

Annual Report

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SEEDS Asia



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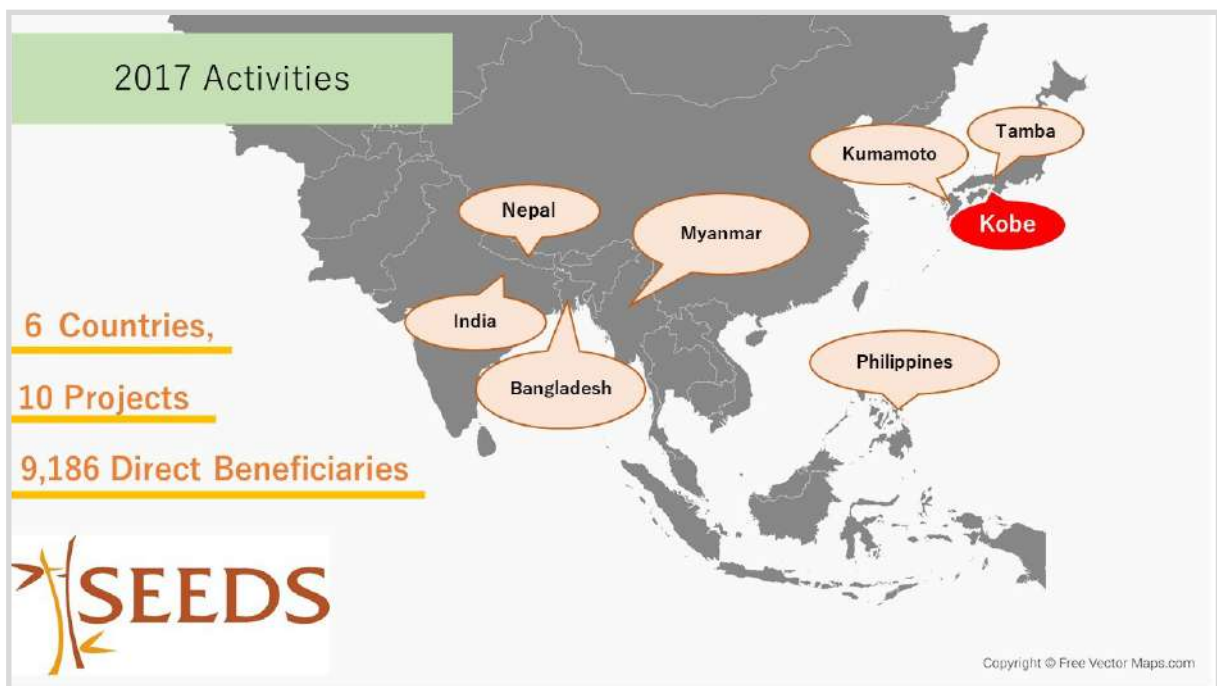
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Enhancing Comprehensive School Safety in Collaboration with Community in Hinthada

- Term : March 2018 – March 2019
- Partner : Myanmar Engineering Society (MES)
- Funding : The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
- Beneficiaries : Teachers, students and community of Nabegon Village, Hinthada Township, Hinthada District, Ayeyarwady Region



The Students from Nabegon Village Drew “Dream School”



The Construction Site of the New School cum Shelter (March, 2018)

Background:

Hinthada Township in Ayeyarwady Region is a flood-prone area, being located in the delta area branched off Ayeyarwady River, a major river of Myanmar. 85,400 people were affected with a heavy flood in 2015. (Myanmar Information Management Unit, 2015) A survey conducted by SEEDS Asia and Yangon Technological University (YTU) in 2016 showed 21% of the schools: 251 of elementally schools, junior high schools and high schools in Hinthada township were closed during the rainy season, and there was no shelter to evacuate in the village. Especially, Basic Education

Primary School(BEPS) in Nabegon Village in Hinthada Township has to close class over days to weeks since their class rooms get inundated over the floor in the season every year.

Considering the importance of education continuity and safety of the people in the village, “Enhancing Comprehensive School Safety in Collaboration with Community in Hinthada Township” has been launched to improve this situation through enhancing DRR capacity of the school and community with constructing school cum shelter for flood season.

Achievements of the Fiscal Year 2017:

Kick-off Workshop with a project briefing was conducted by SEEDS Asia in Hinthada District on 24th March 2018. Twenty students and three teachers from BEPS Nabegon Village, twenty-one people from the community, Hinthada District Administrative Officer, the Department of Disaster Management, officials from Ministry of Education and MES participated in the event. Three goals of this project (*) were shared with the participants, and they had a productive discussion on how to contribute to achieve the goals. In this event, students also drew “Dream School” as a theme and represented which equipment and environment they need in their schools.

