



Regional Humanitarian Partnership Week

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Regional Humanitarian Partnership Week (RHPW) Asia Pacific 2025

Program Schedule - Dec 8, 9, 10

	Grand Ballroom A	Grandballroom B	Grandballroom C	Grandballroom D	Michelangelo
9:00	Opening Conference - Mobilizing Compassion: Reclaiming the Heart of Humanitarianism (RHPW Organizers)				
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11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break					
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13:00 - 14:00	Lunch break				
14:00	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5
14:30	Innovation for cities – what's your priority? (Judith Neilson Foundation)	Indonesia's Fragile Transition from the UN-led to Local CSO-led Humanitarian Coordination (Indonesian Development-Humanitarian Alliance)	From Early Warning to Early Action: Localizing Anticipatory Action in Indonesia and Japan (Technical Working Group Anticipatory Action - Indonesia, SGI)	Fragility and Climate Change Adaptation in Hard-to-reach Atolls: The case of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville (UN PNG)	Navigating the Nexus: Integrating Climate Adaptation, Humanitarian Response, and Development in the Protracted Refugee Setting in Bangladesh (NGO Platform Cox's Bazar)
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Coffee/ Tea/Networking					
16:00	S1 Back to Humanitarian Basics (NRC)	S2 Unlocking Local Capital for Global Impact: The NGO–MFI Pooled Fund Innovation from Bangladesh (Start Bangladesh Hub)	S3 Shared Value in Emergencies: New Models for Private Sector Engagement and Financing (OCHA, UNDP -CBI)	S4 From Scarcity to Sustainability: Local Innovations in WASH and Climate Resilience (SHED and STAR)	S5 Funding Freedom: Enabling Community-Led Solutions Across the Climate-Development-Peace Nexus (ECOWEB)
16:30	P6	P7	P8	P9	P10
17:00	Operationalising Locally Led, Innovative, Sustainable and Inclusive Anticipatory Action (GNDR)	Quality + Accountability + Safeguarding (QAS) in Action: Turning Commitments into Collective Impact (CWSA)	LAUNCH – New Conflict & Extremism Do No Harm Tool (Deakin University)	Shifting Power: Flexible Funding for Locally Led Humanitarian Action (Welthungerhilfe: The ToGETHER Program)	Exploring New Approaches in Protracted Refugee Situations (Good Neighbours, HAMI)
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Multi-Stakeholder Panel Sessions

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P1	Innovation for cities – what's your priority? (Judith Neilson Foundation)	This session will introduce the Judith Neilson Foundation's innovation program. We are looking to fund innovations in Asia Pacific that can make cities more liveable, resilient, inclusive and joyful -- and we need your help. What are your priorities for cities? With no current footprint in the region, the Foundation needs to learn quickly. The session will crowdsource intelligence about urban challenges and opportunities for innovation. It will facilitate knowledge exchange, networking and visibility, deepen our shared understanding of the innovation landscape, and identify opportunities for collaboration.

P2	Indonesia's Fragile Transition from the UN-led to Local CSO-led Humanitarian Coordination (Indonesian Development-Humanitarian Alliance)	Witness a risky-bet in a transfer of humanitarian coordination responsibilities to local CSOs. As Indonesian CSOs go through a historic shift from a 3-decade UN-led Humanitarian Country team (HCT) to CSOs co-led Indonesian Humanitarian Coordination Platform (IHCP), we are walking the talk of global Localization commitments to tangible country-level change. Come and engage in debate on what perils awaits when such a transition does not include handover of power, coordination and operational capacities and resources to do it. We'll deconstruct localisation to help you gain a case reference, actionable policy recommendations, and practical insights on what to avoid when doing actual power-transfer. More than a case study; it's a look at the future of humanitarian action in Asia-Pacific and beyond.
P3	From Early Warning to Early Action: Localizing Anticipatory Action in Indonesia and Japan (Technical Working Group Anticipatory Action - Indonesia, SGI)	This collaborative session by the Technical Working Group on Anticipatory Action (AA) Indonesia, Soka Gakkai International (SGI), and CWS Japan explores how localized anticipatory action can be strengthened through shared learning. In Indonesia, the Aksi Merespon Peringatan Dini (AMPD) Guidelines issued by BNPB, the National Agency for Disaster Countermeasure, translate global AA concepts into national and local practice, supporting coordination and funding for early actions. In Japan, community-level initiatives—such as disaster plans and individualized evacuation support—demonstrate how AA is integrated into daily preparedness. The session highlights pathways to advance locally led anticipatory action across regions.
P4	Fragility and Climate Change Adaptation in Hard-to-reach Atolls: The case of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville (UN PNG)	The Autonomous Region of Bougainville, part of Papua New Guinea, faces significant climate change related challenges and has been for decades at the forefront of the fight against climate change's negative effects. Bougainville faces also other risks, such as volcanic eruptions, tropical storms, and earthquakes. The Bougainville Disaster Directorate, with the support of UN agencies, NGOs and civil society, has been leading and coordinating the ABG's response to climate change induced challenges and emergency situations. In 2025, a drought in Bougainville's remote outlying atolls, particularly vulnerable to climate change, required a coordinated Government response with the support of humanitarian actors. The response highlighted the need for further investment in resilience, climate change adaptation, and risk informed development to sustainably support these isolated atoll communities.
P5	Navigating the Nexus: Integrating Climate Adaptation, Humanitarian Response, and Development in the Protracted Refugee Setting in Bangladesh (NGO Platform Cox's Bazar)	The session, organized by the NGO Platform Cox's Bazar, explores how humanitarian aid can be effectively integrated with climate adaptation and development efforts to address the complex challenges in protracted refugee contexts. Focusing on the Rohingya refugee crisis and host communities in Cox's Bazar, the session highlights practical solutions, inclusive approaches, and innovative strategies to strengthen resilience and promote long-term, sustainable support in disaster-prone areas. Particular emphasis will be placed on climate-resilient humanitarian responses and the importance of cross-sector collaboration. The session will feature a 75-minute panel discussion, followed by a 30-minute short presentation. The session collaborators are JNUS, Educo, Shushilan, NRC.
P6	Operationalising Locally Led, Innovative, Sustainable and Inclusive Anticipatory Action (GNDR)	From 2023 to 2025 CDP Foundation, YEU, GNDR and ADRRN have jointly been implementing the "Locally Led Anticipatory Action : Guide and Toolkit" in 10 communities in the Philippines and Indonesia. This session will be conducted in a workshop format to share the key learnings from the project and enable regional stakeholders to share key success factors of Locally Led Anticipatory Action that is not only innovative and sustainably financed but also gender responsive and disability inclusive. As an outcome of the session, a set of minimum factors and principles to be considered when operationalising locally led Anticipatory Actions, will be developed.
P7	Quality + Accountability + Safeguarding (QAS) in Action: Turning Commitments into Collective Impact (CWSA)	In a world of overlapping crises, Quality, Accountability, and Safeguarding (QAS) are not just commitments—they are essential to people-centered aid. This session introduces "QAS in Action – A Smart Guide for Aid Actors" by Community World Service Asia and Sylvie Robert, a practical tool to bring QAS to life across humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding contexts. Discover how local leadership, collaboration, and everyday courage can translate QAS commitments into real impact. Join us to explore how this Guide supports ongoing reform, localisation, and collective accountability through the Humanitarian–Development–Peace Nexus!
P8	LAUNCH – New Conflict & Extremism Do No Harm Tool (Deakin University)	This tool was co-created with local development/humanitarian agency teams in Africa and Asia, to use in both project planning and evaluation. The tool leads agencies through the process of analysing conflicts which include extremism, and planning adaptations to projects that take into account and/or address underlying grievances, drivers and push-pull factors. The tool is designed to help local teams analyse the common, complex interplay between extremism and other forms of conflict, noting that at the local level violent extremism and other layers of conflicts are often deeply interrelated. Analysis of push-pull factors, grievances, drivers, triggers and so on feeds into deeper reflection on programs proposed to address factors at a primary-level (whole of community) or secondary-level (at risk populations). This session will introduce the tool via a presentation and demonstration.
P9	Shifting Power: Flexible Funding for Locally Led Humanitarian Action (Welthungerhilfe: The ToGETHER Program)	This session explores how flexible funding mechanisms can empower local humanitarian actors and promote localization. Drawing on the Humanitarian Operations & Innovation Facility (HOIFA) under the ToGETHER Program, it will demonstrate how adaptive financing can empower local actors to design and lead inclusive emergency responses that are rooted in community priorities. Local partners from Asia will share their experiences of navigating participatory funding models, fostering local ownership, and balancing flexibility with accountability. Panelists will discuss the lessons learned, the challenges faced, and the opportunities for scaling up flexible, locally led funding that strengthens local leadership and delivers on Grand Bargain and localization commitments.

