



防災リーダー研修の様子（バングラデシュ）
DRR Leader Training (Bangladesh)

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Bangladesh

Project on Capacity Building for Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction in Urban Areas of Bangladesh

【JICA Grassroots Technical Cooperation Project】

● DRR Leader Training

In addition to the five model communities, SEEDS Asia started working with three new communities. One of them has been very keen to work on DRR, looking at how a neighbor model community is making changes in their area.

DRR leader training was held for leaders from the new communities on 9th and 10th May. More group work and activities such as roleplaying and emergency bag making were given in the training this year and the participants enjoyed a lot while learning about community DRR. On the day 2, participants discussed the causes of and response to fire with a help of Fire Service and Civil Defence. It was emphasized that prevention is most important for fire and each individual and household need to be aware. The participant then practiced first aid and how to put out fire using wet clothes and fire extinguisher. They seemed quite interested in fire disaster as the number of incidents has been increasing in Dhaka with its ever growing population. After the two-day training, one of the participants said "I didn't know such important things like DRR till today. I'm urged to work on in now!".

Model community members also joined the training to share their work, Japan visit experience, and how their community has changed through DRR activities. DRR community network is gradually developing in Dhaka.



DRR Leader Training

● Power of a Fire Extinguisher



Mr. Rony explaining how to use fire extinguisher to society office staff

It's not uncommon in Dhaka that no fire extinguisher is kept at home or in a building and it's the same in communities we work with. Monipuripara society, one of our model communities, purchased fire extinguishers for their society office and members' houses after trainings by SEEDS Asia last year.

17th May at 2am, fire broke out in a residential building in the community area. Mr. Rony, a DRR leader who attended SEEDS Asia's DRR leader training, got the news and rushed to the site with a fire extinguisher which was set up at their society office. He then successfully put out the fire and save the residents from further injury. It was after 20 minutes when a fire service reached the site. Were it not for Mr. Rony's quick response, it could have been a serious disaster in the congested residence area. "I did not even know how to use fire extinguisher till I took part in SEEDS Asia's training. I'm happy that I'm now capable to help my community" said Mr. Rony. From this experience, the building owner decided to place fire extinguishers at every floor and work on DRR awareness with the Monipuripara society. As it's often said, it is difficult to measure a result of community DRR but it's certainly benefiting communities.

● DRR Media Blog

With the journalists who participated in our DRR media fellowship program last year, SEEDS Asia is developing a DRR media blog. The purpose of the blog is to pool articles and opinions related to DRR as an information platform, and also to make a DRR network of people who work on the issue in their respective fields. There is no such blog platform for urban DRR in Bangladesh at the moment and this is the first initiative. Prior to the launch, on June 30, SEEDS Asia organized a meeting to discuss the blog contents and management strategy with journalists and communities. One journalists said "It sometimes happens that article does not get published as per editor's decision or it takes long time to go on the paper. This kind of platform will help us publish such stories" while another said "as it's an open platform we should be careful about the contents of article". Community member shared his experience that their activity was covered by a news channel, which had a positive impact to his own as well as other communities around and how media can encourage DRR at a community level. The DRR media blog will be launched soon. Stay tuned!



India

Project for Participatory Community–Based Disaster Risk Reduction Approaches in Varanasi

【Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA)】

●DRR Training for Varanasi Citizen 1 (8th –10th June)

SEEDS Asia and (National Disaster Response Force) 11th battalions jointly organized a three days training program for Benares Club and Rotary Club from 8th to 10th June, 2018.

Around 25 members from Rotary Club and 25 members from Benares Club participated in the training. The training was conducted with the expectation that members of those clubs would be great promoters for community based DRR activities in Varanasi in the future.

SEEDS Asia gave a presentation about basic concept of DRR, weather, air pollution, WASH, disaster relief and DRR activities of Kyoto Rotary club. Participants were given hands-on training of first-aid and drowning rescue demonstration by NDRF. After the training, we got very positive feedback from participants, such as: “I learned many things about weather and disasters, and most important, I learned about my city.”, “I would like to share DRR in various ways.” Local mass media made a lot of coverage of this training and it provided the opportunity for local citizen to learn about DRR and NDRF’s efforts widely. A trainer of NDRF said, “The both NDRF and SEEDS Asia took best advantage of each strength in the training” as a feedback.



