# South Asia

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National Focal Points and Regional Steering Group

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DRR is one of the core area/intervention of OSCEW’s in Afghanistan. OSCEW works with the vulnerable Afghan communities to reduce the risks, mitigate the effects of, prepare to, respond and recover from disasters.

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JAGO NARI has started its activities in 1998 with its own resource with a view to help the poor people in under developed costal Districts in the southern part of Bangladesh in terms of socio economic perspective as well as livelihood. It is a non-political, non-profit, rights based NGO, committed to participate in and promote national development through upgrading the socio economic condition and promoting and protecting the rights of the disadvantaged, deprived backward and poor communities of the society.

JAGO NARI has more than 12 years of experience on DRR and Humanitarian response. Also JAGO NARI had responded last 4 massive cyclones like SIDR, Ayla, Mahasen and Roanu. We are proud DRR member of OXFAM, Plan International Bangladesh, UNDP, WFP, Practical Action Bangladesh and GNDR.

**To Contact**

* Bangladesh opted for Rotational representation in RSG. Action Aid is nominated for the first year until August 31, 2018.
The HelpAge network is a unique worldwide alliance standing up for the rights of older people. Across 75 countries, there are 119 organisations member organisations in the HelpAge network. Working with HelpAge is a substantial experience for me to work for older people establishing their rights.

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Actionaid Bangladesh always had a distinctive approach be it from the early days of simplicity to todaya’s complex nature of issues. ActionAid Bangladesh starting its journey from a very small with a minimalist approach today has become a relatively important player of the vibrant NGO movement that seeks to fight poverty in the country. ActionAid came to Bangladesh in 1983 to support an orphanage in Bhola named ‘For Those Who Have Less’ (locally known as ‘Bittohin’). Today ActionAid is committed to changing the capacities of people and groups whose rights have been denied and violated in attaining justice and a life of dignity.

ActionAid Bangladesh also assists efforts and builds capacities of actors of civil society and partner communities whom we believe are engaged in safeguarding and promoting people's rights.

We constantly strive to accelerate support for anti-poverty initiatives and improve sustainability of development interventions that are inclined towards creating a confident and responsible nation, free from poverty and indignity.

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CADME is a coalition of 32 organizations working together on Disaster Management for the past 14 years, establishing Task Force Groups in vulnerable villages Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, and Tamil Nadu to mitigate the effects of impending disasters. As many as 289 task force groups have been formed and effectively functioning in 289 vulnerable villages of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

In recognition of efforts made by CADME in mitigating the effects of impending disasters, Mr. Gurudutt Prasad, Disaster Manager/Chief functionary of CADME was awarded with “SASAKAWA” (Certificate of Distinction) in the 2003/2004 by UNISDR.

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Founded in 1997, **UDYAMA** primarily aims towards strengthening and building capacities of local communities towards rejuvenating human, ecological, economical capital & well-being improvement with a view to enhancing adaptation to vulnerability and changing the culture of self-reliance in harnessing resource base, blending with traditional and improved technology transformation, with well articulated development communication with inclusion, innovations.

The objective is to link to the broader view of poverty and poverty alleviation that goes beyond just income poverty to include empowerment, capability and health etc.

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† India opted for Rotational representation in RSG. SEEDs is nominated for the first year until August 31, 2018.
SEEDS is a non-profit organisation that seeks to protect the lives and livelihoods of people exposed to natural hazards and living in disaster prone areas. SEEDS primarily engages in shelter reconstruction and adopts locally based approaches to reduce the impact of future disasters on communities at risk.

Founded in 1994, SEEDS comprises of young professionals drawn from various development related fields. It is governed and advised by a board of eminent academicians and practitioners from international organisations.

SEEDS with its small team of committed individuals has reached out to families affected by earthquakes, floods and cyclones; restored schools and homes; and has invariably put its faith in education to build long term resilience. SEEDS continues to advocate for and involve with communities across Asia to ensure a safer and sustainable world.

