ANNOUNCEMENT
Conference on Community-based Disaster Preparedness in Asia

Background
The *NGO Disaster Preparedness Program* is a joint project of Give2Asia and the International Institute for Rural Reconstruction (IIRR). This is a three-year program designed to share knowledge and best practices in community-level disaster preparedness in Asia. The program seeks to highlight and raise more financial support for the most innovative and effective disaster preparedness initiatives in at-risk communities in Asia today.

The project will cover the following countries: Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, the Philippines and Vietnam. These countries were selected based on research and field studies conducted by Give2Asia and IIRR to determine the vulnerabilities, disaster risks, capacities and stakeholders in disaster preparedness of nine countries in Asia which consistently appear in the list of 10 most vulnerable countries by various DRR stakeholders.

As an important component of the Program, IIRR and Give2Asia will be organizing three-day conferences involving key stakeholders from these 6 countries to gather important ideas and recommendations on local disaster preparedness situation. The conferences will serve as inputs in developing the mechanisms for shared learning across Asia as well as for grant making under the Disaster Preparedness Fund of the project. These conferences will likewise identify the types of projects that the NGO Disaster Preparedness Fund will support in the next two years. The Fund will support one-year projects up to $25,000 and two-year projects up to $50,000.

Three conferences will be organized by bringing stakeholders from two countries together in one venue. The identified schedules and venue for the conferences are as follows:

1. July 2-4 - Philippines and Indonesia; venue will be in the Philippines
2. August 5-7- Bangladesh and India; venue in Bangladesh
3. August 26-28 week- Myanmar and Vietnam; venue will be in Myanmar

Objectives
At the end of these three conferences, the following will have been achieved:
• Validated and deepened the understanding of the initial risk profile of their countries written by the project;
• Developed categories of disaster preparedness actions at the community level;
• Identified key indicators in measuring successful community

disaster preparedness programs;
- Mapped out the stakeholders implementing various community disaster preparedness actions in the country;
- Surfaced key challenges and opportunities in designing and facilitating effective community disaster preparedness actions; and
- Promoted the NGO Disaster Preparedness Platform and the Disaster Preparedness Fund to target stakeholders in the country.

Methodology

The conferences will be highly participatory in process. The participants will share their experiences and case stories of disaster preparedness from which they will identify categories of disaster preparedness work and the indicators of success. Presentations will be limited to providing background information about the project and the conference itself. At the end of the conferences, the participants will identify short-term action plans on how they will continue to contribute and make use of the disaster preparedness platform.

Target Participants

The target number of participants of the conferences will be from 25-30 representing at least 20 community-based organizations and local non-government organizations engaged in implementing community level disaster preparedness. The participants that will be invited will be divided accordingly to allow good representation of the 6 countries.

Procedures for Identifying Participants

There will two groups of participants to the conferences. The first group will be composed of participants who will be sharing their experiences on community-based disaster preparedness. About 20 of the participants will be categorized as such. Twelve (12) of these participants will be asked to make a 20-minute plenary presentation of their experiences and current work. The second group will be composed of resource persons that IIRR will invite to enrich the discussions and sharing of learning. These resource persons will be people who have extensive work on community development, group dynamics and disaster risk reduction and management.

To participate in the conferences, interested parties will be asked to fill-up and submit a two-page form of their disaster preparedness work that they will be sharing during the conferences. The quality of these various disaster preparedness experiences and work will be the basis for selecting the final participants to the conferences. The profiles and experiences that were not chosen to be presented during the conferences will be shared in the online platform where a collection of case stories and initiatives across Asia will be published. The participants will also be chosen to ensure that there will be equitable gender representation and ensure a wide variety of

stakeholders such as NGOs, community organizations, government and donors

Financial Support for Conference Participants
The project will cover the entire cost of the 25 participants chosen to attend the conference. This includes the airfare, room and board during the conferences. IIRR will also invite other organizations to participate on a partial funding basis such as covering airfare or contributing to room and board during the conferences. Participants who would want to participate on a partial financial support basis need to contact the Conference Organizer in the address below.

