Partners Event: Sendai Framework Midterm Review-Challenges & Way forward: Thailand

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Major Progress \((i)\)

- **Newly developed National Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Plan (2021 – 2027)**
  - Provides a clear vision of safe, stable and sustainable Thai society by managing current or existing risks and prevent new risks in the country
- **Newly developed 13th National Economic and Social Development Plan (2023-2027)**
  - Towards transforming Thailand into a progressive society and sustainable value creation economy
  - Milestone 11 aims at reducing risks from natural disasters and climate change by achieving 3 key targets by implementing 5 key strategies
Major Progress (ii)

- ASEAN Regional Capacity on Disaster Health Management (ARCH) is developed and under implementation with an overall goal of “Disaster resilient health system in the ASEAN community”, including Thailand (2019-2025)
- Increased strengthening and promotion of Integrated Emergency Management (IEM) system in Thailand.
  - Integrated strategies
  - Develop systems and tools to support incident response; and
  - Optimize systems and relief practices
Major Progress (iii)

- Increased intervention to deal with infodemic by establishing Anti-fake news centers in ministries to deal with the big issue of infodemic or fake news during covid-19 pandemic in Thailand.

- Increased participation of women, LGBT, persons with disability, aged also school children, etc. in the risk assessment and other activities in the CBDRRR process and DRR trainings at the community level in Thailand.
Challenges

- **Week/insufficient investment in DRR.** For example, Ministries/ Departments have not yet created funds for financing long-term DRR interventions.

- **Sector collaboration, partnership and cooperation in DRR** is getting better, but require more improvement.

- **Insufficient measures or interventions in DRR** to deal with imbalanced ecology in the city, like Bangkok.

- Ministries/Departments’ **understanding of DRR** is still not good enough. Concepts like managing risk, including systemic risk and systems-based approaches are new and not well fully developed and implemented across like Ministries/Department.
Way forward (i)

• Promote **usage of risk assessments** for decision making (i.e., risk informed decision making)

• Increase sector **understanding** of DRR as well as **collaboration, partnership and cooperation** in DRR

• Develop more **DRR financing strategy** and financial tools

• Invest more in using **science and technology** in risk management to improve early warning systems, disasters simulation, and research and development
Way forward (ii)

• Promote **international cooperation** on DRR such as international mechanism and best practices sharing

• **Invest in national resource conservation** and **restoration** to prevent and minimize the impacts of natural disasters

• **Prevent and reduce impacts** on key areas covering important urban, economic, historical areas

• Enhance people **capacity** and community **resilience**
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3 Key targets of 11th Milestone: National Economic and Social Development Plan (2023-2027)

- Reduce losses and impacts from natural disasters and climate change
- Minimize risks from natural disasters and climate change
- Boost immunity to natural disasters and climate change
**5 Key strategies** of 11th Milestone: National Economic and Social Development Plan (2023-2027)

1. Prevent and reduce impacts on key areas covering important urban, economic, historical areas

2. Enhance **people capacity and community resilience** to withstand the impacts of natural hazards and climate change

3. Apply **science and technology** in risk management to improve early warning systems, disasters simulation, and research and development

4. Ensure **national resource conservation and restoration** to prevent and minimize the impacts of natural disasters and climate change

5. Promote **international cooperation** on DRR and climate change management such as international mechanism and best practices sharing
Thank you for your attention!