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| | Leveraging ASEAN Capacities for Emergency Response (LACER) |
| Contracting authority | European Union EuropeAid/161170/DD/ACT/Multi |
| Duration | 1 March 2020 – 30 September 2023 (43 months) |
| Consortium | Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB) – Lead Estonian Rescue Board (ERB) |
| Partner | The ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) |
| Target group | AHA Centre (primary) ASEAN Member States (AMS) National Disaster Management Offices (NDMOs), ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM), ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance Coordinator (AHAC) (secondary) |
| Overall objective | Strengthen resilience in ASEAN region through improved disaster risk management. |
| Specific objective | Strengthened capacity and sustainability of the AHA Centre to achieve operational excellence in disaster monitoring, preparedness and emergency response Enhanced mechanism for ASEAN Leadership to Respond-As-One through excellence and innovation in disaster management |
| Technical components (outcomes) | <p>Component 1 – Strengthened institutional capacity, corporate policies and management of the AHA Centre</p> <p>The aim of the component is to support institutional development to advance sustainability and transformation of the AHA Centre to strengthen its role as the primary ASEAN regional coordinating agency. It will support the AHA Centre’s own capacity for policy and management development, methodologies and procedures for strategic planning and programming and training and development of AHA Centre staff.</p> <p>Work streams include policy and management development, strategic planning & programming and learning & development. Human resources, cross-cutting issues and internal communication are prioritised areas.</p> <p>Component 2 – Enhanced operational capacity of the AHA Centre in monitoring, preparing and responding to disasters</p> <p>The aim of the component is to support further development of AHA Centre’s capacity in risk assessments, monitoring and disaster management information. It will include support further streamlining of common practice in the region regarding risk and disaster data sharing, further development of protocols and routines on update and maintenance of monitoring risk and disaster information platforms, facilitation and support to expert exchange between the AHA Centre and other European and Asian organisations.</p> <p>Work streams include preparedness for response: Emergency Response Organisation (ERO) protocols and routines and risk information and disaster data: monitoring and sharing. The duty officer function and understanding regional risk are prioritised areas.</p> <p>Component 3 – Increased preparedness and Respond-As-One capacities of ASEAN</p> |

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| | <p>The aim of the component is to enhance mechanisms for ASEAN leadership to Respond-As-One by supporting technical capacity development and transformation of Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ERAT) and enhanced civil-military coordination. This component is divided into separate work streams.</p> <p>Work streams include training and exercise capacity development and coordination. Training & exercise methodologies, ASEAN Regional Disaster Emergency Response Simulation Exercise (ARDEX) and ERAT are prioritised areas.</p> <p>Component 4 – Enhanced professionalism through standards and certification</p> <p>The aim of the component is to contribute to increased professionalism on a system level in the ASEAN region through AHA-led development and establishment of standards for disaster response, emergency coordination and civil-military coordination for AHA itself.</p> <p>Work streams include AHA Centre standardisation and certification programme and emergency response and coordination standards development. Certification baseline establishment, early warning system, function profiles within ERAT, standard and certification on modules are prioritised areas.</p> |
| Cross-cutting issues (CCI) | <p>Cross-cutting issues are integrated in the project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - gender and diversity - human rights (from a DRM perspective) - environment - good governance - anti-corruption - Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) |
| Strategic Approach | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Phased flexible approach o Active partnership and ownership o Continuity – building on existing structures o Regional participation to further develop the AHA Centre’s position as regional coordinating agency, participation of AMS in component activities etc. o Comprehensive approach to capacity development |
| Type of activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advisory missions - Technical workshops - Regional workshops - Training and exercises - Mentoring - Participation in international fora - Peer support and networking |
| Organisational structure | <p>Key Expert Team</p> <p><u>Team leader</u> The expert team is led by a Team Leader to be stationed at the AHA Centre in Jakarta, due to Covid-19 the Team leader will initially work from Sweden. Together with the MSB Project Manager in Sweden, s/he is responsible for overall activity planning, reporting, partnership building and daily supervision of both other key experts and short-term experts.</p> <p><u>Thematic experts</u> Thematic experts will plan and carry out advisory missions, trainings, regional workshops and simulation exercises etc. Experts will be deployed from the MSB or ERB roster.</p> <p><u>Experts on cross-cutting issues</u></p> |

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| | <p>All of the abovementioned experts are supported by dedicated experts on cross-cutting issues. These include gender and diversity, human rights, environment, good governance and anti-corruption as well as monitoring and evaluation (M&E).</p> <p><u>Project Steering Committee</u> There is one joint Project Steering Committee (PSC) of the EU SAHA and LACER projects. The PSC provides strategic leadership and governance oversight. The PSC will have responsibility over both projects to ensure complementarity of activities, alignment of goals, and to avoid duplication of efforts. The AHA Centre will serve as secretariat to the PSC.</p> <p><u>Consortium Coordination Group</u> The Consortium members is coordinated through the Consortium Coordination Group (CCG).</p> |
| Project management and backstopping | As lead, MSB has overall project management, backstopping, financial and communication responsibilities, ensuring that contractual commitments are met. ERB is a member of the CCG, supports monitoring and result based management, provides short-term experts within its field of expertise. |
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