Post-Conference Activities
After the conferences, IIRR will consolidate the documentation reports of the discussions. These reports will serve as inputs to the following components in the NGO Disaster Preparedness Platform Project in Asia:
1. The case stories presented will become part of the collection of disaster preparedness experiences to be published in the online platform.
2. The typologies of disaster preparedness projects will be utilized in providing project ideas for corporate donors to support.
3. The indicators for a successful disaster preparedness project will enhance the screening process for the NGO Disaster Preparedness Fund.
4. Writing of a white paper about Typologies of Disaster Preparedness Programs and Indicators of Success

Cut-Off Dates
The following are the cut-off dates for the submission of Case Stories Intake Forms for consideration and presentation in the conferences:

Conference Dates and Venue	Cut-off Dates
July 2-4 - Philippines and Indonesia; venue to be in the Philippines at IIRR's Yen Center , Silang, Cavite	June 16, 2014
August 5-7- Bangladesh and India; venue in Bangladesh to be announced	July 4, 2014
August 26-28 - Myanmar and Vietnam; venue in Myanmar to be announced	August 6, 2014

All Case Stories Intake Form must be submitted to the Conference Organizer through email to the following address. Use the subject line: Disaster Preparedness Conference.

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About Give2Asia

Give2Asia makes international grant making safe, effective, and impactful. Since its founding in 2001, Give2Asia has raised $237 million in gifts and donations from corporate, foundation, and individual donors for community partners in Asia. Give2Asia has demonstrated its effectiveness in serving the needs of international philanthropy with its on-the-ground presence, knowledge of diverse social and economic conditions, and the expert matching of donor interests with innovative and effective grantees.

Give2Asia Disaster Programs

Give2Asia has responded to 40 natural disasters in the Asia Pacific region during the past 10 years. Give2Asia's strategy is to support recovery by partnering with local charitable groups based in affected communities and to engage in multi-year programs to support rebuilding, economic recovery, psychosocial programs and other unmet needs. Give2Asia reports back to donors on every dollar spent. Learn more about Give2Asia's disaster response strategy at give2asia.org/disaster.

About the International Institute of Rural Reconstruction

The International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR) is a community development and hands-on training organization with more than 50 years of experience. IIRR has implemented people-centered, sustainable development programs in Africa, Latin America and Asia; today, maintains a strong presence in East Africa and Southeast Asia. Strategically located in the Global South, IIRR runs its programs from the field. While it is registered as a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization in the U.S. and has its headquarters in the Philippines, all senior decision-makers are located in the field. It is important that IIRR staff hail from the region where they work, allowing its programs to be locally-relevant, tailored, and community-driven.

IIRR Disaster Risk Reduction Program

IIRR's disaster risk reduction program framework, called Community

Managed Disaster Risk Reduction (CMDRR), builds the capacities of communities to reduce and manage their disaster risks. CMDRR enables communities to facilitate participatory disaster risk assessment, use these assessments for planning and preparedness, mobilize community members to be involved in risk reduction and facilitate learning. It has championed CMDRR in East Africa and in Asia. It has worked in many of the most at risk communities from the arid regions in East Africa to flood-prone poor communities in the Philippines. IIRR has also started to integrate natural resources management, food security and livelihoods development and health in CMDRR.

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<u>Case Story Intake Form</u>

I. **Basic Information of Presenting Organization**

Organization Name:	
Name of Conference Participant:	
Country:	
Address:	
Contact No. and E-mail	
Website:	
Description of the organization:	

II. **Information about the Case Story for Presentation (maximum of 2 pages only)**

Project Title:	
Goal:	
Objectives:	
<u>Changes</u> that happened at the community brought about by the project *(Please add 2-3 photos related to the project results)*	
Key <u>Lessons</u> from the project; what will you replicate or avoid in implementing similar projects	
How do you plan to build on that experience and learning in the future?	

Conference Program

	Day 1	Day 2	

AM-8AM	Registration of Participants
	Preliminary Activities
	• Introduction of participants
	• Expectation setting
	• Rationale and schedule of activities
	Orientation Sessions:
	  5. About IIRR
	  6. About G2A
	Open Forum
	Tea break
		Presentations and Plenary Discussions
		
		9 Presentations of community-level Disaster Preparedness
		
		Prior to the workshop, IIRR will choose 10-12 case stories or project presentations on disaster preparedness. Each of these will be presented by the participants. Each presentation will be given 20 minutes and 10 minutes plenary discussions.
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10AM	**Presentation of the NGO Preparedness Platform Project: Goals, objectives and components** Lunch		Presen **Chall Comr Prepa** (2 pre Lunch
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3PM	**Orientation and Discussions: Disaster Risk Reduction to Disaster Management Continuum by IIRR** Open Forum	Workshop: Typologies of Community Disaster Preparedness Projects and Indicators of Successful Disaster Preparedness Projects	Closin