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# DISASTER AND HUMANITARIAN CRISIS:

Reading the realities



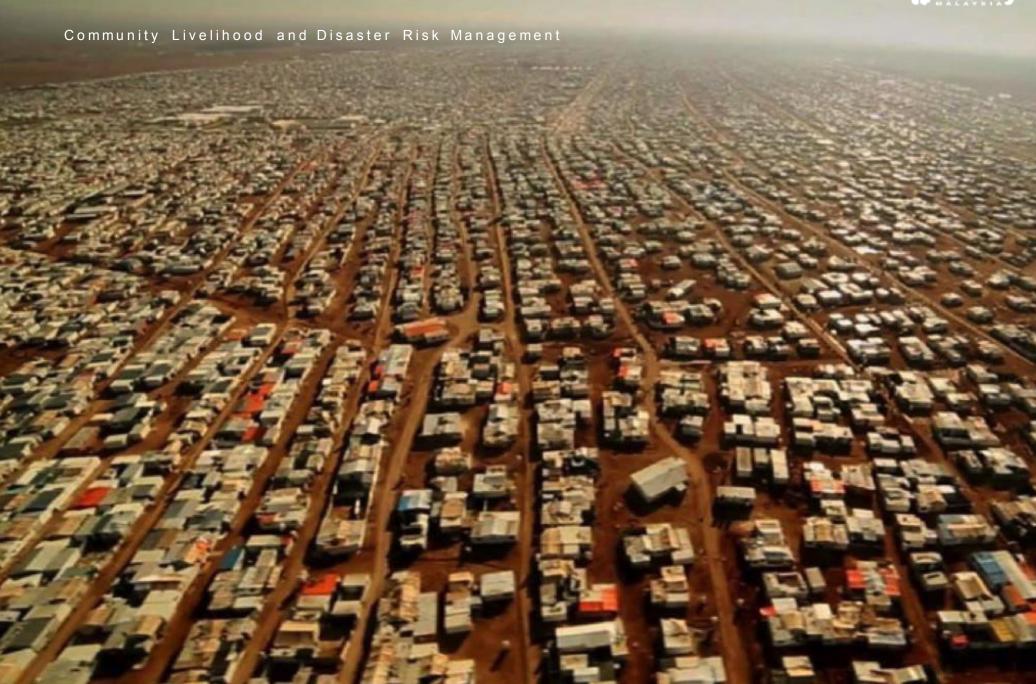
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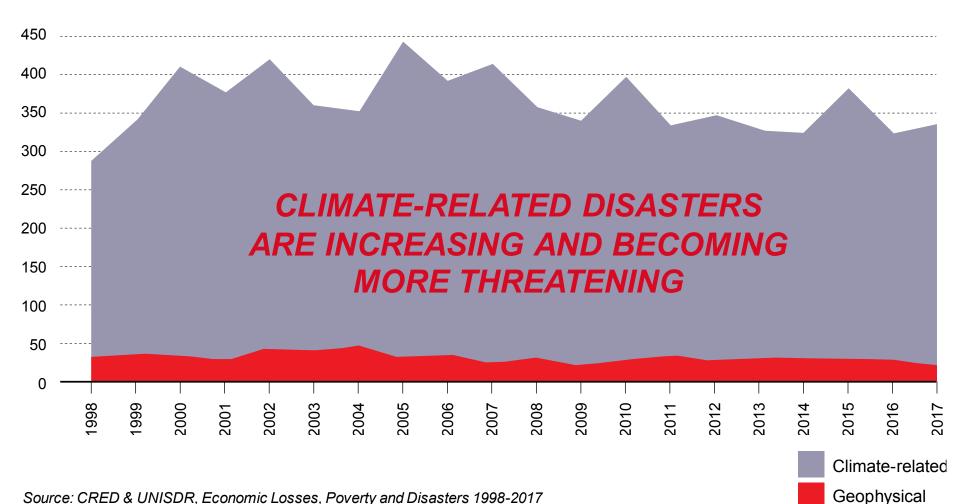
### What is a disaster?