P10	Exploring New Approaches in Protracted Refugee Situations (Good Neighbors, HAMI)	This session will explore new and adaptive approaches to protection and resilience for refugees living in diverse, long-term displacement contexts throughout the region. With protection risks in these protracted contexts continuing to evolve, the session will also examine how humanitarian actors can adapt their protection interventions to respond more effectively to these emerging challenges. Drawing from Good Neighbors International's adaptive protection approaches and interventions in the Rohingya context and HAMI's NGO-led initiatives supporting Afghan refugees and host communities in Iran, the discussion will highlight how locally rooted and adaptive strategies can foster dignity, resilience, and sustainability in protracted displacement settings. Through a combination of case sharing and a multi-stakeholder panel discussion, the session will bring together NGOs, CBOs, and partners to explore current challenges and future directions for innovative protection in long-term displacement contexts. The dialogue aims to identify inclusive, community-based, and partnership-driven strategies that strengthen both displaced and host populations while reimagining humanitarian responses through equitable and sustainable collaboration.
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Showcase Presentation Sessions

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S1	Back to Basics of Humanitarian Work (NRC)	In an era of shrinking resources and rising needs, this session invites us to reconnect with the core of humanitarian work: people helping people. It explores how principles like humanity, impartiality, and dignity must guide our decisions, especially when funding is tight and crises are complex. Through candid reflection and practical insights, participants will examine how to do more with less, prioritise community needs, and restore compassion at the center of aid. Join us to reimagine humanitarian action not just as a system, but as a shared human commitment to solidarity and respect.
S2	Unlocking Local Capital for Global Impact: The NGO–MFI Pooled Fund Innovation from Bangladesh (START Bangladesh)	Experience how Bangladesh is pioneering a bold shift in humanitarian financing. The NGO–MFI Pooled Fund Innovation, led by the Start Bangladesh Hub, reimagines aid by unlocking domestic capital and empowering local institutions to lead crisis response. This groundbreaking model not only bridges NGOs and microfinance institutions but also demonstrates how locally driven financing can achieve global impact. Join us to witness how communities are transforming from aid recipients to decision-makers, redefining sustainability, accountability, and equity in humanitarian action, and setting a precedent for a truly localized humanitarian future.
S3	Connecting Business Initiative (CBi) - OCHA-UNDP	This session will explore practical business models and financing mechanisms used by the private sector to support humanitarian preparedness, response, and recovery. Drawing on the Connecting Business initiative by OCHA and UNDP, and real-world examples from its member networks in the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Vanuatu, it will highlight how companies coordinate early warning, logistics, and emergency response activities. The session will show how businesses integrate crisis engagement into core operations, moving beyond donations toward structured, long-term participation in humanitarian action.
S4	From Scarcity to Sustainability: Local Innovations in WASH and Climate Resilience (SHED & STAR)	STAR Foundation (Pakistan) and SEDS Bangladesh are advancing community-based WASH and climate-resilient initiatives in their respective regions. STAR Foundation focuses on Rainwater Harvesting, uplift water supply schemes, and kitchen gardening in AJK, while SEDS Bangladesh promotes sustainable water management and hygiene practices in climate-vulnerable communities. Both organizations emphasize local participation, governance, and protection of natural resources to ensure water security and adaptive livelihoods. Their collaborative efforts highlight innovative, community-led approaches that strengthen resilience, address water scarcity, and contribute to sustainable development amid the growing challenges of climate change.
S5	Funding Freedom: Enabling Community-Led Solutions Across the Climate–Development–Peace Nexus (ECOWEB)	This session showcases how flexible, community-accessible funding empowers local actors to lead integrated responses to climate, poverty, and conflict challenges. Drawing from the Survivor and Community-Led Response (sclr) model, it highlights real-world innovations and micro-grant mechanisms that strengthen local capacities, accountability, and resilience. Through case evidence and interactive reflection, the session engages donors, INGOs, and governments to rethink financing modalities toward trust-based, risk-sharing partnerships. Participants will gain insights into operational lessons, systemic impacts, and collaborative pathways for institutionalizing community-led, flexible funding within national and global frameworks.

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Program Schedule - Day 2 - Dec 9

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11:00	S6 Networking for Localization and the Humanitarian Nexus (SKUS and DUS)	S7 Role of CSOs during Humanitarian Response in Nepal: From Barpark to Barekot (KIRDARC)	S8 Advancing Climate-Smart Humanitarian Action and Social Cohesion (VDO, Islamic Relief)	S9 Scaling Anticipatory Actions (AA) in Asia and the Pacific (FAO)	S10 Cyclone Shelter Centric Anticipatory Action program model in Bangladesh (JAGO NARI)
11:30-12:00	Coffee/Tea/Networking				
12:00	S11 Voices from the Frontlines: Small Business Adaptation to Extreme Heat and Loss & Damage (AIDMI)	S12 Technology and Local Innovation for Humanitarian Response (HOSDP and Human Aid)	S13 Introduction on Guideline for Humanitarian Assistance in Nuclear Disaster (Japan Platform)	S14 - Generation Alpha & the future of humanitarian standards (Sphere)	S15 The Role of Crowdsourced Damage Assessment in Disaster Response and Recovery Humanitarian (OpenStreetMap)
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch break				
14:00	P16 Community-Led Power: Reshaping Decision-Making and Resource Allocation (Community Led Innovation Partnership / ADRRN, ELRHA, CDP, YEU, CWS Japan)	P17 Children & Youth at the Heart of Resilience (Plan International)	P18 What difference does survivor centered and community-led response (SCLR) make in a rigid humanitarian system?: Insights from recent evidence review (HAG)	P19 Reclaiming Accountability: Power, Trust and Ethical Transitions in a Shifting Aid Landscape (Uma Narayanan & CHS Alliance)	P20 Building a Movement for Peace: Walking Our Talk on Locally Led Humanitarian Action (Act for Peace)
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15:30 - 16:00	Coffee/ Tea/Networking				
16:00	S16 Sustaining Progress: Mainstreaming Climate and Environmental Action in Humanitarian Contexts (Climate & Environment Charter)	S17 Disability-Inclusive Education and Capacity Building in the Humanitarian Sector (Indonesian Society for Disaster Management)	S18 Data for better Adaptation and Resilience to Climate Disasters (CRED)	S19 Local Community Power for Policy Implementation (NNSWA)	S20 The AASHA Fund: A Locally Led Financial Architecture for a Failing System (NEAR & Asia Pacific Local Leaders)
16:30	P21 Building Trust and Solidarity: Funding CSOs Working in the Triple Nexus (IRC, SIDDRA)	P22 Safe Schools, Safe Futures for Protection and Empowerment (PREDIKT)	P23 Revisiting Humanitarian Partnerships in the Era of Humanitarian Reset: Strengthening Regional and Global Collaboration (ActionAid, DIHAD)	P24 From Projections to Practice: Human-Centered Innovation for Climate Resilience (Human Initiative, UNDP)	P25 Role of Church in Bridging the Climate Development Humanitarian Nexus (Caritas Philippines)
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P11	Facilitating Rohingya Refugee & Citizenship Rights (COAST Foundation)	The Rohingya community suffered persecution in Myanmar including depriving citizenship rights. They have to take refuge mostly in South and East Asia and especially in Bangladesh, the biggest exodus happened during 2017, now there are around 1.2 million sheltered in Coxsbazar Bangladesh. Coxsbazar is the second highest poverty district and is on the verge of climate catastrophes. Last 30th September 2025 UN organized a conference on Rohingya issues, almost all the member states supported the cause except India, China and Russia. they expressed some reservations. Rohingya refugees and diaspora acvisits expressed determination to continue the struggle.