One of the participants from Nabegon Village said “It was my first time to participate in DRR workshop and was a great experience to have discussions about the education environment and disaster risk with everyone from Nabegon Village. We will try our best to manage the new school and shelter.”

*Three goals of this project

- 1)To ensure education continuities in emergencies
- 2)Provide and ensure shelter for community in emergencies
- 3)Enhancing resilience through awareness and capacity building on DRR

Strengthening School Preparedness for Tsunami

- Term : December 2017 – October 2018
- Partners : Myanmar Engineering Society (MES) , United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Supported by : United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Beneficiaries : Teachers and Students of five schools in Yangon Region and Ayeyawardy Region



Students exchanging opinions about tsunami simulation exercise with an adviser from Myanmar Engineering Society



Students evacuating to the designated evacuation place

Background:

Myanmar has 2,000 km coast line and extensive delta. It is the seventh most vulnerable country to tsunamis in the world, with the estimated number of affected people reaching 670,000. (Prevention Web, 2013)

SEEDS Asia has been in charge of designing, implementing and evaluation of the programme as a part of “Strengthening School Preparedness for Tsunami” of UNDP since December 2017. This programme is launched in eighteen countries in Asia and the Pacific to

spread the messages of the Great East Japan Earthquake supported by the Government of Japan. SEEDS Asia is expected to assess the risk of the target areas, and conduct awareness activities including evacuation drills for tsunamis in five schools in Yangon and Ayeyawardy Region to capacitate them to cope with tsunamis in the future. In this project, standard operation plan(SOP) for tsunamis and evacuation drills in five schools are planned to be conducted.

Achievements of the Fiscal Year 2017:

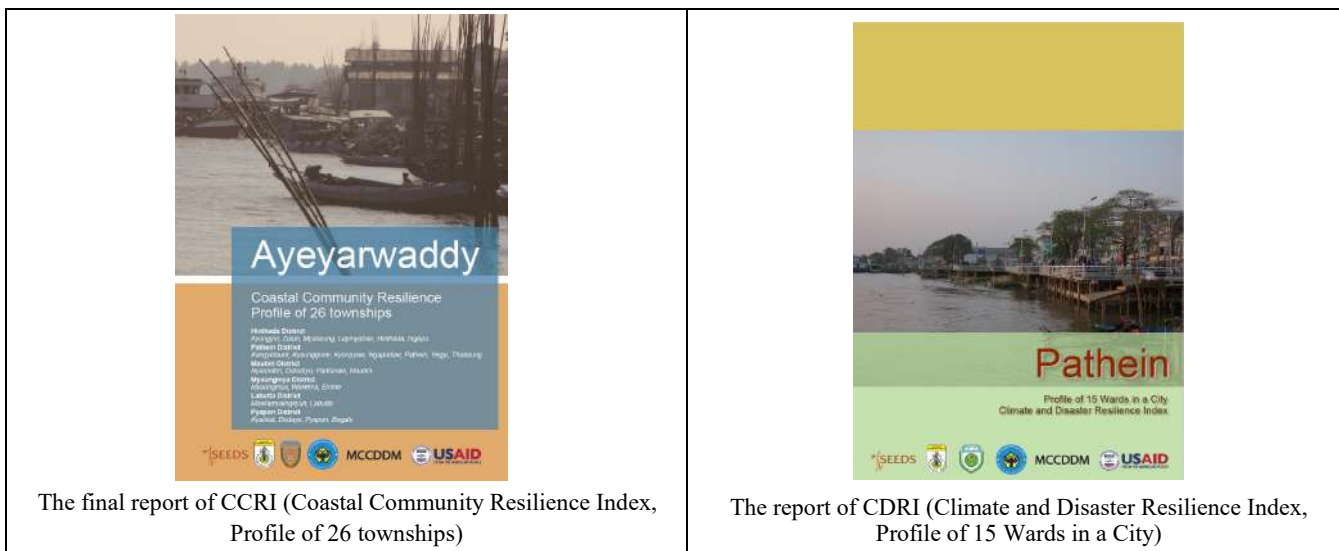
After the risk assessment process, SEEDS Asia and UNDP conducted tsunami evacuation workshops and drills in two schools of the Yangon Region on 27th and 28th January 2018,; Kungyangon Basic Education High School 1and Letkokhekon Basic Education High School. A total of 350 students and 17 teachers participated in the first ever tsunami drills of both institutions. They both are located at high risk for tsunamis in Yangon Region, so they had strong interest to be a part of this event.