A disaster is a serious disruption of the functioning of a community or a society involving widespread human, material, economic or environmental loss and impacts, which exceeds the ability of the affected community or society to cope using its own resources.

Disasters are seen as the **consequence of inappropriately managed risk.** These risks are the product of a combination of both *hazards* and *vulnerability*.



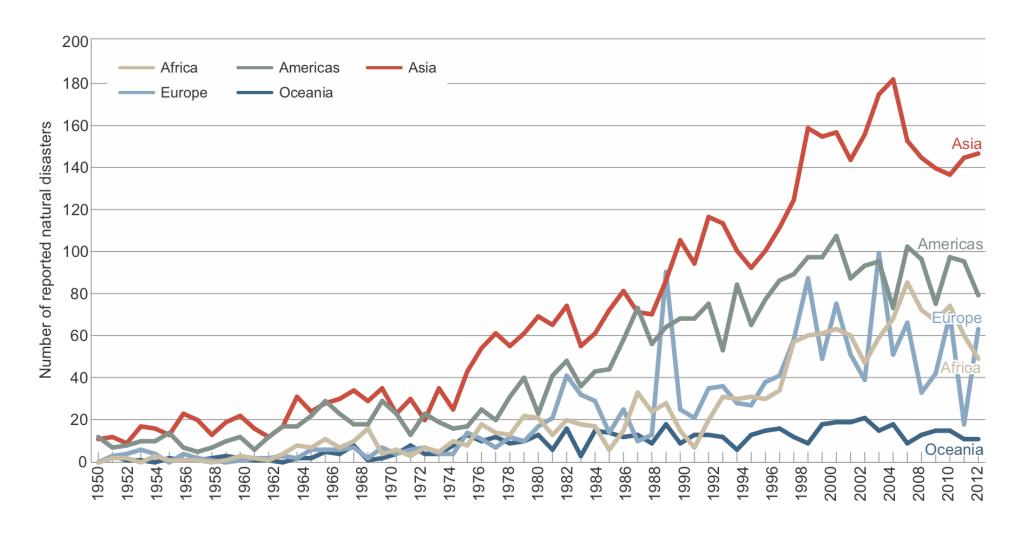
# Number of disasters by major category per year, 1998-2017



Source: CRED & UNISDR, Economic Losses, Poverty and Disasters 1998-2017



## Disaster trends by continents



Source: EM-DAT database: www.emdat.be/advanced-search



# TOTAL DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT:

Understanding its conceptual framework

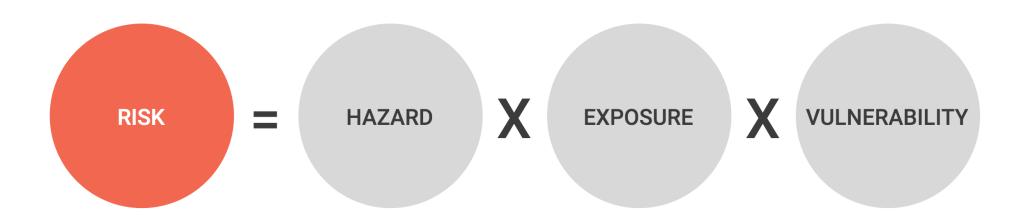


# **Total Disaster Risk Management**

Disasters lead to a severe destruction of physical, human, financial, natural, and social capital inevitably resulting in economic stagnation and the deterioration of livelihoods as well as overall development.



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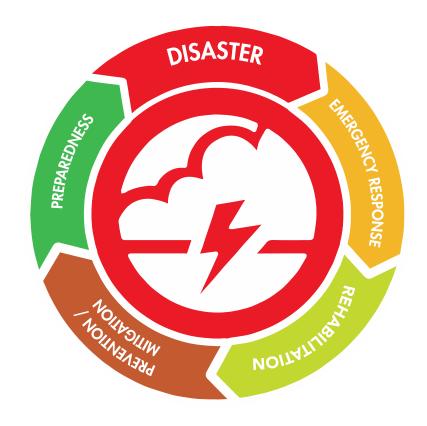


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Total Disaster Risk Management (TDRM) applies disaster risk management to all phases of the disaster management cycle – emergency response, recovery, prevention/mitigation and preparedness/readiness.