First-aid training

●DRR Training for Varanasi Citizen 2 (12th – 13th June)



Highlighting vulnerable area

SEEDS Asia conducted two-days DRR training with NDRF for the village situated in the flood prone area along the Ganges River. 24 citizens from the village participated in this training. While the training for Rotary Club and Benares Club was to develop their capacity as a leader of DRR, this training was more practical that people learned self-help and mutual help to response and also to prepare for future possible disasters.

SEEDS Asia gave a presentation on basic concept of DRR, WASH and conducted Town-Watching training. Participants highlighted areas where are vulnerable to a flood and safe places to evacuate.

NDRF gave hands-on training of first-aid. Participants learned and practiced various first-aid skills. Also, they showed the video of flood rescue, and demonstrated how to make floating devices with daily items like plastic bottles. After the training, we got very positive feedback from participants such as: “I learned how to save ourselves from floods and disasters.”, “I learned life-saving and how important it is.”

●Working on DRR Education Material

SEEDS Asia is developing variety of DRR education materials this year. DRR App is one of them. An app to learn DRR has been developed for the people all over India not only in Varanasi with a company which is working on social innovation activity through IT after they were affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake in Ishinomaki city, Miyagi, Japan. SEEDS Asia will visit Varanasi with an expert to have the people to test the trial model and get feedback from them in July. The completed version will be released in September. A documentary video of Varanasi city and disaster, DRR calendar of 2019 are under development as well.



Developing DRR documentary



Myanmar

Enhancing Comprehensive School Safety in Collaboration with Community in Hinthada Township

【Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA)】

We are delighted to share with you our progress for May and June on our project in Nabekone Village, Hinthada Township, in the Ayeyarwaddy Region. The main framework construction of the school cum shelter was successfully completed before the start of the monsoon season, with great care to safety standards for both the building and the working environment. Our workshops and training sessions for disaster risk reduction and community resilience have progressed with the hard work and enthusiasm of the village members. Please read below to learn more!



Completed the main framework construction of the school cum shelter

●2nd DRR Training Workshop : Understanding Disaster Risk in Your Environment



the Hazard Mapping through Town-watching activity

Nabekone Village, in Hinthada Township is hit with heavy rain and flooding every year, and such disasters have become a “normal” part of their livelihoods. Therefore, SEEDS Asia conducted the second DRR workshop with the theme of understanding disaster risk in your environment on 27th May. The 36 participants participated in 4 activities; HVCA (Hazard Vulnerability Capacity Assessment), Seasonal/monthly Disaster Calendar, Disaster History Recording, and Hazard Mapping through Townwatching. For example, for the Disaster History Recording Activity, participants not only discussed amongst themselves but talked to elders as well as local governments to highlight events going back to the 1974 Kywe Da Kone dike collapse.

In the post-workshop survey, 35 out of 36 participants commented that the Hazard Mapping through Town-watching activity was most helpful, as it helped them understand the environment of their village. Tin Ko Ko, a member of the newly formed Village Disaster Management Committee, emphasized that “walking and observing my village with the perspective of disaster vulnerability made me see the geography and environment of Nabekone like I had never seen before; it was a great opportunity for people to share ideas and lessons they had learned individually with the whole community.”

●3rd DRR Training Workshop: Learning about the Impact of Weather and Community Participatory Disaster Management

Following the May workshop, the third DRR workshop was conducted on 17th June with the theme of learning about the impact of weather, especially the effect of rain to flooding through a case study of the 2015-2016 floods which devastated Nabekone Village. SEEDS Asia staff shared the basic mechanisms of rain and flooding, as well as the danger water levels of the Ayeyarwaddy River, adjacent to the village. Data on rainfall and early warnings during the 2015 floods was also shared, and participants discussed how the numbers reflected their own experiences of rainfall severity. Moreover, we built on lessons from the last training to start the process for community participatory disaster management by brainstorming self-help, mutual-help, and public-help for disasters in the community. Participants identified the significance of self-help and mutual-help, especially after reflecting on their experience in the 2015 floods, when government public help arrived around five days after the initial event.