24 observers from the Department of Disaster Management (former Department of Relief and Resettlement, Ministry of Social Welfare Relief and Resettlement), the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health, MES and Myanmar Red Cross participated as well. The drill followed a fictional scenario of an 8.0 magnitude earthquake and a time limit of thirty minutes for the tsunami waves to reach the school. The workshops informed participants the basic mecha-

nisms of earthquakes and tsunamis; reviewed current preparedness level of the school and individual and evacuation place and the route and designed evacuation Standard Operation Procedure (SOP) and school practiced emergency management for tsunami. The participated teachers learnt how to manage a large group of students in emergency situations, while students learnt how to take actions to save their own lives. A student said, “I learnt a lot about tsunami through this programme. I would like to share this knowledge with my family and neighbors.” One of the teachers reviewed, “I have developed the capacity of response to emergency through the practical exercise which is not just a workshop.” According to the questionnaires conducted before and after the programme which ask, “Do you know how to response to earthquakes and tsunamis?”, the number of the teachers who answered ‘yes’ rose to 100% from 70% after the programme. The effectiveness of this project was confirmed through the questionnaires.

Myanmar Consortium for Capacity Development on Disaster Management

- Term : September 2014 – October 2017
- Partner : ACTED, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), American Red Cross (with Myanmar Red Cross Society), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) , United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Handicap International, HelpAge International, Ashoka Social Development Association (ASDA), Myanmar Engineering Society (MES),
- Supported by : U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)
- Beneficiary : Government Officials, Universities (Yangon Technological University and Dagon University)



Background:

Myanmar is considered as one of the “most at risk” counties as per the “InfoRM” Risk Model, being exposed to multi-disasters such as earthquakes and hydro-meteo hazards such as cyclone and flood. Especially, cyclone Nargis which caused massive numbers of victims in 2008, revealed out the insufficient capacity for the disaster management of the government sector. Therefore, developing capacity on disaster management among the government officials has been urgently

expected. Under this situation, in September 2014, a project to support National Disaster Management Training Centre (DMTC) has been launched with financial support by USAID. SEEDS Asia took in-charge of strengthening capacity of university institutions on disaster management research and conducted surveys of disaster management with young scholars from national universities and relief and resettlement department officials.

Achievements of the Fiscal Year 2017:

SEEDS Asia supported young scholars of national universities and conducted awareness activities as a part of consortium members in the project from the beginning of the project and the fiscal year of 2017 was to publicize the past activities in previous years under the project. The survey of disaster management(CCRI and CDRI) were conducted in cooperation with the Relief and Resettlement Department, Ministry of Social Welfare Relief and Resettlement (Currently renamed as Disaster Management Department) and national universities. Scholarships were awarded to young researchers to promote disaster management research

and to capacitate them to conduct surveys in the field of DRR in Myanmar. Furthermore, SEEDS Asia donated DRR publications to DMTC and held a workshop of “High-level meeting on integration of science and technology into research of DRR in Myanmar” through involving authorities related to the Ministry of Education to promote DRR-related research. A workshop “Training, Research, Action” based on the research results was conducted in the seven areas of Ayeyarwady Region and a discussion on future improvement was made with the government officials of seventeen related-authorities. In this fiscal year, booklets compiling the research results were published.

Support Project on Promotion of School Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in Cebu Province

- Term : April 2017 – March 2020
- Partners : Department of Education of Republic of the Philippines (DepEd),
Hyogo Prefectural Board of Education (Hyogo BoE)
- Supported by : JICA Grassroots Technical Cooperation Project
- Beneficiaries : Officials of DepEd Region VII (11 officials),
120 school teachers in Cebu Province (10 schools × 12 teachers)



Group photo at kick-off Workshop



School Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Instructing Team (School DRRM Instructing Team) observing an evacuation drill at Japan Study Visit

Background:

The Philippines is prone to many major disasters, as proven by the Typhoon Yolanda (international name: Haiyan) with over 6,000 casualties in 2013.

While the previous JICA Grassroots Technical Cooperation Project “Project for Capacity Building on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Education through Cooperation with Local Community in Cebu Province” focused on DRR Education and was completed in March 2017, the School Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) project starting in April 2017

focuses to minimize damage to schools by disasters through reinforcing schools’ management. The Philippines DepEd is working on School DRR based on the “Comprehensive School Safety Framework” established by United Nations (UN) and other agencies, but it seems to take some time to practically implement such initiatives at school level. Therefore, SEEDS Asia supports establishing practical models of School DRRM in cooperation with Hyogo BoE who has experience and expertise of school safety.