# STRATEGIC HUMANITARIAN ACTIONS:

Linking sustainable development with humanitarian assistance and disaster risk management



### 1. Health and medical assistance

With 125 million people in need of humanitarian assistance worldwide\*, MERCY Malaysia and the humanitarian sector's actors are actively calling the attention to the importance of delivering health care to those affected by conflicts, disease outbreaks and disasters caused by natural hazards.



### 1. Health and medical assistance









FIELD HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

**CAPACITY BUILDING** 

MOTHER
AND CHILD
HEALTH
SERVICES





PRIMARY
HEALTHCARE
AND DENTAL
SERVICES



MEDICAL ASSETS, EQUIPMENTS AND SUPPLIES



PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION



MEDICAL SPECIALIST SERVICES



# 2. Disaster preparedness

MERCY Malaysia is working to advocate for disaster resilience communities at the local, regional and global level and provide the knowledge, tools and solutions to make communities and places safer and move towards sustainable development.

MERCY Malaysia has started working on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) since 2005. Our first effort was in Aceh, Indonesia. This was in particular a reflection on the Hyogo Framework of Action (HFA 2005 – 2015), which has set the foundation for our DRR efforts for the next 10 years.

In 2015, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR 2015 – 2030) was created at the World Conference for DRR. This framework has helped MERCY Malaysia to advance its DRR programmings through the creation of the Building Resilient Communities (BRC) unit.



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Community-based
Disaster Risk
Management



School Preparedness Program



Resilient Health Infrastructure



Resilient Private Sectors



Resilient
Local Government
Units



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PROGRAMS	INITIATION	TARGETS	ACHIEVEMENTS (per 2018)	COUNTRIES INVOLVED
CBDRM	2006	500 resilient villages/settlements in Malaysia by 2020 and 50 resilient villages/settlements	100 resilient villages/settlements in Malaysia and 15 resilient villages/settlements in ASEAN countries	Malaysia (continuous since 2007) Indonesia (continuous since 2016) Cambodia (to start 2017) Philippines (to start 2018) Myanmar (to start 2018-19)
SPP	2007	in ASEAN countries by 2020 1500 safe schools in Malaysia by 2020 and 250 safe schools in ASEAN countries by 2020	500 safe schools in Malaysia and 20 safe schools in ASEAN countries	Malaysia (continuous since 2007) Indonesia (continuous since 2016) Cambodia (to start 2017) Philippines (to start 2018) Myanmar (to start 2018-19)
RH	2015	50 resilient hospitals/ heath centers in Malaysia by 2020 and 10 resilient hospitals/ heath centers in ASEAN countries by 2020	10 resilient hospitals/ heath centers in Malaysia and 2 resilient hospitals/ heath centers in ASEAN countries	Malaysia (continuous since 2015) Indonesia (continuous since 2016) Cambodia (to start 2017) Philippines (to start 2018) Myanmar (to start 2018-19)
PS	2015	100 organizations' participation in Malaysia by 2020 and 100 organizations' participation in ASEAN countries by 2020	20 organizations' participation in Malaysia and 12 organizations' participation in ASEAN countries	Malaysia (continuous since 2015) Indonesia (continuous since 2016) Cambodia (to start 2017) Philippines (to start 2018) Myanmar (to start 2018-19)
LGUs	2015	25 LGUs participation in Malaysia by 2020 and 10 LGUs participation in ASEAN countries by 2020	4 LGUs participation in Malaysia and 2 LGUs participation in ASEAN countries	Malaysia (continuous since 2015) Indonesia (continuous since 2016) Cambodia (to start 2017) Philippines (to start 2018) Myanmar (to start 2018-19)