P12	From Intent to Impact: Power-Sharing in Humanitarian Supply Chains (HELP Logistics, DHL, UN WFP, UNHRD, Airlink)	This session explores power redistribution in humanitarian logistics, and how to overcome obstacles in a pragmatic manner. We will pair an understanding of existing challenges with practical supply chain preparedness that shifts decisions and resources closer to frontline actors across Asia-Pacific. Building on Asia Pacific Humanitarian Logistics Working Group's (APHLWG) initiatives such as preparedness mapping, corridor readiness, and collaborative workshops, we will translate principles into actionable logistics readiness. A moderated panel discussion will highlight barriers and power dynamics in supply chains, followed by breakout groups on Localization, Pre-positioning, and Capacity Building. Feedback on import-related challenges, customs delays, documentation issues, coordination gaps will be gathered to refine APHLWG tools/support, ensuring supply chain solutions become both more practical and locally practicable.
P13	The Future of Our Sector and How Best to Prepare for It (CARE)	Amid intensifying crises and shrinking resources, the humanitarian system faces an urgent need for structural transformation. This session explores how to move beyond rhetoric toward genuine localisation — where power, resources, and decision-making rest with crisis-affected communities and local actors. Drawing on experiences from across the Asia-Pacific, it will unpack why global commitments have yet to deliver systemic change, examine barriers that sustain inequity, and highlight innovative models of partnership, financing, and accountability. Participants will engage in dialogue on reframing humanitarian action to centre local leadership, promote shared responsibility, and ensure communities themselves shape priorities in an increasingly fragile world.
P14	Powering Asia's Humanitarian Future: Hubs Driving Locally-led Innovation and Collective Impact (Start Bangladesh Hub)	Asia, one of the world's most disaster-prone regions, faces intensifying climate shocks, displacement, and resource challenges that demand a reimagining of humanitarian aid; shifting power, resources, and leadership to local communities. Asia Hubs supported by Start Network in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, and the Philippines embody this transformation. Formed by local leaders, these "networks of networks" strengthen solidarity, innovation, and accountability. Uniquely, Asia's Hubs are coordinating and co-creating as one entity; marking a new model of collective regional action. The session will showcase how Hubs drive anticipatory, inclusive, and sustainable responses through innovative financing, localisation, and policy advocacy.
P15	The Kathmandu Covenant in Action: Localisation for Solidarity and Agency (NEAR, DPNET)	Is it true that the Future of Aid is Local?*: Unveiling the Kathmandu Covenant: Amidst massive disruption in Humanitarian aid, a powerful movement of local leaders is rising. Asia-Pacific CSO local leaders met in Kathmandu to forge The Kathmandu Covenant—a bold charter for system change. Join this session to explore our unified strategy for reclaiming agency and transforming aid into an act of solidarity, not charity. Learn from DP Net Nepal how to strengthen national coordination and accountability. If you believe in South-to-South cooperation and are ready to lead the change, this essential workshop is for you. Be part of the movement.
P16	Community-Led Power: Reshaping Decision-Making and Resource Allocation (Community Led Innovation Partnership / ADRRN, ELRHA, CDP, YEU, CWS Japan)	What if communities, not institutions, truly held the power to shape their own future? This session delves into the transformative impact of community-led innovation partnership (CLIP) projects on local decision-making and resource allocation. We hypothesize that the consensus-building mechanisms established through these projects are key drivers of significant power shifts. Community innovators will share their experiences, highlighting how they navigated diverse needs and priorities, and the profound effect this had on their community's power dynamics. Furthermore, we will explore how our network of CSOs can accelerate the fundamental reorientation of the sector's current top-down decision-making and funding flows beyond communities.
P17	Children & Youth at the Heart of Resilience (Plan International, PREDIKT and World Vision International)	The session will focus on showcasing how children and youth (CAY) are leading climate action, DRR and engage in a child-led research from different countries in the region. It will serve as an evidence-based validation of the impact of investment on CAY with a strong gender and inclusion lens. A mission of empowering youth leadership and how it transforms to an innovative achievement that reflect a strong engagement, impactful advocacy and influencing at different level from their own peers to communities to the decision makers. Finally, the session will present intergenerational dialogue led by youth ambassador to the senior leaders to get feedback and their commitment that can inspire scalable, high-impact CAY led-initiatives and contribute to a more sustainable future. The core message is clear: children and young people are not just leaders of tomorrow—they are change-makers of today.
P18	Towards a more responsive humanitarian system: The promise of sclr (HAG)	This session aims to discuss the community-level outcomes and impact of sclr across different contexts and create a space to discuss the opportunities and barriers among local and international NGOs in adopting and supporting sclr. The current evidence base shows how sclr represents a shift from traditional humanitarian paradigms by focusing on locally-driven solutions that transcend sectoral silos and foster sustainable recovery and resilience. The sessions aims to share evidence of why sclr works and why, including its unintended outcomes, through a systematic approach of understand and measuring impact.
P19	Reclaiming Accountability: Power, Trust and Ethical Transitions in a Shifting Aid Landscape (Uma Narayanan and CHS Alliance)	As funding and power shift, accountability unravels unless reshaped: this session shares findings and reflections bringing in a Core Humanitarian Standard perspective alongside practitioner voices so aid serves people, not procedures. In collaboration with CHS Alliance, the panel presentation is grounded in a practice paper by Uma Narayanan (published by Community World Service Asia, Mar–Jun 2025). The session presents challenges and good practices for preserving trust and legitimacy during scale-down, restructuring, or transition, with perspectives from CHS Alliance, CWSA as regional Sphere focal point and CHS Alliance member and advocate, an HR practitioner from an NGO in Myanmar on staff safety and wellbeing amid trauma and burnout, and Sphere Focal Point from Indonesia contributing operational insight from an Asian context.
P20	Building a Movement for Peace: Walking Our Talk on Locally Led Humanitarian Action (Act for Peace)	This interactive session explores how INGOs can move beyond traditional aid models to become enablers of solidarity and locally led change. Drawing on Act for Peace's transformation journey, it will examine what it means to "walk our talk" on localisation—shifting from transactional funding relationships to genuine partnerships that elevate local leadership and community voice. Through dialogue with local and national actors, participants will reflect on practical strategies to reduce compliance burdens, share power, and build cross-border movements for peace. The session invites bold reimagining of humanitarian roles to foster sustainable, inclusive, and solidarity-driven responses in the Asia-Pacific region.
P21	Building Trust and Solidarity: Funding CSOs Working in the Triple Nexus (IRC, SIDDRA)	The session aims to convene a panel of grant makers and resource organizations that demonstrate an alternative model for funding nonprofits working in the triple nexus. It aims to highlight the organizational values, internal processes, and overall mindset that set them apart from traditional and institutional funders. It will also emphasize the importance of solidarity and trust as crucial components in forming strategic relationships and partnerships. The session also aims to establish a network of Asia-based grant makers who share the same mission of mobilizing resources to challenge power imbalances and better position organizations working in the triple nexus.