Achievements of the Fiscal Year 2017:

As the first year of the project, developing the capacity of “School Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Instructing Team (School DRRM Instructing Team)” as instructors for DRRM at Pilot Schools, and establishing the training system, were main activities. 11 officials of DepEd Region VII were chosen as the members of School DRRM Instructing Team. They made common understanding of the relations of each stakeholder, and agreed on their roles and responsibilities at the kick-off workshop held in June 2017.

Japan Study Visit was also conducted as a part of instructors’ training, and the delegation observed the practices of School DRRM in Japan. One of the team members said: “I think we can develop DRRM system more efficiently and effectively in cooperation with a

variety of stakeholders thanks to the learning through this visit.” Five-day domestic training in the Philippines which provided all the contents that School DRRM instructors needed was also conducted, and the improvement of their instructing capacity was confirmed after the training.

Meetings for school safety inspection were held based on the results of a baseline survey which identified actual situations of School DRRM in different schools. In respective meetings, 12 people from Pilot Schools, School DRRM Instructing Team, engineers of DepEd, Officers of Building Offices, officers of Local DRRM Offices of Government Units participated. Aside from explanations about each safety standards of different offices, actual situations of each school was presented, which boosts next year’s manual making for school safety inspection.

Project for Participatory Community Based Disaster Risk

- Term : October 2015- November 2018
- Partners : Banaras Hindu University and National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) No. 11
- Supported by : The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
- Beneficiaries : Citizens, Teachers and Students and the Government officials of Varanasi City and District



Cascading DRR education from the trained teachers of Climate School (CS) to teachers of Outreach School (OR)



Delegation from Varanasi learning about DRR for cultural heritages at Kiyomizudera Temple

Background:

After the signing on “Confirmation of the Intention regarding the Partner City Affiliation between the City of Varanasi (the Republic of India) and Kyoto City (Japan)” between Varanasi city and Kyoto city, Climate Disaster Resilience Index was conducted in Varanasi city in cooperation with Kyoto University, Banaras Hindu University and Varanasi city in 2014. The study indicated that the urgent needs for building capacity on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) for government and the citizens to cope with emerging issues such as intensified

torrential downpours, heat wave and air pollution. SEEDS Asia has launched a three-year project “Participatory Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction Approaches in Varanasi” since October 2015 in order to strengthen the capacity of DRR in Varanasi city with following three goals: 1. Enabling Climate Schools to conduct DRR and Climate Change education, 2. Enabling community/society to implement DRR activity through integrating into their community activities, 3. Promote community-based DRR in the city.

Achievements of the Fiscal Year 2017:

As the second year of the project, SEEDS Asia conducted a series of DRR skill-up trainings with professional organisations and experts in order to build capacity of disaster response for the teachers of Climate Schools (CS)* and the community/society members of Citizen Forum(CF) who had been designated in the previous year. A total of 264 teachers and 196 members from community DRR committee participated in the trainings such as enhancing the understanding on weather and climate, basic fire training, first-aid training, WASH-PHAST training and evacuation drill for air pollution.

A lady from the associated society member, who participated in the first-aid training mentioned “One of my relatives was suddenly hit by heart attack when I visited them. I could save his life with cardiopulmonary resuscitation which I learnt in the training.” Many other voluntary initiatives made by the teachers and citizens who joined the programme made improvements at their surroundings; teachers repaired vulnerable places in the

school, some citizens established an warning system among the apartment residential members to inform the emergency at once, and they also fixed the roads and planted trees.

Additionally, town-watching trainings were also conducted from the CS teachers who had been trained in the previous year to their surrounding schools called outreach schools(OR). A total of fifteen schools (76 teachers and 901 students) participated in the training and basic DRR knowledge and the education methods were cascaded.

Furthermore, Japan study visit was also conducted for Varanasi delegates to learn self-motivated DRR initiatives by schools, communities, cultural heritage sites in Kyoto city. Vol. III-V of student newspaper in Varanasi called ‘Prahari’ were also published to share the all project activities including the Japan visit all over the city. An agreement for establishment of “Citizen DRR Activity Promotion Centre (DRR-CAP)” with National Disaster Response Force No. 11 was also signed as a preparatory process to launch next year.

