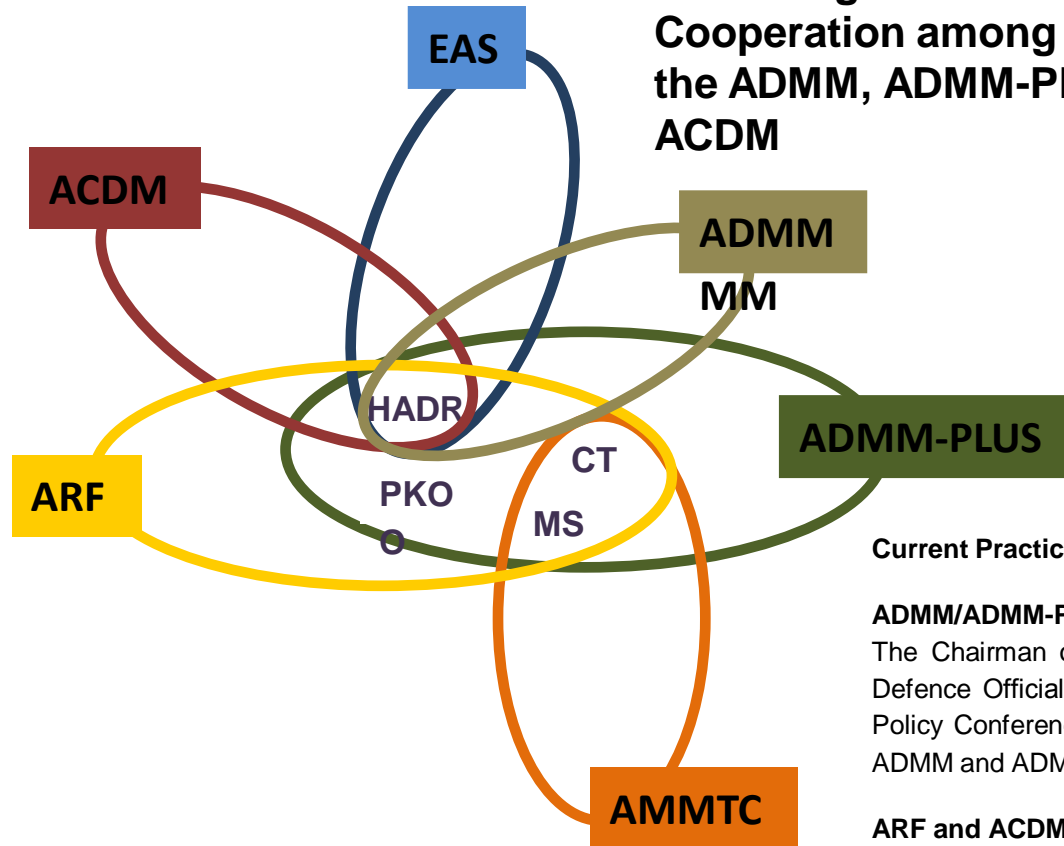
A legal framework for all ASEAN Member States and serves as a common platform in responding to disasters within ASEAN

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ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance (AHA Centre) as the operational coordination body and engine of AADMER

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# Venn Diagram of Overlapping Areas of Cooperation among the ADMM, ADMM-Plus, ARF, AMMTC, and the ACDM



## Current Practice of Information Sharing:

### ADMM/ADMM-Plus and the ARF:

The Chairman of the ADMM/ADMM-Plus briefs the ARF Defence Officials' Dialogue (DOD) and the ARF Security Policy Conference (ASPC) on recent developments in the ADMM and ADMM-Plus.

### ARF and ACDM:

- Representatives from the ACDM attend the ARF Inter-Sessional Meeting on Disaster Relief (ISM on DR).
- The ASEAN Secretariat also briefs the ARF ISM on DR on recent developments in ASEAN cooperation on HADR.
- Reciprocally, the ARF participants are invited to the ASEAN Regional Disaster Emergency Response Simulation Exercise (ARDEX).

