

# *From vulnerable individuals to resilient communities*

## *Disaster Risk Reduction*



*Picture: Resilient children and survivors of Typhoon Haiyan made peace with the sea that destroyed their houses, schools, and community in the Philippines*

*“ Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) needs to be mainstreamed at the grass root level. We need organizations like HOPE worldwide to bring along private sectors, policy makers, and community stakeholders along with wonderful volunteers to take resilience to a new level. “*



*Margareta Wahlstrom (UN ISDR)  
in a consultation with Global Coordinating Council*

## Bringing Hope. Changing Lives.

2.9 billion people were affected by disasters between 2000-2012, which also killed 1.2 million people and created \$1.7 billion in economic loss (UNISDR, 2012). In 2015 alone, 375 million people could be affected by climate change related disasters (DFID , 2013). In order to prevent loss of lives and properties, communities need to be prepared for disasters before they take place.

Established in 1991, HOPE *worldwide* is a global charity that changes lives by harnessing the compassion and commitment of dedicated staff and volunteers to deliver sustainable, high-impact, community-based services to the poor and needy.

Our vision is to bring hope and change the lives of the world's most poor, sick and suffering. We work through 80 country affiliates globally; serving poor and vulnerable communities.

In our works, Disaster Risk Reduction has become a focus area of works; turning vulnerable individuals into resilient communities.

### **OUR SERVICE DIVISIONS**

- Health and Social Services
- Community Services
- Global Disaster Response



**“Every \$1 spent reducing people's vulnerability to disasters saves \$7 in economic losses.”**







Picture: Local Indonesia community leaders trained and empowered for better preparedness with Dr Maya Soetoro-Ng of University of Hawaii and The Asia Pacific Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience along with local universities and government.

## PREPAREDNESS — *empowering communities*

Local capacity in preparing for disasters is a key aspect in building resilience. When disaster strikes, local resources are crucial to a successful survival. HOPE worldwide is dedicated to nurturing local champions for DRR and preparedness.

### **COUNTRY AFFILIATES TRAINING**

**Australia**  
**Bahamas**  
**China**  
**Haiti**  
**Indonesia**  
**Ivory Coast**  
**Jamaica**  
**Japan**  
**Malaysia**  
**Philippines**  
**Taiwan**  
**Trinidad & Tobago**



Picture: Local volunteers and responders trained by HOPE worldwide Philippines



Picture: web-based DRR learning portal (learndisaster.org)

## School Children DRR

“Safe School Campaign” program is designed to empower teachers and school children preparing for calamities. DRR Education is one of the priorities in The Hyogo Framework for Action; a ten-year international disaster risk reduction plan.

Through empowering children, 30-40% of the demography, the world can become a safer place for the next generations.

Since 2007, we have managed to train close to 9,000 school teachers ; impacting half a million school children. Our goal is to impact more children, teachers and schools.

### APPROACHES

- Module Development
- Teachers Training
- School Children Training
- Local Government Empowerment
- Web-based DRR Resource
- Private Sector Involvement

### CROSS SECTOR PARTNERSHIP



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The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction



Picture: School children receiving DRR trainings and conducting various drills for preparedness





*Picture: Health team in Malaysia providing access and preparedness for vulnerable communities*

## HEALTH – *knowledge, practice, and access*

As a member of Global Health Cluster, HOPE worldwide works closely with international agencies and The World Health Organization in developing capacity for disasters. However, we also take an active role at the grass roots level by helping communities access necessary health knowledge and practice in reducing their risks. We also work in providing care for infectious and communicable diseases in many countries in need.



*Picture: Garden of Hope in Tohoku, Japan helps children and elderly grow healthy mental health*



*Picture: Ebola awareness education in West Africa*





# ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

In developing countries, disasters can easily cause families to fall into a **poverty trap** that can become hard to exit. In general, marginalized people live a riskier environment with poor access to basic services and to basic livelihood. By empowering economic growth, we can help reduce the risks of the vulnerable families.

“People in countries ranked among the lowest 20 percent in the Human Development Index are 10 to 1,000 times more likely to die in a natural disaster than people from countries in the top 20 percent” (JC Mutter, Columbia University)

## APPROACHES

- Boat Provisions for Fishermen
- Seeds and Farming Tools
- Fishing Tools and Training
- Economic Skills Training
- Micro Business Loans/Grants
- Vocational Training
- Financial Inclusion



*Picture: A breadwinner empowered through farming tools in Papua, Indonesia (above), a man provided a fishing boat to support his big family in Leyte, The Philippines (below)*





*Picture: Families trained to rebuild stronger houses to withstand typhoons*

## INFRASTRUCTURE – *rebuild stronger, safer*

In disasters, schools and houses are easily damaged due to poor quality, causing higher risk to injuries to children, elderly, and babies. Stronger buildings are needed in recovery to prevent further damage should disasters strikes again.

HOPE *worldwide* supports communities to rebuild stronger and safer. As we rebuild communities, we need to prepare them for a long term solution that will withstand disaster hazards.

### APPROACHES

- Stronger Schools Rebuilding
- Community Centers
- House Repairs
- House Rebuilding
- Water Sewage System Development
- Clinics and Hospitals Services



*Picture: School rebuild with reinforced window panels and walls in Nias Island, Indonesia*



*Picture: Houses rebuilt utilizing local design after a massive Haiti Earthquake*



*Picture: Through our partnership with University of Hawaii at Manoa, we facilitate local government in vulnerable small islands in Indonesia*

## ADVOCACY – *speaking for the weak*

One of the approaches in making lasting impact is through influencing policy makers among the local government systems in disaster risk reduction. HOPE worldwide works with local government not only helping the communities, but also to empower the local government to develop long lasting policies for safer and resilient communities.

### APPROACHES

- Training Local Disaster Agencies Staff
- Facilitating Advocacy Discussions and Development
- Encouraging Local Budget Allocations in DRR Issues.



**Join us in the noble efforts of  
Disaster Risk Reduction to fight  
for a resilient planet !**

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