Project on Capacity Building for Community-Based DRR in Urban Areas of Bangladesh

- Term : April 2016 – March 2019
- Partner : Dhaka North City Corporation
- Supported by : JICA Grassroots Technical Cooperation Project
- Beneficiaries : Municipal Officers, Communities, Media



Community People Making Community DRR Map after Town Watching as a Part of DRR Leaders' Training



At DRR Photo Exhibition Gallery. Mayor of Dhaka North City Visited the Exhibition and Enjoyed Looking at the Pieces

Background:

In Bangladesh, while the steady economic growth with garments industry, rapid and unplanned urbanization contributes to the vulnerability to urban disasters such as earthquakes, fires and heavy rains. Even though installing measures such as Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) law, disaster regulations and building code has taken place, the level of DRR awareness among community people is quite low. Especially,

people are not familiar with how to response to earthquakes because they have never experienced major disasters. SEEDS Asia has been conducting community-based DRR project in partnership with Dhaka North City Corporation aiming to make the city more disaster resilient by building capacity of city officials and local communities to face disasters with proper knowledge on disaster risks and ability of self-help and mutual-help.

Achievements of the Fiscal Year 2017:

Five communities have been chosen as model communities when SEEDS Asia has commenced community-based DRR activities in Dhaka North City. They are voluntary social welfare groups whose base is home owners association. They work in their respective locality to make it a better place to live by collecting garbage in the community, allocating security guards and conducting various events, etc. By incorporating DRR activities into their existing activities, the communities are expected to continue working on DRR even after the completion of the project.

In June, SEEDS Asia conducted DRR leaders' training with a total of twenty-five people: five people from each community. After the training, each community has started to plan DRR activities and carry into the practice. Facebook page opened as a communication platform among the model communities to introduce their activities to each other has got over 1,300 LIKES, and people join in the activity. SEEDS Asia plans to expand the DRR activities further to the other communities next year.

SEEDS Asia also conducted various activities involving mass media to disseminate the importance of DRR to more people in Dhaka City. A total of ten reporters from the country's leading newspapers and news channels participated in the Media Fellowship Programme in July and completed in-depth stories from various perspectives themed "Urban Disaster and DRR". Disaster reporting in Bangladesh tends to show only damages and losses sensationally after disasters

with no DRR aspect in it, however, through the fellowship programme, the fellows said "I found that we need to deliver the information about DRR more to the citizens" and "I think writing about DRR is my social responsibility as a reporter".

In February 2018, SEEDS Asia organized a DRR photography competition and an exhibition for the first time in Bangladesh where we received as many as 250 pieces of photos from citizens and the best 50 were selected for the exhibition. Photos of the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake were contributed by Kobe Shimbun to share Japan's experience and displayed as well. About 500 citizens visited the exhibition and it was a great opportunity for them to think about disasters and risks in their city. Media dialogue on "Role of Media in DRR" was also held during the exhibition and Mr. Takayuki Naganuma, Deputy Manager of News Department of Kobe Shimbun was invited as a guest speaker. A total of 42 people: 10 chief editors and 10 reporters from local media organizations participated and exchanged their view on the current situation and challenges of media reporting in disasters in Bangladesh and Japan.

At the Japan study visit in September, four officers from Dhaka North City Corporation, three representatives from the model communities and two people from media organizations visited Kobe and Kyoto to learn the municipal and citizens' efforts towards resilient society. Through the visit, participants gained a better understanding on the importance of community-based DRR and now they contribute to their DRR initiatives with that experience.

Support to the Affected People by Nepal Earthquake

- Term : April 2016 – March 2018
- Partner : CDCCS (Center for Disaster and Climate Change Studies)
- Supported by : Central Community Chest of Japan
- Beneficiaries : People of Purano Jhangajholi Village, Jhangajholi Ratmata Village, Kuseswor Dumja Village



DRR Workshop



Evacuation drill at DRR Workshop

Background:

The massive earthquake and aftershock that struck Nepal on 25th April and 12th May 2015 have caused huge damages to the country with about 9,000 people being killed and 600 thousands of houses being destroyed.

SEEDS Asia implemented emergency support to help the victims of this earthquake with conducting hearing survey to the victims and Village Development Committee (VDC) in May of that year. According to the survey, it turned out that nobody talked about earthquakes

afterwards, people never had conducted evacuation drills, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) plan developed by VDC didn't work at all since earthquakes weren't assumed in it.

Based on the experience of this earthquake, strengthening the capacity of DRR: clarifying lessons with reviewing the response to the disaster; conducting DRR awareness activities; developing DRR plan to promote community-based Disaster Risk Management ; is expected.

Achievements of the Fiscal Year 2017:

SEEDS Asia conducted seven DRR workshops for three villages to support VDC to strengthen the capacity of disaster response, "Build Back Better" with a local NGO, Centre for Disaster and Climate Change Studies (CDCCS) since 2016.

