



Project Launch, 21 Jan 2020

The project on Promotion of Social Entrepreneurship in Disaster Risk Reduction to Build Community Resilience was launched by Tuan Ahmad Fairuz, who represented the Selangor Chief Minister, YAB Dato' Seri Amirudin bin Shari. The event was held at the Concorde Hotel Shah Alam, Selangor and attended by Her Excellency Julia Bentley, the High Commissioner of Canada in Malaysia, who delivered her remarks. Project members and collaborators from various key agencies from the State of Selangor attended this event which received wide attention as it was well covered by several local media.



1. Project Advisor and Vice President of the Academy of Sciences Malaysia, YM Tengku Mohd Azzman Shariffadeen (far right) presented a token of appreciation to Her Excellency Julia Bentley at the launch event with Tuan Ahmad Fairuz.

Workshop on Promotion of Social Entrepreneurship in DRR, 21 Jan 2020

The inaugural workshop on Promotion of Social Entrepreneurship for Disaster Risk Reduction was held in conjunction with the launch of the project at Concorde Hotel Shah Alam. The workshop comprised two technical sessions with eight presentations focusing on “Social Entrepreneurship and Citizen Science in Disaster Risk Reduction” and “Hazards and Youth Participation in Disaster Risk Reduction”, as well as a panel session on challenges in managing disaster risks. Invited international speakers included Dr. Chinnh Nyda of the Royal University of Phnom Penh (RUPP), Ms. Sukhreet Bajwa of RIKI India, a social enterprise in the field of disaster risk reduction, sustainability and climate change, and Mr. Hilman Arioaji of U-Inspire Indonesia. In the technical session, the workshop shared research findings on climate-related hazards in Selangor with multiple stakeholders and served as a platform for the promotion of social entrepreneurship in disaster risk reduction for building community resilience. The workshop has set the tone for all the objectives of the project; to foster long-term community resilience by empowering young social entrepreneurs to develop disaster resilience plans using citizen science and digital platforms. The event has successfully brought together local authorities, operational agencies, youth groups, and others into the discussion; it has gained over 130 participants who have become stakeholders of the project.



2. (From right) Her Excellency Julia Bentley, Tuan Ahmad Fairuz and Prof. Joy Pereira, were interviewed by the local press after the launch.



3. Dr. Medaline Berma delivered her presentation on Youth and Social Entrepreneurship in DRR and Shared Prosperity in Malaysia during the technical session at the workshop.



4. Representatives from the local authorities and NADMA Malaysia shared their views on challenges in managing disaster risks during a panel session at the workshop moderated by Tuan Ahmad Fairuz.





IDRC Project Financial Meeting, 22 Jan 2020

A financial meeting on the project was held with Mr. Justin Boudreau, Manager of Grant Administration Division, IDRC at the Bursar Department, UKM. The Deputy Treasurer, and Senior Financial Executive, and two senior officers of the Center of Research and Instrumentation Management (CRIM-UKM) attended. Also present were project members Dr. Chinnh Nyda of RUPP, and other project grant recipients from the Faculty of Health Sciences, UKM. The meeting was held to address queries by the IDRC on project budget and financial reporting, as well as to conduct a walk-through on the background of UKM Bursar, including its structures of organization, governance, human resources, finance and administration, information systems, and sampling of reports and documents on policies, among others.



5. Ms. Rabaiah Hj. Arham (far left), Deputy Treasurer of UKM Bursar chaired the Project Financial Meeting with Mr. Justin Boudreau (far right).

Site Visit to Kuala Selangor, 17-18 Jan 2020

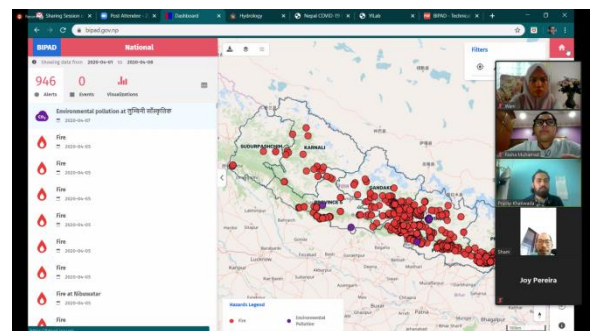
As initial groundwork for the project, the Kuala Selangor site was visited by project members Dr. Sharina Abdul Halim and Mr. Mohd Khairul Zain, who are leading the social vulnerability component in the project to study youth awareness of emerging risks from climate change and the readiness for social entrepreneurship for DRR. A representative from the Malaysian Youth Delegation (MYD) was also present to meet local youth groups working in the agricultural, horticultural, fishery, and other self-sustaining sectors in the rural communities.



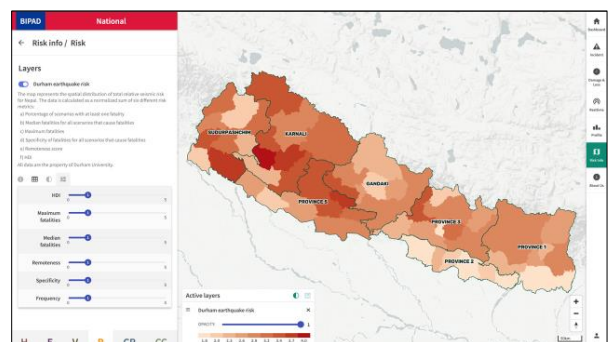
6. IDRC project members and the MYD in an informal meeting with a farmer and a fisherman from Kuala Selangor to learn about their livelihood, struggles, and awareness of emerging risks.

Sharing Session on Integrated Disaster Management System, 8 April 2020

Mr. Pradip Khatiwada of the Youth Innovation Lab shared the process of developing and upscaling an Integrated Disaster Information Management System managed by Nepal's National Emergency Operation Center. It was developed with technical support from the Youth Innovation Lab led by Mr. Pradip. This session helped to identify crucial skills and talent, and the type of training required to build the capacity of youths to foster long-term community resilience by empowering young social entrepreneurs to develop disaster resilience plans using citizen science and digital platforms.



7. Mr. Pradip Khatiwada shared the experiences of the Youth Innovation Lab with IDRC project members during a video conference session.



8. The Integrated Disaster Information Management System managed by Nepal's National Emergency Operation Center has information on disaster events as well as the risk of multiple hazards, vulnerable elements and exposed critical infrastructure.

