



MFAT Management Response to the review of MFAT's engagement with the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (the AHA Centre Review)

Evaluation Report Recommendation	MFAT Response and Action (Agree, Partially Agree, Reject)
<p>Recommendation 1:</p> <p>Explore entering into a partnership arrangement with the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (the AHA Centre) enabling New Zealand to support a programme-based approach to disaster management in the ASEAN region.</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>Action: MFAT will work with the AHA Centre to agree the mutual benefits of a partnership arrangement enabling a joint programme-based approach to disaster management in the ASEAN region. This includes agreement on the viability of such an arrangement, as well as delivery and governance mechanisms.</p>
<p>Recommendation 2:</p> <p>Support a second phase of Strengthening the Institutional Capacity of the AHA Centre for ASEAN Disaster Capacity Building Programme (SICAP) focused on further enhancing the AHA Centre's e-learning management system, updating its knowledge management guidelines and standard operating procedures and developing a monitoring, evaluation and learning system.</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>Action: MFAT intends to consolidate future International Development Cooperation (IDC) support into one medium-term (3-5 years) funding arrangement. This will require a new Activity design, including an overarching Theory of Change and a robust MERL framework to support achieving better development outcomes of the new phases of SICAP and AHA Centre Executive Leadership in Emergency and Disaster Management Programme (ACE-LEDMP). The design should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - take into account the results of completed and planned evaluations of these programmes, and the ASEAN Capacity Building Roadmap (2025-2030) on Disaster Management (developed by SICAP phase 1); - further strengthen ASEAN - New Zealand connections (refer to Recommendation 4); - ensure mutually agreed benefits.

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<p>Recommendation 3:</p> <p>Support ongoing delivery of AHA Centre Executive Leadership in Emergency and Disaster Management Programme (ACE-LEDMP), enhancing monitoring, evaluation and learning, and exploring the possibility of New Zealand experts delivering additional modules.</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>Action: See above.</p>
<p>Recommendation 4:</p> <p>Show-case New Zealand's knowledge, experience and expertise in disaster management and build engagement with Disaster Risk Management (DRM) professionals in the ASEAN region by reintroducing a study visit to New Zealand and/or providing short-term training in disaster management under the <i>Manaaki New Zealand Scholarships</i> programme.</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>Action: A new Thematic Short Term Training Course for the ASEAN region is currently being developed, with an aim to share relevant NZ's expertise, and to build and strengthen the relationships between NZ and ASEAN DRM professionals.</p> <p>For any new initiatives, MFAT will explore options for strengthening the ASEAN-NZ connections, including but not limited to a study visit to NZ. These will be considered in the design of a new activity (refer to actions for Recommendations 2 and 3).</p>
<p>Recommendation 5:</p> <p>Partner with the AHA Centre when it engages in multi-country, transboundary, complex and compound disasters in the ASEAN region, offering to replenish Disaster Emergency Logistics System for ASEAN (DELSA) non-food items when required and provide additional resourcing for ASEAN Emergency Response Assessment Team (ASEAN-ERAT) should there be a number of emergencies requiring participation of ASEAN-ERAT in any one year.</p>	<p>Partially Agree</p> <p>Action: MFAT will consider this option, alongside others, for New Zealand's humanitarian action in Southeast Asia.</p>

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<p>Recommendation 6:</p> <p>Support ASEAN to become a global leader in disaster management, offering technical support to the AHA Centre and National Disaster Management Organisations (NDMOs) in areas such as coordination beyond the ASEAN region, achieving international certification and sharing experience between the Pacific and ASEAN.</p>	<p>Partially Agree</p> <p>Action: MFAT, as the lead agency for New Zealand’s offshore humanitarian responses, in discussion with New Zealand agencies, will weigh different priorities, availability and capacity to contribute to technical assistance, including as it relates to international certifications and sharing experiences, with a focus on leveraging existing engagement opportunities wherever possible.</p>

