# Mainstreaming Climate Extremes and Disaster Risk Reduction – The Malaysian Experience

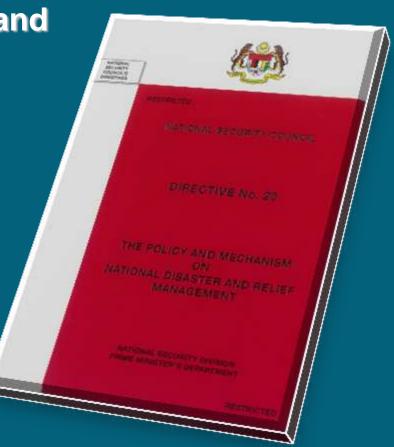
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# Disaster Management Framework

 Experience the collapse of Highland Towers in 1993;

- NSC Directive No. 20 came into force in 11 May 1997;
- Reviewed on 30 Mac 2012;
- Needs to manage:
  - Total Disaster Risk Management (TDRM);
  - increase in complexity;
  - engage private, NGO and community;
  - take into account AADMER & other international arrangement.



#### **Disaster Risk Reduction**

 Hyogo Framework for Action 2005 – 2015 (HFA): Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters outlines the concept of disaster risk reduction.

> [World Conference on Disaster Reduction; January 2005]



Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015.\*

Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters

www.unisdr.org

\*Extent from the final report of the World Conference on Disorder Reduction (ACCOMP 2008)



# HFA Priorities for Action



#### MAKING DISASTER RISK REDUCTION A PRIORITY

- Legal framework and policy
- Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction into the Development Policy, Planning and Implementation



### IDENTIFYING, ASSESSING AND MONITORING RISK AND ENHANCING EARLY WARNING

- Risk Mapping
- •Early Warning and Disseminations



# BUILDING A CULTURE OF RESILIENCE TO DISASTERS THROUGH AWARENESS, EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Public Awareness Program



#### **REDUCING RISK IN KEY SECTORS**

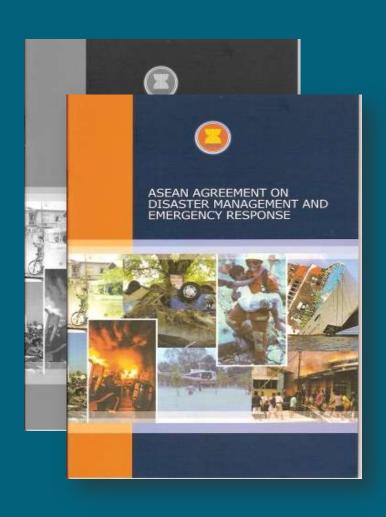
• Environmental Management and Climate Change Adaptation



## STRENGTHENING DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR EFFECTIVE RESPONSE

Capacity Building and Assets Enhancement

# ASEAN AGREEMENT ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND DISASTER RESPONSE (AADMER)



ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response

Signed in July 2005, ratified by all ten (10) ASEAN Member Countries, entered into force on 24 December 2009

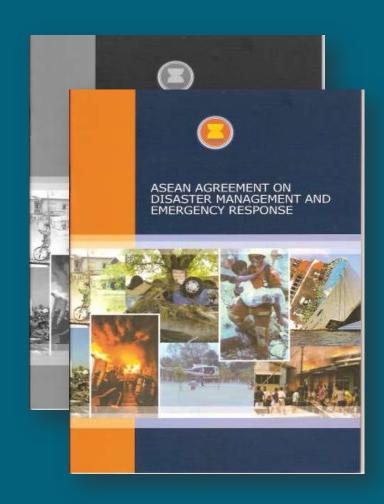
Objective: Reduce disaster losses in ASEAN region, and jointly respond to disaster emergencies

A legal framework for all ASEAN Member States and serves as a common platform in responding to disasters within ASEAN