P22	Safe Schools, Safe Futures for Protection and Empowerment (PREDIKT)	This session will explore innovative approaches to advancing the Safe Schools agenda through inclusive, participatory, and practical learning. It will feature interactive presentations from 3–4 speakers (i.e., PREDIKT, World Vision, Plan International, Unicef Pacific) sharing experiences and lessons learned in implementing safe and resilient education systems that protect and empower children and youth from different countries. The session will then transition into a mini hackathon where participants collaborate to design creative and scalable solutions addressing challenges in safe school implementation. Through this interactive format, participants will exchange knowledge, strengthen partnerships, and generate actionable ideas for building safer learning environments across the Asia-Pacific region.
P23	Revisiting Humanitarian Partnerships in the Era of Humanitarian Reset: Strengthening Regional and Global Collaboration (ActionAid, DIHAD)	The session held in collaboration with DIHAD Sustainable Organisation and ActionAid International, will convene diverse voices from across the humanitarian sector to reflect on how partnerships are evolving in an era of humanitarian reset. As we face new global challenges, the spirit of collaboration remains central to effective humanitarian action. Together, we will explore how regional and global partnerships can be strengthened to deliver more inclusive, equitable, and sustainable outcomes for communities in need. The panel discussion aims to inspire innovative thinking and renew collective commitment to more effective and impactful ways of working together.
P24	From Projections to Practice: Human-Centered Innovation for Climate Resilience (Human Initiative, UNDP)	As climate- and disaster-related mobility intensifies across Asia-Pacific, resilience depends on linking foresight with inclusive action. This session draws together the expertise of UNDP and the Human Initiative to explore how climate mobility projections can anticipate where and when change will occur; and how ethical, human-centered innovation and financing systems can respond with empathy, equity, and foresight. By connecting predictive analytics with people-first technology and sustainable investment models, the discussion highlights how governments, businesses, and communities can move from reactive crisis management to anticipatory planning that protects lives and livelihoods, supports communities to lead adaptation, and turns climate risk into opportunity for long-term resilience.
P25	Role of Church in Bridging the Climate Development Humanitarian Nexus (Caritas Philippines)	Climate-induced hazards present growing challenges for humanitarian programs worldwide. Asia accounted for nearly 31% of all disasters globally resulting in almost half of the related deaths and one-third of the economic losses. In response, humanitarian actors across various sectors have collaborated with government agencies & local organizations to drive efforts in mitigation, prevention, and adaptation. However, prevention alone is not enough. What's needed is a locally led, multi-sectoral strategy that includes faith-based organizations, highlights the role of the Church and other religious institutions in bridging the Climate-Development-Humanitarian Nexus. As one of its strategies, Caritas Philippines and Bangladesh using various platform – from advocacy to legislation. Identify challenges and countermeasures in implementing Climate Humanitarian DRR initiatives beyond humanitarian response.

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S6	Networking for Localization and the Humanitarian Nexus. (SKUS and DUS)	Bangladesh, one of the world's most disaster-prone countries, has seen humanitarian actors unite to form networks for better coordination and collaboration. These networks build partnerships among local, national, and international actors to strengthen humanitarian response, resilience, and local leadership in crisis management. By connecting organizations, communities, and policymakers, they enhance capacity, accountability, and sustainability while bridging humanitarian and development efforts. Anticipatory actions support vulnerable communities in readiness and resilience building, with LNNGOs acting as frontline responders. Collaboration has evolved from INGO–LNNGO partnerships to national networks fostering strong local-to-national cooperation. Today, Bangladesh's humanitarian networks are more united, internationally recognized, and play a vital role in promoting localization and improving humanitarian services for affected communities.
S7	Role of CSOs during Humanitarian Response in Nepal: From Barpark to Barekot (KIRDARC)	The session will highlight the crucial role of local leadership in humanitarian action, demonstrating how CSOs empower marginalized communities to lead crisis response, humanitarian diplomacy, and policy engagement. Drawing lessons from Nepal's major disasters—from the 2015 Gorkha (Barpark) to the 2023 Jajarkot (Barekot) earthquakes—KIRDARC will showcase how local leadership, partnerships, and coordination enhance effective and sustainable responses. Through visual narratives and case studies, the session will explore strategies for strengthening community resilience, integrating local voices in policy decisions, and promoting inclusive, locally driven humanitarian action.
S8	Advancing Climate-Smart Humanitarian Action and Social Cohesion: Bridging the Climate–Development–Humanitarian Nexus for Sustainable Futures (VDO, Islamic Relief)	This session will showcase how climate-smart humanitarian action and social cohesion can drive sustainable, locally led solutions in climate vulnerable contexts. Rooted in decades of humanitarian leadership, Islamic Relief leverages strong stakeholder coordination, continuous donor engagement, and strategic networking to mobilize resources and deliver impactful interventions. The session will highlight practical models that link humanitarian response, climate adaptation, and development through inclusive programming. Participants will explore how collaborative, nexus-driven approaches can enhance resilience, empower communities, and strengthen regional humanitarian systems for a more adaptive and sustainable future.
S9	Scaling Anticipatory Actions (AA) in Asia and the Pacific (FAO)	After 10 years since the first pilot Forecast Based Financing project in Bangladesh, the concept - now called Anticipatory Action (AA) - has expanded to 20 countries in Asia and the Pacific. This innovation spotlight session will present the AA building blocks and how humanitarian organisations have been developing AA systems across the region. Recent progresses in institutionalising AA in the Philippines or in Nepal will be also shared, in addition to the challenges faced to reach scale. Lastly, an interactive discussion will allow the attendance to reflect on the links between AA, EW and response and the sustainability of anticipatory assistance.
S10	Cyclone Shelter-Centric Anticipatory Action (SCAA) Model in Bangladesh (JAGO NARI)	This 30-minute session will introduce JAGO NARI's Cyclone Shelter-Centric Anticipatory Action (SCAA) Model, a community-led and institutional framework that strengthens anticipatory early action and inclusive preparedness in coastal Bangladesh. The session will begin with a 10-minute presentation highlighting key components, services, and alignment with SOD, NEAP, CPP, and DMC structures. This will be followed by a 10-minute Q&A for participant reflections and clarifications. The final 10 minutes will engage participants through an interactive Mentimeter activity to gather suggestions on scalability, innovation, and policy integration for replicating the model in other disaster-prone regions.
S11	Voices from the Frontlines: Small Business Adaptation to Extreme Heat and Loss & Damage (AIDMI)	This Innovation Spotlight by AIDMI highlights community-led and locally driven action against extreme heat—one of the fastest-growing climate threats. Small businesses, which contribute over 40% to India's GDP, face growing loss and damage from rising temperatures. Drawing from AIDMI's work across Indian cities, the session showcases low-cost cooling solutions, with local leadership, and nature-inspired where possible. It positions this challenge as an opportunity to expand anticipatory actions and widespread adaptation measures. The session calls for innovative financing—through micro-insurance (such as Afat Vimo), loss and damage funds, and mechanisms—to protect livelihoods and accelerate inclusive, forward-looking climate action.