### ARF and AMMTC:

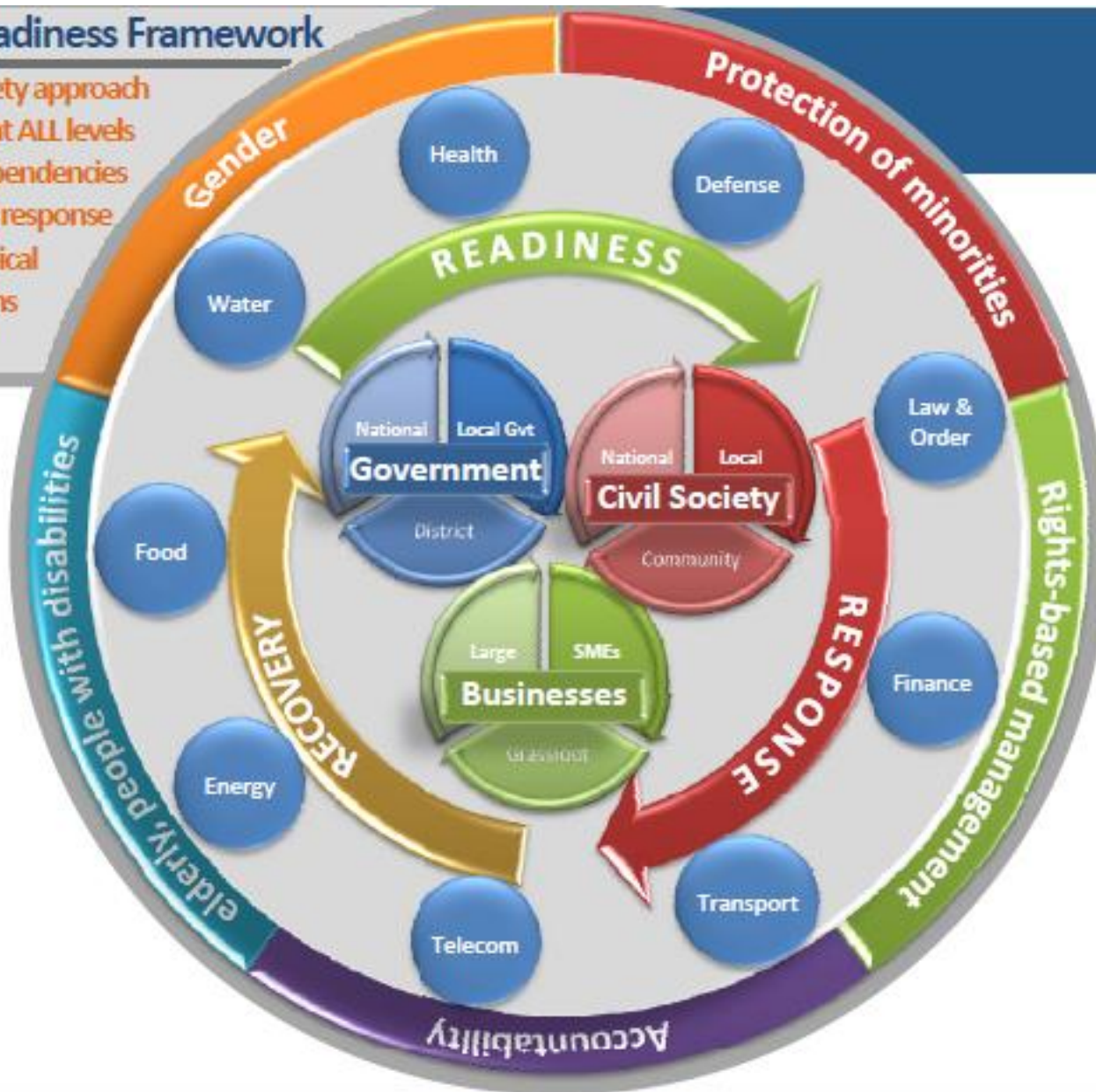
The ASEAN Secretariat briefs the ARF ISM on Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (ISM on CTTC) on recent developments in ASEAN cooperation on CT.

