

Session 4 – Group discussion: Exploring the potential to develop disaster-responsive social protection at country level

Tuesday 22 November, 16.30 – 17.00 and Wednesday 23 November, 9.00- 10.30 (2 hours)

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Session Note:

The AADMER Work Programme (2016-20) aims to “develop a regional social protection protocol under AADMER” (output 6.1). More specifically, the following activity was included: “Stocktake social protection initiatives on disaster management at the national level ASEAN Member States”.

The present Session proposes to contribute to the stocktaking by reviewing social protection schemes in each country. The review will limit itself to social assistance, social insurance and access to health care, adopting a life cycle approach (health care, social protection for children, for the working age and for the elderly. Groups are divided per country (Total 10 groups). At the end of the discussion, 3-4 countries will volunteer to present the results of their country discussion to the plenary.

Objective of the session:

- Understand better the potential link between social protection and disasters management;
- Start exploring strategies and measures for improving this link in each ASEAN Member States;
- Initiate a social dialogue on the issue of social protection and disasters management.

Guiding questions for the group:

1. What are the main social protection schemes available in your country (looking at social insurance, social assistance and health care schemes)? Do they include any component aimed at supporting persons affected by disasters too?
2. If not, what would be needed to make these social protection schemes more disaster-responsive?