S12	Technology and Local Innovation for Humanitarian Response (HOSDP and Human Aid)	This session will highlight innovative and community-driven approaches that use affordable and locally developed technologies to strengthen humanitarian response in rural areas. Based on HOSDP Pakistan's practical field experience, we will present local tools such as the Nadi Filter for clean water and digital data systems for faster coordination. The discussion will focus on how these innovations can be scaled up to enhance sustainability, resilience, and local ownership in humanitarian work.
S13	Introduction on Guideline for Humanitarian Assistance in Nuclear Disaster (Japan Platform)	Japan Platform (JPF), a tri-partite platform of humanitarian assistance in Japan, has been supporting the affected communities of 2011 East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, along the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station Accident over the decade. Anticipating potential nuclear/radiation emergencies in the future, and to prepare our fellow humanitarian colleagues for such occasion with the lessons learnt in Japan, JPF developed a humanitarian assistance in nuclear disaster. In this session, the background and outline of the guide will be shared, as well as how to access the full material for interested participants.
S14	Generation Alpha & the future of humanitarian standards (Sphere)	As crises multiply, resources tighten, and technology transforms how we connect, learn, and respond, minimum standards have proven truly revolutionary. In this interactive session, we will explore how humanitarian assistance is evolving and how Sphere will harness online platforms, open learning, and co-creation. Enabling the next generation to apply the 'Handbook' in the digital era and ensuring principled humanitarian action remains "for life with dignity".
S15	The Role of Crowd sourced Damage Assessment in Disaster Response and Recovery (OpenStreetMap)	In disasters, the impact and damages are often far-reaching and extensive. Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team (HOT)'s remote crowdsourced mapping, validation, and building damage assessment, when combined with multiple layers of validation with local knowledge, enables humanitarian actors to quickly reach many affected areas at once - ensuring that no one is left behind. The session will cover the crowdsourced methodology piloted for the 2025 Myanmar Earthquake response, the outcomes, and lessons learned. The session will also explore the pros and cons in applying other existing methodologies - AI-generated and expert-led - and HOT's preliminary assessment of a mixed-methods model for future disaster responses.
S16	Sustaining Progress: Mainstreaming Climate and Environmental Action in Humanitarian Contexts (Climate & Environment Charter)	This session, convened by the Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations and facilitated by the All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI), will explore how humanitarian actors in Asia-Pacific are advancing the integration of climate and environmental action into their work. Building on a regional training held last year, panelists will share case studies highlighting progress, challenges, and lessons learned in applying the Charter's commitments. The discussion will use a participatory, case study-based approach and include space for audience questions.
S17	Disability-Inclusive Education and Capacity Building in the Humanitarian Sector (Indosian Society for Disaster Management)	This session will showcase ongoing efforts in advancing the participation of persons with disabilities and Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) in humanitarian action in Indonesia. It will feature initiatives on developing inclusive training materials on Sphere standards, conducting joint trainings for persons with and without disabilities, developing inclusive education materials, and increasing the engagement of OPDs in humanitarian coordination and events. Three presenters will share their experiences and insights, followed by a brief Q&A with participants to foster dialogue on how to strengthen disability inclusion and capacity building across the humanitarian sector.
S18	Data for better Adaptation and Resilience to Climate Disasters (CRED)	Debby Guha-Sapir will present "Data on Disaster Impact: Challenges for the Future," addressing barriers to collecting quality disaster data and its importance for community resilience and future adaptation. She will discuss AI's potential and collaboration needs for efficient data use. A Professor at University of Louvain and Johns Hopkins Senior Fellow, Debby founded CRED and created the EMDAT Disaster Database. Her extensive research on public health in disasters and conflicts earned her the 2023 Blue Planet Prize. She specializes in measuring disaster impact across Asia and Africa, advocating for evidence-based policy change through improved data collection and accuracy.
S19	Local Community Power for Policy Implementation. (NNSWA)	This session highlights how youth are organised, trained, and empowered to influence policy implementation at the local government level. It will showcase their active roles in DRRM and humanitarian response and emphasize the work of Community Disaster Management Committees (CDMCs) and youth volunteers mobilised to support local government efforts in policy implementation, participation in the DRRM cycle, and response during humanitarian crises.
S20	The AASHA Fund: A Locally Led Financial Architecture for a Failing System (NEAR & Asia Pacific Local Leaders)	STOP SCROLLING! As the humanitarian funding system is massively disrupted, donors and international actors paused and calculated the financial risks. At the same time, local leaders pulled people from rubble in post-earthquake Myanmar and Afghanistan. Join us for a dedicated conversation about the AASHA Fund, a new, locally governed financial mechanism launched during the Asia-Pacific Local Leaders' Summit in Kathmandu earlier this year. The AASHA makes localisation tangible: it moves money in 72 hours (not six weeks) and ensures 70% reaches communities directly. We are shifting power dynamics, strengthening local agency, and redefining "effectiveness" as restored dignity and community-led recovery. Learn how AASHA is the scalable blueprint for the future of aid.

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Program Schedule - Day 3 - Dec 10

Program Schedule - Day 6 - Dec 16					
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10:30 - 11:00	Coffee/ Tea/Networking				
11:00	To Be Announced (TBA)	S22 Harmonising Social Protection and Locally led Humanitarian Cash Transfer Programs - A Case Study (CA Change Alliance)	S23 Community Disaster Committee (CDC) led Power Redistribution to Women and Youth Leaders in East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia (Penabulu)	S24 THRIVE: Strengthening Parish-Led Disaster Resilience for Inclusive Humanitarian Action (Caritas Indonesia)	S25 Women's Leadership in Humanitarian Action: Lessons from Iraq (BWA)
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12:00	S31 Climate's New Reality: Concurrent Extremes – Lessons from Nepal's Anticipatory Action Journey (Start Network)	S32 Building Community Resilience through Technology: The Nepal Cloudburst 2024 Experience and Beyond (IHRR)	S33 Strengthening Resilience Ecosystems; Empowering local NGOs for Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction and the role of Innovative Community Based Disaster Risk Finance models (IR and KMPC)	S34 Local Resilience & Entrepreneurship (FFDA and Save the Lives Foundation)	To Be Announced (TBA)
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch break				
14:00	P31 Negotiating Humanitarian Space Across Crises: Bridging Frontline Leadership and Protection Systems from Cox's Bazar to Ukraine/Poland (Foundation Ukraine, SHED)	P32 Peacebuilding Starts Here: Local Leadership and Youth Engagement in Conflict-Sensitive Programming (WVI, HELP Cox's Bazar)	P33 "Water Pays for Water": Piloting Community-led Solutions for Drought Resilience (SCI)	P34 Rethinking Civil Society and Collaboration in the Humanitarian Sector (Islamic Relief Worldwide, Shanghai University, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University)	P35 From Words to Action- Bill of Rights for Frontline Humanitarian and Community Workers (HAI)
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18:00	Closing Session RHPW Organizing Committee				