Learning about the impact of weather



Philippines

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

【 JICA Grassroots Technical Cooperation Project 】

●Pilot Schools Teachers’ Training

SEEDS Asia with the SDRRM-IT (School Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Instructing Team) conducted 5 and half days training for teachers of selected 10 Pilot schools in Cebu Province from 29th April to 4th May, 2018. 12 teachers from each Pilot school: 120 teachers in total participated to gain knowledge to achieve the goal of making the schools of Cebu Province resilient. The training is an introduction to operations guideline which serves as their guide in creating tailor-fitted manuals for their respective schools so as to enhance their capacity on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management. SEEDS Asia invited outside guest speakers from different government agencies, such as DRRMS (Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service) from DepEd (Department of Education) National, DRRM (Disaster Risk Reduction and Management) Offices of Cebu Province, Lapu-Lapu City and Toledo City, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Department of Health, among others. They gave inputs and shared knowledge with participants. Regional Director of DepEd Region 7, Dr. Juliet Jeruta gave an inspirational message on how participants can save lives for being part of the School DRRM Team. Participants described what they have learned during the training and how it will help them with their work as follows: “Always be ready. Awareness of preparedness and mitigation on what to do during disaster.”, “How important for me as a teacher to educate students, community and family about disaster management to save lives.”



Pilot schools Teachers’ Training

●Memorandum of Understanding Signing with Carcar City, Courtesy Call to Mayor of Bogó City

On 8th June, 2018, SEEDS Asia travelled to Carcar City, Cebu Province for the signing of the MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the Mayor of Carcar City, Hon. Nicepuro L. Apura. This event was witnessed by Dr. Senen P. Paulin, the newly transferred SDS (School Division Superintendent) to DepEd Carcar City Division and Mr. Kim Lauron, Carcar City DRRM Office. The signing may not have been completed without the support of those who also attended, such as Ms. Farrah Boltron, the School Head of Pilot School, Carcar Central Elementary School, and Mr. Randy Watin, an SDRRM-IT member. SEEDS Asia has also given the Mayor a copy of SEEDS Asia’s Philippines local newsletter volume 3 where he appreciated to see his City’s involvement to the project.

On 18th June, 2018, SEEDS Asia met the Mayor of Bogó City, Hon. Carlo Jose Martinez to introduce the project and discuss the MoU in order to legalize the partnership between the Bogó City and SEEDS Asia. Other invited attendees were Dr. Rosalie Pasaol, the newly transferred SDS of DepEd Danao City Division, Ms. Manilyn Jeah Andales, a SDRRM-IT member, the Community Council of where a Pilot School is located, the Assistant School Head of the Pilot School, DRRM officer of Bogó City and Office of the Building official. Mayor Martinez saw this project as a good opportunity to be part of improvement while aligning the project initiatives to their DRRM plan. Moreover, the Mayor agreed to the MOU and will endorse it to the next council meeting for approval. All of the attendees wanted this project to be realized as well as to have sustainability.



Memorandum of Understanding Signing with Carcar City



Courtesy Call to Mayor of Bogó City



Japan

Tamba City Revitalizing City Promotion Partnership Project 【Tamba City, Hyogo】

●Field Visit to Nagaoka, Niigata

The Study Tour Project with Tamba City Government aims at sharing the attractiveness of the residents through passing down the importance of DRR and the disaster recovery situation of the City to visitors from outside. To take into consideration of how that goal is realized in terms of operation mechanism and contents to provide, a field visit took place from 4th to 5th June in Nagaoka City, Niigata Prefecture which was severely affected by the Chuetsu Earthquake in 2004. The attendees of the visit were: members of Tamba City Government City Promotion Office, Recovery Promotion Office, City residents and SEEDS Asia.

On 4th June, the delegates visited Kogomo community which used to be part of the former Yamakoshi Village. The hosts were not only the community residents but also “fans” of the community from outside the village. One comment by a resident impressed the delegates: “We just sought what we wanted to do, and came to know what we were capable of doing. As we kept moving on, there arose various activities and encounters with different people.”