The workshops were conducted with following three activity principles: 1. Review the earthquake and extract lessons learnt for improvement, 2. Defining the roles and responsibilities in disaster management in community, 3. Making sustainable action plan for enhancing community based DRR activities. From the first to the third workshops, lectures on knowledge and preparedness for disaster were conducted, and the disaster response to the earthquake were reviewed to learn lessons and challenges. In the fourth and the fifth workshops, participants had a discussion about DRR activities that they needed to conduct. In the sixth

workshop, the importance of preparedness for disasters was told to the community people with conducting evacuation drill planned by the participants themselves. In the seventh workshop as the final, an action plan was designed to develop capacity of community-based DRR, and also a brochure compiling those achievement was published.

A total of 467 people from three villages participated in the workshop. The average of accuracy rate for DRR knowledge test rose to 79.7% after the workshop from 29.6% before the workshop.

Participants said "I got to understand the preparedness for each kind of disaster and also we need to see the things happened in Nepal earthquake as lessons." "I learnt both improving DRR awareness and preparing for disaster are community role." "I learnt what the role of the government in emergency is."

Joint Project with Tamba City for Community Development

- Term : April 2016 – March 2018
- Partner : Tamba City
- Supported by : Joint Project with Tamba City for Community Development
- Beneficiaries : Teachers and students



Children listening to storytelling by the priest whose temple was affected by the torrential rain in 2014, at a school event called “DRR Orienteering”



Video shooting with a community leader who promotes forest management

Background:

Tamba City is located in a hilly and mountainous area in Hyogo Prefecture. Although it boasts of abundant beauty of nature with mountains and rivers with a lot of man-made forests, it faces depopulation and aged population. In August 2014, torrential rain hit this area. While many houses were affected by mudflow and flooding of rivers caused by the torrential rain, there was minimum human damage due to the fact that the residents

spontaneously evacuated as a result of mutual help. Thus, SEEDS Asia focused on “Homeland Education,” which had been promoted by the City to cultivate “community togetherness” of which the City is proud, and proposed Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Education which aims not only to learn about disasters but also to nurture love for homeland by making use of resources of local communities. This project is being promoted with the Tamba City Board of Education.

Achievements of the Fiscal Year 2017:

In the fiscal year of 2017 as the first year of the project, SEEDS Asia and Tamba City conducted pilot test tours and sought the contents and main target of the study tour. After discussions with the City, 11 undergraduate students of Keio University studying DRR, and eight graduate students of Graduate School of Disaster Resilience and Governance of University of Hyogo were invited to the trial tours to explore attractive aspects in the City.

Students of Keio University were divided into three groups: 1. Community planning of disaster-affected area, 2. Community-based forest management, and 3. Community development through tourism. They learnt the circumstances in Tamba City through their field visits. Students with great information literacy who live in urban cities said: “I wish I could have had more information about our visit before the tour.” “I wish I

could have more time with a rural life in the tour. I do not want to go back to the city.”

The theme of the pilot test tour for students from University of Hyogo was “Disaster and Forest/Agriculture”. Students climbed Godai Mountain in Ichijima Town of the City and listened to a group and a company growing hydrangeas in affected farmlands, to learn what it is like to live surrounded by mountains. “The local people told us many interesting stories and they make me want to come back,” said a student.

Both pilot test tours were well organized by the City officials in cooperation with the local residents, therefore students from outside could find that the people in Tamba were very attractive. SEEDS Asia and Tamba City will review this achievement and seek how the attractiveness of those people will be understood by people from other places.

Tamba City Revitalization City Promotion Partnership Project

- Term : November, 2017 - March, 2020
- Partner : Tamba City, Hyogo Prefecture
- Supported by : Tamba City Revitalization City Promotion Partnership Project
- Beneficiaries : City Government, City residents, Visitors



Tamba City Mayor and Executive Director of SEEDS Asia shaking hands at Partnership Signing Ceremony



Students listening to City officials and residents at Pilot Test Tour

Background:

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Achievements of the Fiscal Year 2017:

In the fiscal year 2017, “DRR appointed schools” promoting DRR Education activities as pioneers in the City were expanded to seven schools from four schools of last year. In the previous fiscal year as the first year of the project, schools conducted the four following activities: “DRR Commuting”, “DRR Map Making”, “DRR Drills” and “DRR Seminars” suggested by SEEDS Asia and they rather sought how to implement each activity in their own ways, but in this fiscal year, schools customized each activity to suit each schools’ situation. A school’s third grade students of elementary schools, for instance, learnt disaster recovery found in their community as a social studies unit of “Exploring the Town”. Another school renamed an activity where students visit and listen to community residents about their hometown as the “DRR Orienteering” to let students visit DRR- and recovery-related places. It turned out that the purpose of the project has become clearly understood, as one of the teachers said: “DRR

Education is not supposed to give students only scary impression of disasters but also hopes.” The community people were very cooperative to interact with the children, and those activities prove that “Homeland Education” is achievable, where communities raise the children.