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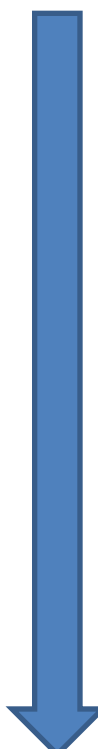
- ACDM: ASEAN Committee for Disaster Management
- ADMM: ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting
- ADMM-Plus: ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus
- AMMTC: ASEAN Ministerial' Meeting for Transnational Crime
- ARF: ASEAN Regional Forum
- CT: Counterterrorism
- EAS: East Asia Summit
- HADR: Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Management
- MS: Maritime Security
- PKO: Peacekeeping Operations

# Pandemic Readiness Framework

1. Whole-of-Society approach
2. Preparedness at ALL levels
3. Critical interdependencies
4. Severity-based response
5. Respect for ethical norms



# Progress of ASEAN in PPR

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- AWGPPR and Work Plan
  - Assistance to AMS on Multi-sectoral PPR Planning Indicators (Non-health) → Tools for Assessment and Survey → Gaps Identification
  - Consolidated National Multi-sectoral Assessment of PPR Planning and BCP
  - Development of National PPR Plans and BCP





# Progress of ASEAN in PPR

- Findings of the Consolidated Assessment
  - Central national and sub-national multi-sectoral/inter-ministerial coordinating bodies;
  - All-hazard framework
  - High leadership
  - Fund appropriations (need for augmentation)
  - External support needed
  - Define the command and control structures
  - Define linkages with CSOs and Private Sector



# ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (SOMSWD)

**Cambodia's concept paper "Regional Policy Advocacy on Social Protection: An agenda for ASEAN Community 2015, Towards an ASEAN Social Protection Framework"**

→ Being considered by SOMSWD and other relevant sectoral bodies including SOMHD and SLOM;

→ Proposed activities include:

- Enhance exchange of best practices in **social security systems**
- Explore the development of the **social insurance systems to cover the informal sector**
- Study on enhancement of **support for natural disaster risk safety mechanism** in agriculture, forestry and fisheries



# ASEAN Senior Labour Officials Meeting (SLOM)

- ASEAN-ILO/Japan Project on Unemployment Insurance and Employment Services (2010-2013)
  - Japan's support: USD 1,9 million
  - Capacity building activities in designing and implementing unemployment insurance combined with employment services (national and regional activities)
  - Pilot implementation in selected countries (e.g. Viet Nam)
  - Knowledge transfer through country visits to Thailand and Japan
- Capacity building on social insurance for the self- or informally employed (coordinator: Brunei Darussalam)



# ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (SOMRDPE)

## FRAMEWORK ACTION PLAN 2011-2015

### Component: Food Security and Food Sovereignty amidst Climate Change

**Strategic Thrust:** Cooperation on food crop cultivation diversification strategies in agricultural production systems that help build resiliency against rice deficits, soaring food prices and disasters and malnutrition

- Regional study to document the existing climate change risk reduction and adaptation strategies in agriculture aiming at piloting food crop cultivation diversification strategies
- Regional study to take stock and review responsive policies/ strategies aiming at strengthening social protection floor to safeguard poor people/farmers from the risk of rice price spike which is potentially increasing due to climate change and natural disasters.



# ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (SOMRDPE)

**Strategic Thrust:** Improvement of knowledge, skills and competence of stakeholders in climate change adaptation

- Promote, in collaboration with the ministries of education and environment, studies and strengthen curricula on climate change, food security and agriculture in universities / faculties of agriculture.
- Promote trainings to improve food production and agriculture competitiveness amidst challenges of climate change.

→ **SOMRDPE in collaboration with SOM-AMAF** (agriculture sector) under the ASEAN Integrated Food Security (AIFS) Framework-Strategic Plan of Action (SPA) 2009-2013



# ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW)

## ACW WORK PLAN 2011-2015

**Sub-goal:** Cooperation with ASOEN in engendering policies and strategies on climate change adaptation in AMS

### **Activities (coordinators: Malaysia and Viet Nam):**

- Regional meeting and production of publication on gender issues in sustainable development
- Inter-Ministerial Workshop on gender issues in climate change and its adaptation



# Strategic Implications

- Vulnerable groups should include victims of natural disasters or other disasters due to other causes (i.e. those who lost income, unemployed, fall into poverty, fall sick due to disaster-related illness, etc.)
- Women, children, elderly, persons with disabilities are not only victims, but can also play active role in promoting disaster resilient societies
- Overlapping roles and responsibilities of ASEAN sectoral bodies to strengthen social protection for vulnerable groups requiring multi-sectoral approach
- Inter-sectoral coordination and cooperation in this regard are still sporadic on a project basis



**Thank you!**

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