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P26	Transforming Humanitarian Agility in a Climate-Conflict Era (IRC, AADMER Partnership Group (APG): World Vision, Oxfam, Plan International, Save the Children, Mercy Malaysia, Helpage International, CARE, ICVA)	This session explores how climate change and conflict drive long-term displacement and reshape humanitarian operations in Asia-Pacific. IRC's "Displacement, Dignity, Solutions – Voices Beyond Displacement" shares Rohingya refugee experiences in Bangladesh. WV/APG's "Climate and Security in South Asia & Pacific" reveals rising risks, such as floods, land disputes, militarized disaster zones, that threaten aid access and staff safety. Together, these insights reveal growing risks and the need for agile, inclusive responses. Participants will co-create recommendations for integrating climate-security into humanitarian planning and explore adaptive models on risk management, blended financing and people-centric decision making to reduce vulnerability and strengthen resilience.
P27	Bridging the Gap: Rethinking Humanitarian Aid for Recovery and Resilience in Indonesia (Sivitas Nexus and Save the Children Indonesia)	Indonesia faces increasing disaster frequency and intensity. However, humanitarian aid is shrinking especially during the recovery phase. This session presents evidence from the 2024 Mount Lewotobi Laki-Laki eruption, the 2023–2024 prolonged drought in East Nusa Tenggara, and insights from broader literatures. It reveals a troubling pattern: donor and public interest peaks during the emergency phase but fades quickly before communities have even begun to recover. Slow-onset disasters like drought receive even less attention despite a deeper and longer-lasting damage. During post-onset of disasters, communities are left trying to rebuild with limited resources, relying on temporary fixes for potential long-term problems and hindered the chance to build back better. Following the case presentation, we invite dialogue on two potential strategic shifts: redistributing existing aid beyond crisis response through humanitarian, development and peace nexus, and rethinking financial models using blended financing.
P28	Turning the Tide: Transforming Humanitarian Aid Into Community Leadership (Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation)	The humanitarian landscape of 2025 presents unprecedented challenges. Funding shortfalls and aid blockages mean support often fails to reach the most vulnerable. Refugee communities have lost access to social protection, legal assistance, and empowerment services. As a result, trust in humanitarian organizations has eroded, and communities no longer see NGOs as approachable or responsive. With this trust broken, local communities, often the backbone of resilience and first responders to climate disruptions, risk exclusion from decision-making and partnerships. This session will address the humanitarian system's crisis of legitimacy and call for genuine power-sharing with local actors, showcasing how CSOs can deliver culturally-sensitive, comprehensive and sustainable localized humanitarian aid.
P29	From Partners to Protagonists: A New Era of INGO-Local Leader Collaboration (NEAR, Penabulu Foundation)	In Indonesia, the Penabulu Foundation, a local civil society organization (CSO), is in the process of transferring power, knowledge, and capacities from Oxfam. This is not a theoretical exercise; it represents a high-stakes, live case study in genuine localisation. This moment is historic, as Indonesian CSOs are assuming the UN's 30-year role in humanitarian coordination and the Asia-Pacific Local Leaders, a regional movement focused on localisation and locally led development, is gaining momentum. It's time to move beyond rhetoric. Join leaders from the Penabulu Foundation, the Asia-Pacific Localisation Lab, Oxfam, Plan International, and Save the Children for an open dialogue about actionable steps and resources for sharing. You will gain firsthand insights and a replicable framework to transform your own partnerships from principles into practice. This is the definitive session. Don't miss it.
P30	Here Us – Hear Us: Voices from the margins to realise inclusive, climate-resilient WASH (ASB S-SEA)	Despite decades of humanitarian reform, genuine leadership by crisis-affected people, particularly those from marginalised groups such as persons with disabilities and ethnic minorities, remains the exception rather than the norm. As climate impacts intensify, redistributing power and promoting locally led, climate-resilient responses are more urgent than ever. This session brings forward first-person stories of how those marginalised community members, who are typically recipients of aid, have led inclusive WASH responses, offering deep insights into how power redistribution and integrated climate-humanitarian strategies are realised on the ground through leading decision-making, planning, and implementing climate-resilient WASH in areas affected by climate change. It demonstrates how GEDSI principles are applied in anticipatory action, early warning systems, local level planning and budgeting and climate adaptation. Through storytelling, women, persons with disabilities, and ethnic minorities share how inclusive, locally driven action strengthens resilience and transforms humanitarian response.
P31	Negotiating Humanitarian Space Across Crises: Bridging Frontline Leadership and Protection Systems from Cox's Bazar to Ukraine/Poland	This session explores how humanitarian actors negotiate space, access, and protection in complex and evolving crisis environments, drawing comparative insights from the Rohingya response in Cox's Bazar and the Ukrainian refugee crisis in Poland. Co-moderated by practitioners from both contexts, the dialogue bridges frontline leadership, localisation, and protection systems, highlighting how negotiation, coordination, and collaboration influence humanitarian outcomes. Participants will discuss practical approaches to balancing community-led action and civil protection mechanisms, with a focus on sustaining humanitarian principles, strengthening localisation, and advancing nexus-oriented strategies across diverse humanitarian settings.
P32	Peacebuilding Starts Here: Local Leadership and Youth Engagement in Conflict-Sensitive Programming (WVI, HELP Cox's Bazar)	This session highlights how children, youth, and faith-based organizations are leading conflict-sensitive humanitarian programming across the Asia-Pacific, showcasing practical, locally driven approaches to peacebuilding from Papua, Marawi, Myanmar, and Cox's Bazar. In Cox's Bazar, HELP mobilized youth clubs and community-based organizations to initiate Peacebuilding Committees—creating inclusive spaces for dialogue and risk mitigation. In Marawi and Papua, World Vision's youth-led initiatives promote tolerance and social cohesion through Peace Clubs and life skills training. During the Myanmar Earthquake Emergency Response in March 2025, World Vision deployed adaptive programming, leveraging youth empowerment and interfaith networks in a conflict-affected setting. Engagement with traditional and faith leaders strengthens local ownership and ensures humanitarian responses remain responsive and resilient. During this session, Participants will engage in interactive reflection to identify strategies for inclusive, conflict-sensitive programming in complex environments.
P33	"Water Pays for Water": Piloting Community-led Solutions for Drought Resilience (SCI)	Climate change and weather anomalies are making water scarcity even worse, especially in already dry areas. It disrupts livelihoods, food insecurity, and people's well-being in the affected areas. This session presents the experience of Save the Children Indonesia and CIS Timor in piloting "Water Pays for Water" project in Sillu Village, East Nusa Tenggara, using community-led Solutions for Drought Resilience. The project introduced a combination of rain harvesting, household waste management and rotational farming, enabling families to secure the clean water they urgently need. In addition to its key impact on water household security, income generated from the crop cultivation were also used to meet other households' critical needs. The project's success is evident in the active community and village leaders' engagement in every stage, leading to an initiative to expand the pilot, transforming more unproductive land into a resource for both water access and livelihood sustainability.
P34	Rethinking Civil Society and Collaboration in the Humanitarian Sector (Islamic Relief Worldwide, Shanghai University, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University)	This interactive workshop examines how diverse civil society actors - beyond formal NGOs - shape humanitarian action through trust, kinship, and solidarity. Co-designed by Research Centre for Health and Wellbeing (Shanghai University), Islamic Relief Worldwide, and the College of Asia Pacific Studies (Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University), it aims to (1) broaden understanding of civil society in crisis contexts, (2) explore how NGOs and INGOs can act as facilitators rather than central implementers, and (3) identify practical ways to strengthen collaboration with locally rooted actors. Participants will map "hidden" civil societies in their contexts, share examples of unconventional partnerships, and reflect on approaches that sustain community-led resilience beyond external funding.
P35	From Words to Action- Charter of Rights for Frontline Humanitarian and Community Workers (HAI)	In the spirit of promoting essential rights in the context of global humanitarian crises, the Charter of Rights for Frontline Humanitarian and Community Workers is presented by Humanitarian Aid International (HAI), a non-profit organization based in New Delhi, committed to amplifying local voices in humanitarian responses. A cornerstone of this initiative is the important 2024 report titled "The Status of Frontline Humanitarian Workers," which thoughtfully documents the multifaceted challenges encountered by these workers—spanning from inadequate protective gear to psychological distress—and underscores the necessity for a formalized Charter of Rights. This charter delineates fundamental entitlements, which include Safety and Security, Fair Compensation and Training, Psychosocial and Mental Support, Recognition and Participation. By endorsing this Charter of Rights, we can create a more supportive and equitable framework for frontline humanitarian and community workers, ultimately enhancing their ability to serve those in need.