In the fiscal year 2016, “Kokoro Tsunagu (Bridging Hearts)”, paper-based supplementary DRR Education material had been developed. Additionally, DRR Education video material was created in the fiscal year 2017 to support the conduct of classes using “Kokoro Tsunagu”. In the video, the importance of mutual help and forest management in relation to disasters, and how the affected children felt when the disaster happened are told in interviews to tell the true stories from affected people. The contents of the video were determined after frequent discussions with teachers of DRR appointed schools, City Board of Education, Recovery Promotion Department and EARTH (Emergency and Rescue Team by School Staff in Hyogo) teachers of the City.

Support for People Affected by Kumamoto Earthquake

- Term : May 2016 – July 2017
- Partner : Uki City Social Welfare Council
- Supported by: Japan Platform, Central Community Chest of Japan
- Beneficiaries: Affected People in Uki City



Tea Gathering at Temporary Housing Meeting Room



Hearing Survey at Public-funded Rental Temporary Housing

Background:

The earthquakes with a seismic intensity of VII hit Kumamoto Prefecture on 14th and 16th April 2016. In Uki City in Kumamoto Prefecture, the number of the affected people who were forced to leave their dear houses and reconstruct their lives at six temporary housing and public-funded rental temporary housing amounted to about 770 households. SEEDS Asia offered supports to the affected people with the Uki City Social Welfare Council (the Council).

In order to meet the needs of the affected people the Disaster Volunteer Center for emergency response established immediately after the earthquake into the Life Recovery Support Volunteer Center focusing on the lifestyle support, and then one of the implementation institutions from October 2016, filling the role of the Community Mutual Support Centers started under Kumamoto Prefecture. SEEDS Asia have provided supports for the activities of these centers by utilizing the acquired know-how and networks of community recovery.

Achievements of the Fiscal Year 2017:

Upon restructuring the relevant center, many discussions were made among the Council staff and SEEDS Asia in order to construct the system for the activity policy, the project plan, and the role assignment, etc. of the relevant center. SEEDS Asia supported the operation of these centers by adding the necessary procedures, and reviewing the implementation methods from time to time so as to be able to respond to the needs of the affected people on each phase. In addition, SEEDS Asia assisted in conducting (a) "individual support" by visiting each home, understanding the situation, and introducing to the appropriate agencies where needed and (b) "community support" to promote building relationships to support each other among residents by organizing tea gatherings. Some feedbacks at the tea gatherings, in which a total of 972 people participated till July 2017, includes "Although the only communication I had was greetings after I moved to the temporary housing, nowadays I have various conversations with others after I got to know others at the tea gathering." "I had been worried that I might have been offending my neighbors by my daily life sound. But, I got to know my neighbors and I now feel relieved

since they told me not to worry about it because everyone makes daily life sound." "I'm really looking forward to attending the tea gatherings since I don't have any place to visit".

Moreover, SEEDS Asia dispatched an expert with the experience on the reconstruction assistance in Kesenuma City. This person shared the know-how on the support activity site by the on-the-job training method to the counselor who are obsessed with distresses and worries. The counselors found this very useful, and said that the expert taught what needs to be considered and what needs to be careful about at counseling, and also talked about the mental health of the counselors.

In addition, SEEDS Asia helped to build various networks, including the collaboration to hold "Life Reconstruction Assistance Coordination Meeting" regularly for the purpose of information sharing and cooperation among the welfare support by the Council, the reconstruction project and health care support by the government, and other activities by NPOs, etc., and the dispatch of volunteers in cooperation with junior high schools in Uki City and the Kumamoto University.