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Huvadhoo Aid envisions a community in which all civil society organizations works in harmony with island administrator and the general public for the advancement of the rural communities. The major focus areas of the HAD are democratic governance, environment and climate change, youth and women empowerment including sexual reproductive health and right of women, drug prevention and community development.

Huvadhoo Aid is work with local communities and local council to prepare disaster preparedness plans, disaster management plan and assist councils to incorporate disaster risk reduction into their development plans. In addition to Huvadhoo Aid done scoping study on impact of climate changed and disasters on women’s health. With this study we did advocacy events to incorporate the findings at local development plan and policies. In addition we worked with Asia Pacific Resources and Research Center for Women to advocate at international level especially on climate change negotiations and policies at International level.
NSET, a not-for-profit organization established in 1993, works mainly for the institutionalization of Earthquake Safety in Nepal and Asia region; and also contributes to the emerging concepts of multi-hazards risk reduction, climate change adaptation, and mainstreaming disaster risk reduction in development planning and execution. “Bringing substantial change in the application of technology to the many facets of earthquake risk management for saving lives of people” has remained the guiding philosophy of NSET ever since its inception.

Practical Action is a charity organization registered in the UK. It works with the poorest and the most vulnerable women and men around the world. It uses technology to challenge poverty with focus on Renewable Energy, Agriculture and Livelihoods, Water Sanitation and Health, and Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change. Practical Action has been working on community based DRR since last 15 years in Nepal with focus on floods, landslides and earthquake. It is proud of being a key partner of the Government of Nepal in developing and promoting flood EWS (Early Warning System) in Nepal.
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**Sustainable Environment and Development Foundation** is a non-government organization established by the group of young professionals possessing extensive experience in community development, disaster risk management, emergency relief and response, capacity building and networking. The organization was established in 2003 under society act 1860 of Government of Sindh.

The Vision of the organization is “Enabling society to gather stand for pro-poor development” and the mission is “Provide services for poor and divested communities and broaden their knowledge and skills for participatory, sustainable development, environment friendly and gender balanced development”.

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**JAD Foundation** is a humanitarian, development, and research-oriented organization, working on multi-resilience building on Disaster & Climate Risk, Peacebuilding & Conflict Transformation, Youth development & women empowerment/security over 2 decades. To contribute towards achieving the 4 global frameworks as well as national priority agendas, the organization is working on Disaster Risk Governance by strengthening collaboration and cooperation among multi-sectoral and multidisciplinary organizations through localizing global aid at a national and local level. We are proud of achieving four international awards, including the prestigious N-Peace Awards 2016

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† Pakistan opted for Rotational representation in RSG. PATTAN is nominated for the first year until August 31, 2018.
Pattan Development Organisation was established in 1993 to work with the powerless and most vulnerable people in the riverine communities of the Punjab province. Its primary mandate was to help the communities on the issues of disaster risk reduction, preparedness, emergency response and rehabilitation. However, since its inception, Pattan has always focused on harnessing the unleashed social and political potential of people in an effort to enable them to take control of the decisions that affect their daily lives. Pattan, therefore, strived to facilitate the creation of local level institutions that could represent and articulate the interests of all social groups, breaking the barriers in the way by traditional power structures.

Pattan, in fact, was the institutionalisation of efforts by a group of volunteers who had tirelessly worked with the victims of September 1992 floods that ravaged much of the country, leaving thousands dead. Backed by international donors, this group of volunteers was primarily engaged in distribution of relief and rehabilitation goods.

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“Janathakshan” is a Sri Lankan national organization founded in 2011. “Janathakshan” means “People’s Technology” and it works on three main integrated thematic areas viz: Resilience Building, Low Carbon Development Pathways and Circular Economic Processes. Janathakshan believes the best way of forecasting the future is by creating it and we forecast a future where the natural environment will be the decisive factor in all socio-economic processes. Appropriate technology is our core strength in sustainable development including resilience building.

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