P36	Faith at the Frontlines: Reimagining Humanitarian Action and Climate Migration through Local Faith Actors (APFC)	Convened by the Asia Pacific Faith-Based Coalition for Sustainable Development (APFC), this plenary explores how faith communities are reframing humanitarianism by redistributing power, integrating climate and humanitarian action, and advancing local faith-rooted responses. Drawing on Faith and Climate Migration: Listening to the Frontlines research and the Pastoral Care in the Aftermath of Disasters approach in Vanuatu, it highlights how faith leaders combine moral agency, psychosocial care, and local wisdom to strengthen community resilience and offer hope. Through these lived experiences, the session will demonstrate how faith-rooted approaches address both material and spiritual dimensions of recovery, foster social cohesion, and inspire innovative, values-driven humanitarian systems.
P37	The Future of Aid / Designing an AntiFragile Humanitarianism (ICVA/IARAN/CHL/Nanki Chawla)	ICVA and CHL present an interactive discussion drawing on two recent papers. The Future of Aid 2040: International aid is increasingly contested, under-funded, and politicised. At the same time, solidarity, innovation, and local leadership continue to thrive on the ground. Future of Aid 2040 brings these realities together to co-create a shared outlook for the aid system to 2040 and help organisations act now. This report offers four contrasting scenarios and a typology of crises to test strategies, prioritise actions, and trace pathways for transformation under local leadership. When the system cannot hold: Designing an antifragile humanitarianism: This paper offers a perspective on how the humanitarian system might evolve—not through technocratic reform alone, but through a re-grounding in moral clarity, solidarity, and practical action. It connects narrative, power, and financing—arguing for a shift from a donor-driven model toward self-sustaining humanitarian action, led by those affected by crisis. A call for collective reimagination of what it will take to build systems that endure, even when the system cannot hold.
P38	Beyond the Grant: Fulfilling APPL's Five-Point Agenda for Donor Transformation (APLL)	HUMANITAIRAN FUNDING HISTORY UNFOLDING: With the massive disruption of global funding earlier this year, donors, intermediaries, and local CSOs are scrambling. Asia-Pacific Local leaders have them. See a 5-point manifesto, the first-ever demand to radically alter humanitarian funding mechanism. Come, and join the debate of local CSOs and donors, take front seat and witness they forge implementation pathways for: Locally-led funding structures; Reformed donor practices; Regional collaboration mechanisms; and Mutual accountability frameworks. What's at stake? The immediate future of humanitarian funding in the Asia-Pacific region.
P39	Innovating Humanitarian Action: Technology, AI, and Gender-Transformative Approaches for Resilient Communities (UN Women, JNUS)	This session explores how technology and participatory strategies can strengthen gender-responsive humanitarian action for marginalized communities. It will feature UN Women's AI School and humanitarian AI tools, alongside a case study from Bangladesh in collaboration with Jago Nari Unnayon Sangstha. The discussion will highlight how local, women-led initiatives integrate community knowledge and digital tools to enhance preparedness and resilience in coastal areas. Emphasis will be placed on ethical AI use, digital equity, and opportunities for collaboration among humanitarian actors, donors, and women-led organizations to promote inclusive, gender-transformative, and community-driven humanitarian action.
P40	Straight from the Heart: Local Leaders' Community Resilience Stories (YEU, CDP)	As the climate crisis intensifies, disasters are becoming more frequent and severe, threatening development gains and putting immense pressure on humanitarian systems. Communities on the frontline, from coastal villages to urban neighborhoods, bear the brunt of these impacts, yet they are also the first responders and holders of vital local knowledge. This session, organized by YAKKUM Emergency Unit (YEU) with grassroots innovators from Purwosari Millennial Farmer, Melati Watugajah Women Farmer Group, SHEEP Indonesia Foundation, the Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, Centre for Disaster Preparedness, together with partners such as Katatagan Network of Community Innovators (Philippines), ADRR CBDRM Hub members, and Pasig City DRRMO will highlight how communities are leading disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation efforts. The discussion will emphasize that the sustainability of locally led solutions relies on meaningful community engagement, from assessment to institutionalization, and on the support of stakeholders and duty bearers. By sharing practical stories and experiences, the session aims to strengthen understanding, collaboration, and pathways toward truly community-driven and lasting resilience.