On 5th June, the host was Kizawa community which utilizes a closed school as an accommodation facility, welcomes interns, and hosts a sports event. These initiatives are all mechanisms to invite visitors from outside. A local resident said: “We were not up for interactions with youth from outside at first, but came to realize that being part of their interesting ideas actually vitalizes the community. Now we have lots of visitors from all over Japan, or even overseas, just to join our sports events.” This comment proves that hosting young people from outside to such a mountainous countryside with aging and decreasing populations surely sustains those communities’ existences: this is what Tamba City is trying to realize through its city promotion. Another interesting aspect of the community was that efforts have been made to pass down the disaster by, for example, reinforcing a path to the Earthquake’s epicenter.

Both communities actively host visitors from outside, though not in a form of a “study tour”, and continue exchanges with them, making full use of their “attractiveness”. Despite there are many differences between their context and Tamba’s 2014 disaster, the community initiatives found in Nagaoka surely gave lots of learnings to the delegates.

Participants in Study Tour Wanted !!

In this project, SEEDS Asia would like to accept university students who want to participate in Tamba City Study Tour, anytime (to be arranged) from September 2018 to February 2019. The themes of the tour are related to disaster recovery, DRR and community development. Students who are interested in those fields are all welcomed to Tamba City, where SEEDS Asia supports you all to meet the kindhearted and interesting people in Ichijima cho.

-People to meet in Ichijima cho-

The president of a community association working on forest management☆

Even before the torrential rain affected Tamba City in 2014, he had realized that people’s lives would be exposed to risk if they would continue to leave the man-made forests surrounding the land of Tamba, and started to work on forestry with fun.

He is also a pioneer in terms of telling others the importance of “pre-disaster recovery” to think beforehand the disaster recovery of possible future disasters, taking into consideration of the Nankai Trough Megathrust Earthquake. His way of talking is very gentle, yet surely raises our awareness with powerful messages.

A local group working on “people development” with the act of eating☆

When the torrential rain hit Ichijima cho in 2014, this powerful group created a new style of providing hot meals for neighbors in cooperation with other volunteer bodies from outside. They continue to provide local food with old and new cooking methods, since they have realized the importance of food when they provided it during the disaster. Their meals are authentic and valuable! They can also tell you episodes of their tough experiences of the times of the disaster with great humor.



Storytelling by the landowner of the “epicenter”



Send SEEDS Asia Staff to Lecture

SEEDS Asia sends our staff to schools, local government and private sectors to deliver lectures and conduct events with covering a variety of audience. The following lectures were implemented in May and June, 2018.

●Lecture at the Seminar of “Disaster Risk Reduction” and “Recovery after a Disaster” for Young Leaders from ASEAN

On 3rd June, one of the SEEDS Asia staff gave a lecture themed on “Community based support for affected area by NGO – Play a part in revitalization as a third party with cases in Myanmar” at Kobe Commerce, Industry and Trade Centre Building.

This lecture is one of the yearly leadership training programme for youth from ASEAN membered countries implemented by IATSS (International Association of Traffic and Safety Sciences), and 20 government officials/entrepreneurs were attended in the lecture. It was introduced as a case study to share the experiences how SEEDS Asia is playing a part in recovery process after the cyclone Nargis in Myanmar and promoting DRR at various levels and approaches in the country. SEEDS Asia also shared the encountered challenges how to deal with geographical, economic, political and cultural differences. Productive discussions were continued after the lecture since a lot of ASEAN countries faced disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis and typhoons/cyclones.



Lecture for young leaders from ASEAN

●A Lecture at Kobe Gakuin University

On 4th June, SEEDS Asia gave a lecture themed on “The reality of DRR – Play a part in DRR of Asia as a NGO/NPO staff” at Kobe Gakuin University, The Faculty of Contemporary Social Studies, social contribution II/social DRR special lecture IV. The attendances were 3rd year undergraduates and they faced their future career after they graduated at the moment. “Working as a NGO staff might be good for my career after the graduation”, “I thought NPO and NGO were just volunteer groups but I learned they were professionals who generate the best outcomes and achieve accountability since they perform with donation and grant” said students. It is pleasure to encourage the further understanding of the circumstances of counties where SEEDS Asia is working with and the activities of NPO/NGO.