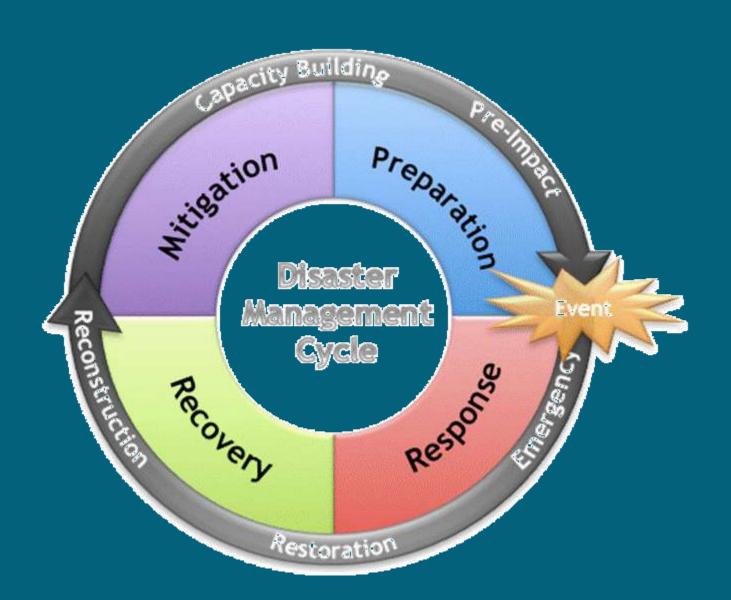
ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) as the operational coordination body and engine of AADMER

### **AADMER General Obligation**

- Cooperate in developing & implementing measures to reduce disaster losses;
- Immediately respond to a disaster occurring within the territory;
- If causing possible impacts on another country, respond promptly to a request for information;
- Promptly respond to a request for assistance;
- Take legislative, administrative and other necessary measures.



# Total Disaster Risk Management



# Aims Of Directive No. 20

<u>Outlines</u>:

Policy and Mechanism on Disaster and Relief Management on Land

Based on:

**Levels of Government Administration** 

**By**:

Establishing a holistic management mechanism at the stage of pre, during & post disaster; and

determining roles & responsibilities of various Government Agencies, statutory bodies, the private sector and voluntary bodies in disaster management in disaster management.

#### **Definitions**

"Disaster" means an event that constitute a serious disruption of the functioning of a community or national affairs involving widespread human, material, economy or environmental losses and impacts which exceeds the ability of the affected community or society to cope using its own resources and requires extensive mobilisation of resources.

"Disaster Risk Reduction" means the concept and practice of reducing disaster risks through systematic efforts to analyse and manage the causal factors of disasters, including through reduced exposure to hazards, lessened vulnerability of people and property, sustainable management of land and the environment and improved preparedness of individuals, community and agencies to face Disasters.

### Financial Management

- Central and State Governments through their respective agencies are responsible to allocate funds for the purpose of Disaster management and Disaster Risk Reduction;
- Organization of donation drives for a specific Disaster may channel the financial contribution to the National Disaster Relief Trust Fund (NDRTF).

# NATIONAL PLATFORM AND ACTION PLAN FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (MyDRR)

- The National Security Council (MKN) of the Prime Minister's Department is entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring the effectiveness of the disaster management mechanisms in the country as mandated by MKN Directive 20.
- MKN is formalising existing arrangements for DRR and expanding the array of stakeholders through establishment of the National Platform on DRR, which was announced in 2013.
- The National Action Plan for DRR (MyDRR) is now undergoing stakeholder consultation. Formal workshops have been held with government agencies, non-government organisations and the private sector.

# NATIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (MyDRR)

#### **GOAL**

**Towards Sustainable Development and Resilient Communities though Disaster Risk Reduction** 

#### **OBJECTIVES**

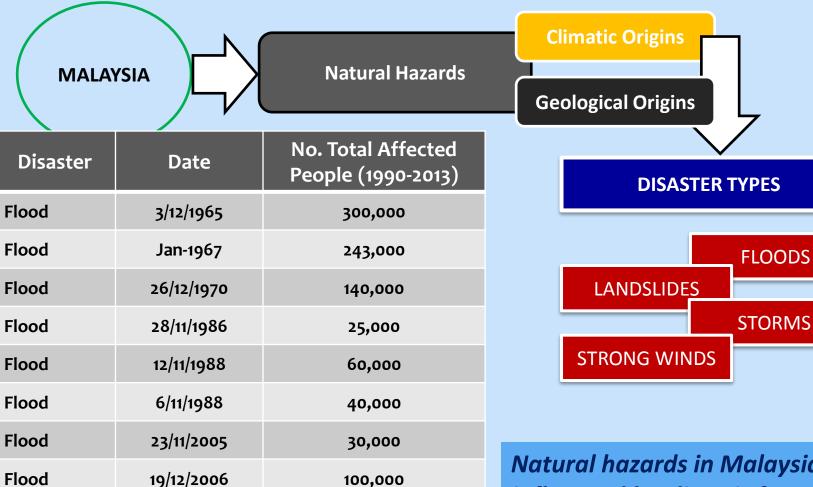
- ☐ Mainstreaming DRR in national development;
- Enhancing capacity for holistic and effective disaster management at all levels;
- ☐ Strengthening monitoring systems, early warning and information dissemination on disasters; and
- ☐ Developing a culture of resilience to current and emerging hazards and disasters at the community level.

#### MyDRR – KEY ACTION AREAS

- □ Formulation and implementation of laws related to disaster management;
- Integration of risk reduction measures in the development agenda at all levels;
- Assessment of hazards and risks
- ☐ Infrastructure for disaster mitigation and early warning systems;
- □ Disaster preparedness at all levels;
- Disaster response mechanisms;
- Disaster Recovery and Reconstruction



#### NATURAL HAZARDS IN MALAYSIA



137,533

29,000

Flood

Flood

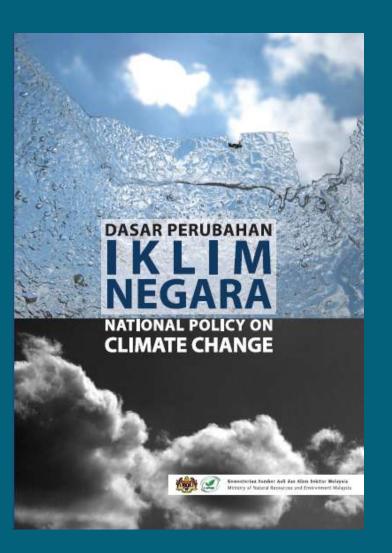
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Natural hazards in Malaysia are influenced by climatic factors

Source: http://www.emdat.be/result-country-profile

### National Policy on Climate Change (2009)



#### Climate-resilient development —

development that takes into account measures to address climate change and extreme weather in line with national priorities.

Broadened definition enables the National Policy on Climate Change to serve as an instrument to harmonise and integrate to the extent possible and in line with national priorities, measures on climate change adaptation, mitigation and disaster risk reduction

5 Principles, 10 Strategic Thrusts & 43 Key Actions

# KEY ACTIONS RELATED TO DRR IN THE NATIONAL POLICY ON CLIMATE CHANGE (2009)

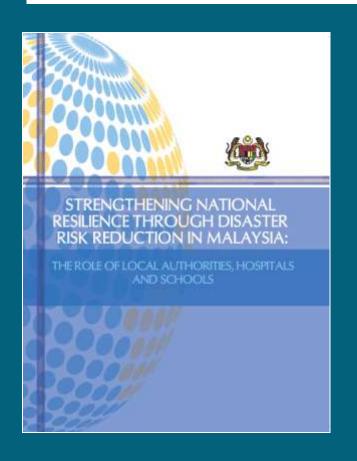
**RATIONALE**: Climate change and extreme weather have intensified the occurrence of natural disasters, amongst others sea-level rise, floods, landslides, coastal and land erosion, drought, forest fires and haze, which have impacted human safety and health, threatened the fabric of the nation's economy and caused changes to natural and built landscapes.

