**Acronym:** ADPC  
**Full Name:** Asian Disaster Preparedness Center  
**Website:** [http://www.adpc.net/v2007/](http://www.adpc.net/v2007/)  
**Established:** 1986  
**Location:** Bangkok, Thailand  
**Areas of expertise:** Disaster management, technical service and training  
**Main Partners and Collaborations:** UN-OCHA, USAID Sri Lanka, Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

**Short Description:**  
The Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) is a non-profit organization supporting the advancement of safer communities and sustainable development, through implementing programs and projects that reduce the impact of disasters upon countries and communities in Asia and the Pacific, by:  
Developing and enhancing sustainable institutional disaster risk management capacities, frameworks and mechanisms, and supporting the development and implementation of government policies;  
facilitating the dissemination and exchange of disaster risk management expertise, experience and information; and raising awareness and enhancing disaster risk management knowledge and skills. At the recommendation of UN Disaster Relief Organization (UNDRO) - now known as UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN-OCHA) - ADPC was established in 1986 as an outreach activity of the Asian Institute of Technology in Bangkok, Thailand, with the aim of strengthening the national disaster risk management systems in the region. In 1999, ADPC became an independent entity, which is governed and guided by a Board of Trustees (21 members representing 15 countries) and advised by a Regional Consultative Committee (32 members from 26 countries) and Advisory Council (55 members from a wide range of agencies.)

**Main activities:**  
ADPC develops and implements disaster risk management programs and projects by providing technical and professional services in formulating national disaster management policies, capacity building of disaster management institutions, program design for comprehensive disaster risk management, post-disaster assessment, public health and emergency management, land-use planning, disaster-resistant construction and the planning of immediate relief response and subsequent rehabilitation activities.

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