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Statement of income and expenditure account

NPO SEEDS Asia

(Unit: Japanese Yen)

From 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018

(Income)

I	Current revenue		
	1 Membership fees	219,000	
	2 Donations	729,100	
	3 Grants	42,689,328	
	4 Project income	59,689,615	
	5 Others		
	Interest income	20,327	
	Foreign exchange gains	363,923	
	Miscellaneous income	237,072	
	Total	103,948,365	
II	Current expenditure		
1	Project expenditure		
(1)	Personnel cost		
	Staff cost	34,985,338	
	Social insurance	3,270,944	
	Welfare expense	43,128	
	Personnel cost total	38,299,410	
(2)	Other project cost		
	Outsourcing expense	3,846,840	
	Remuneration	180,000	
	Printing	157,521	
	Meetings	6,858	
	Travel	17,958,628	
	Communication	768,310	
	Supplies	1,024,436	
	Local utilities	151,853	
	Local rental costs	2,721,692	
	Membership fees	130,000	
	Tax	37,665	
	Commissions	1,897,225	
	Local project cost	27,616,603	
	Training	1,622,464	
	Books and reference materials	2,635	
	Exchange loss	1,089,174	
	Miscellaneous loss	9,722	
	Other project cost total	59,221,626	
	Project expenditure total	97,521,036	
2	Administrative expenditure		
(1)	Personnel cost		
	Welfare expense	3,780	
	Personnel cost total	3,780	
(2)	Other project cost		
	Utilities	89,266	
	Office rent	1,108,080	
	Insurance	9,680	
	Lease	110,952	
	Other project cost total	1,317,978	
	Administrative cost total	1,321,758	
	Current expenditure total	98,842,794	
	Current balance	5,105,571	
III	Non-recurrent income		
	Non-recurrent income total		0
IV	Non-recurrent expenditure		
	Past expenditure adjustment	79,540	
	Non-recurrent expenditure total	79,540	
	Current net assets increased	5,026,031	
	Corpration tax	695,500	
	Current net assets increased	4,330,531	
	Net assets brought forward from previous term	7,049,246	
	Current net assets total	11,379,777	

Balance Sheet

NPO SEEDS Asia

(Unit: Japanese Yen)
as of 31 March 2018

Assets		Liabilities	
account	amount	account	amount
【Current assets】		【Current liabilities】	
(Cash Equivalents)		Accrued amount payable	16,342,711
Cash	389,002	Advance received	86,411,545
Bank deposits	77,655,685	Deposit payable	288,746
Cash Equivalents Total	78,044,687	Accrued corporate tax	695,500
(Notes and accounts receivable)		Current liabilities	103,738,502
Accrued revenue	1,692,209	【Fixed Liabilities】	
Notes and accounts receivable Total	1,692,209	Long-term loans payable	700,000
(Other current assets)		Fixed Liabilities total	700,000
Prepaid expenses	34,978,901	Liabilities total	104,438,502
Reserve for possible loan loss	△3308118		
Other current assets Total	31,670,783	Net Assets	
Current assets total	111,407,679	Net assets	7,049,246
【Fixed assets】		Increase/(Decrease) for the Year	4,330,531
(Investments and other assets)		Net Assets total	11,379,777
Guarantee	79,000		
long-term loans receivable	4,331,600		
Investments and other assets total	4,410,600		
Fixed assets total	4,410,600		
Assets total	115,818,279	Total Liabilities and net assets	115,818,279

Inventory of Assets

NPO SEEDS Asia

(Unit: Japanese Yen)

as of 31 March 2018

(Assets)			
Current assets			
1	Cash	389,002	
2	Bank balance	77,655,685	
	SMBC, Sannomiya Branch 1	(9,135,469)	
	SMBC, Okamoto Branch 2	(60,000)	
	SMBC, Okamoto Branch 3	(5,487,483)	
	SMBC, Okamoto Branch 4	(979,000)	
	SMBC, Okamoto Branch 5	(27,468,379)	
	SMBC, Okamoto Branch 6	(26,629,016)	
	Japan Post Bank 099	(734,788)	
	Japan Post Bank 438	(556)	
	Bank of Philippine Island 1	(477,685)	
	Bank of Philippine Island 2	(5,248,753)	
	Bank of Philippine Island 3	(1,381,128)	
	Bank of Philippine Island 4	(53,428)	
	total	78,044,687	
3	Trade Receivables		
	Accounts due	1,692,209	
	total	1,692,209	
4	Other current assets		
	Advanced money	34,978,901	
	Reserve for possible loan loss	△ 3,308,118	
	total	31,670,783	
	Current assets Total		111,407,679
Fixed assets			
Investment and other assets			
	Guarantee	79,000	
	Long-term loan receivable	4,331,600	
	total	4,410,600	
	Fixed assets total		4,410,600
	Assets Total		115,818,279
(Liabilities and equity)			
Current liability			
1	Accrued liability	16,342,711	
2	Advanced received	86,411,545	
3	Deposit received	288,746	
4	Accrued income tax	695,500	
	total	103,738,502	
Fixed liability			
	Long-term loan payable	700,000	
	total	700,000	
	Liabilities total		104,438,502
	Liabilities and Equity Total		11,379,777