Showcase Presentation Sessions

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S21	To be Announced (TBA)	
S22	Harmonising Locally-led & Inclusive Humanitarian Cash Transfer with Shock-responsive Social Protection (CA Change Alliance)	Demonstrate evidence for the need to localise & integrate gender in cash assistance from a Policy Research on Cash, lead by Christian Aid with START Members in India, deep diving into the gender & localisation aspects to understand the barriers faced by women and socially excluded groups, identifying learning gaps, assessing impacts, drawing on global best practices to inform a more inclusive HCT framework, linking cash to women's voice & agency to shape spending decisions. Flagging the need for harmonising shock responsive social protection with vulnerability & reformations in disaster relief standards & regulatory mechanisms of aid system.
S23	Community Disaster Committee (CDC) led Power Redistribution to Women and Youth Leaders in East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia (Penabulu)	This session highlights how Community Disaster Committees (CDCs) in East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia, are redistributing power to women and youth leaders. Through talkshow and video illustration, the session will show how inclusive leadership strengthens local disaster preparedness and response. Supported by the ACT (Asia Community Disaster Preparedness and Transformation) program, the initiative demonstrates that localization is not only about transferring resources but also about trust, capacity, and inclusivity. The session will feature local CDC members and a representative from CIS Timor sharing lessons and reflections on community-led humanitarian transformation.
S24	THRIVE: Strengthening Parish-Led Disaster Resilience for Inclusive Humanitarian Action (Caritas Indonesia)	In Indonesia, local communities are often the first to act when disasters occur. The THRIVE initiative supports parish networks to strengthen community preparedness and coordination as part of broader local resilience systems. Working alongside civic groups, local institutions, and humanitarian partners, these networks mobilize volunteers and resources to protect those most at risk. By integrating inclusion, solidarity, and anticipatory action into local practice, THRIVE demonstrates how faith-rooted community structures can complement national and regional resilience efforts—illustrating a practical pathway toward locally led and sustainable humanitarian action.
S25	Women's Leadership in Humanitarian Action: Lessons from Iraq (BWA)	This session presents practical insights from developing large-scale response strategies to address the needs of women and girls in post-conflict Iraq. Drawing on direct coordination with local WROs and government actors, the session will showcase how community-driven tools—such as rapid needs mapping, safe-referral pathways, and feedback loops—were designed and implemented to shape strategic plans and influence humanitarian decision-making. Through a short interactive segment, participants will explore how these approaches can be adapted in their own contexts. A ready-to-use checklist and strategic template will be offered to support replication and strengthen women's leadership in humanitarian action.
S26	Women, Tech, and Resilience: Inclusive Innovations in DRR (OXFAM Nepal)	The presentation highlights women's leadership in disaster risk reduction (DRR) in Nepal, based on Oxfam and NEEDS Nepal's multi-year preparedness project. Through leadership, financial literacy, and disaster preparedness training, women are increasingly taking decision-making roles in Community Disaster Committees (CDCs). Policies now require shared male-female leadership, institutionalizing women's participation. Women-led initiatives, such as Group Cash Transfers (GCTs) using blockchain technology, supported community recovery projects and strengthened resilience. These efforts, integrating indigenous knowledge and local governance, demonstrate how enabling women's leadership can drive inclusive, tech-enabled, and sustainable disaster preparedness and response in communities affected by male outmigration.

S27	Locally-Led Solutions contribute to Systemic Transformation (NAHAB)	This session presents a dynamic prototype illustrating how Locally-Led Solutions in Bangladesh are shaping strategic pathways for Localization and driving systemic transformation within the humanitarian ecosystem. Anchored by the practices of NAHAB, the session explores innovative models such as Community Philanthropy, Volunteer Pools, Consortium-based teaming, Nexus approaches, Local Contribution Accounting, Capacity Exchange, and Pool Fund mechanisms. The session highlights how locally-driven innovation is not only feasible but essential for a more inclusive and resilient humanitarian future.
S28	20 Years of Local Knowledge Co-creation in Asia: Case of Southasiadisasters.net (AIDMI)	This Innovation Spotlight showcases Southasiadisasters.net, a pioneering platform amplifying locally led humanitarian insights. With 225 issues and 2,500+ articles from 1,900 contributors across 70 countries, it exemplifies sustained knowledge co-creation from the Global South. Presented by AIDMI and ADRRN, the session explores how Asian humanitarian actors consolidate and co-create knowledge, asking: Is there an Asian way? The panel will reflect on the platform's impact on policy, capacity-building, pilot planning, evaluations, and research, reclaiming space for local knowledge in humanitarian discourse at RHPW 2025.
S29	Animation for Humanity: Transforming Displacement into Refugee Empowerment Through Digital Platforms (YCWS)	This session explores how digital innovation is transforming displacement through the Animation for Humanity project by Church World Service Japan (CWS Japan) and Yayasan Cita Wadah Swadaya (YCWS). Implemented in Indonesia, the initiative trained refugees in professional animation, creating remote income opportunities and addressing legal and regulatory barriers to formal employment. Beyond skill-building, the project fostered psychosocial well-being; participants reported improved mental health, reduced stress, and renewed hope. By connecting refugee talent with the global animation industry, the project demonstrates how technology-driven creativity can restore dignity, inclusion, and purpose while advancing sustainable humanitarian action.
S30	Enabling a New Anticipatory Action Paradigm with Satellite Data (Mercy Corps and Green Ant)	In this session, Mercy Corps and GreenAnt discuss their joint anticipatory action pilot in Myanmar that launched earlier this year. GreenAnt is a Dutch start-up analyzing satellite data to produce climate risk insights. With its breakthrough analytical innovation, GreenAnt can identify the exact quantity of rainfall needed to flood a given area. This capability doubles as a trigger for anticipatory payouts, a critical missing element in the nascent anticipatory action paradigm. Mercy Corps and GreenAnt will discuss the promise of this new humanitarian framework, along with their success on the ground so far.
S31	Climate's New Reality: Concurrent Extremes – Lessons from Nepal's Anticipatory Action Journey (Start Network)	The session explores how overlapping climate hazards—such as floods, droughts, heatwaves, and disease outbreaks—are transforming humanitarian response. Using Nepal's experience, it examines how anticipatory action can adapt amid uncertainty, limited forecasting capacity, and resource constraints. The discussion will highlight the capacity of flexible approach to the early action and explore complementary tools like nature-based solutions, humanitarian market, and cash and voucher assistance initiatives. Expected outcomes include shared learning on multi-hazard approaches, practical recommendations for flexible frameworks, and stronger regional dialogue to align anticipatory action with government systems and emerging climate realities.
S32	Building Community Resilience through Technology: The Nepal Cloudburst 2024 Experience and Beyond (IHRR)	Between July 7–8, 2024, Dodhara Chandani Municipality in Nepal's Sudurpaschim Province experienced a record-breaking 624 mm of rainfall within 24 hours—the highest in seven decades. Despite this extreme event, no casualties occurred due to proactive preparedness, early warnings, and strong community engagement. Leveraging the DASTAA system by NAXA/IHRR/DCA, local authorities and youth networks used impact-based forecasts, SMS and IVR alerts, and vulnerability mapping for targeted interventions that supported over 10,000 households. Building on this success, the initiative continues in 2025, becoming institutionalized within local governance systems to strengthen anticipatory action and community resilience across high-risk areas.
S33	Strengthening Resilience Ecosystems; Empowering local NGOs for Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction and the role of Innovative Community Based Disaster Risk Finance models (IR and KMPC)	This session explores how locally rooted approaches can build stronger, more inclusive resilience ecosystems. It highlights efforts to empower local NGOs in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) through knowledge sharing, capacity building, and strategic collaboration, bridging the gap between communities, governments, and international actors. The session also delves into innovative community-based disaster risk finance models that generate resources at the local level, enabling communities to prepare for and respond to emergencies. Participants will gain insights into scalable practices that promote equity, sustainability, and locally led resilience across diverse humanitarian contexts.
S34	Local Resilience & Entrepreneurship (FFDA and Save the Lives Foundation)	This session brings together powerful grassroots experiences from Bangladesh and Pakistan to showcase how inclusive skills development and micro-entrepreneurship can drive community resilience and self-reliance. Led jointly by the Forum for Development Association (FFDA) and the Save The Lives Foundation (STLF) with the District Youth Forum Umerkot, the spotlight will explore locally driven models that empower women, youth, informal workers, and persons with disabilities. Drawing from FFDA's work in Bangladesh and STLF's initiatives in Sindh, participants will learn how vocational training, digital literacy, and small business development are being used to link humanitarian response with sustainable livelihoods, enhance climate adaptation and equitable recovery and promote leadership and ownership by local network.
S35	To be Announced (TBA)	