- □ Conduct systematic reviews and harmonise existing legislation, policies and plans, taking into account and proposing relevant balanced adaptation and mitigation measures to address DRR [KA1 ST1]
- □ Incorporate measures, including mobilising financing and technical assistance for DRR [KA13 ST4]
- ☐ Integrate measures into policies, plans, programmes and projects in DRR [KA25 ST6]
- □ Establish and implement a national R&D agenda on climate change taking into account vulnerability due to extreme weather events and natural disasters [KA28 ST7]
- □ Strengthen national data repository through periodic national inventory by establishing a database/inventory on natural disasters and extreme weather events [KA29 ST7]

# **DRR & CCA Linkage**

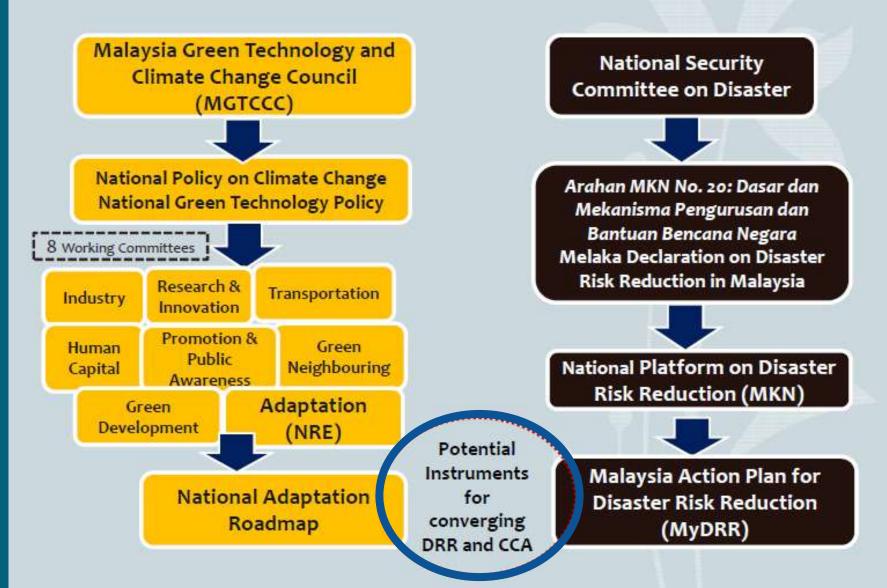
### Melaka Declaration on Disaster Risk Reduction in Malaysia 2011

Melaka, 18–19 February 2011



- Recognising the changing nature of disaster risk in the country due to climate variability and change
- To promote the use of technology in support of early warning, multi-hazards risk assessment, and climate modelling and downscaling.
- To strengthen local capacity to integrate climate and disaster risk into local development planning

#### INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT



# **MyDRR & NPCC: Converging Aspirations**

#### **NPCC**

Balanced adaptation and mitigation for climate resilient development MyDRR + NPCC

Managing
disaster risk
related to
climate
variability and
climate
extremes, and
preparing for
risks related to
climate change

#### **MyDRR**

Managing risks
due to all
types of
hazards:
climatic,
geological,
biological and
technological

#### **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

- ☐ DRR is central to adapt to climate extremes
- ☐ MKN has the mandate and the experience to address current and emerging risks due to climate extremes
- □ DRR and CCA are closely linked and need to be addressed together to ensure sustainable development
- □ Investing in enhanced capacity for disaster risk reduction, disaster preparedness and building resilience at all levels is a "no regret option" for climate change adaptation.

### Thank You!



NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT (MKN)