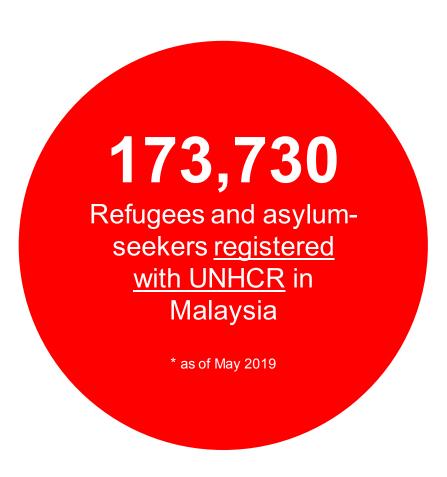


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- 1. Disasters are increasing and their costs growing.
- 2. DRR spending only accounts for a fraction of development assistance.
- 3. Development assistance for DRR supports a range of actions, but is **biased** towards preparedness only.
- 4. Sources of finance for reducing disaster risk are varied and complex.
- 5. A number of countries have mobilized their own DRR finance.
- 6. Climate-related finance presents a new opportunity to finance DRR
- Ensuring all new investments are resilient to disaster risk sets pathways for sustainable development.
- 8. Both government and the private sector can invest to reduce loss and tackle risk at the same time

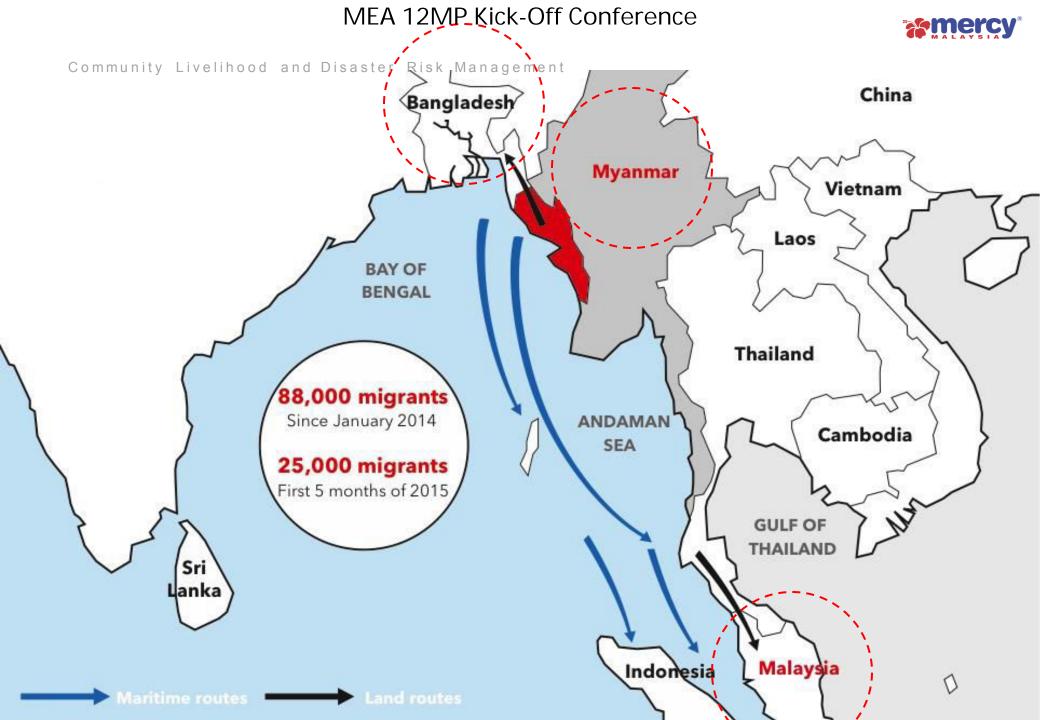


## 3. Addressing the refugee issues



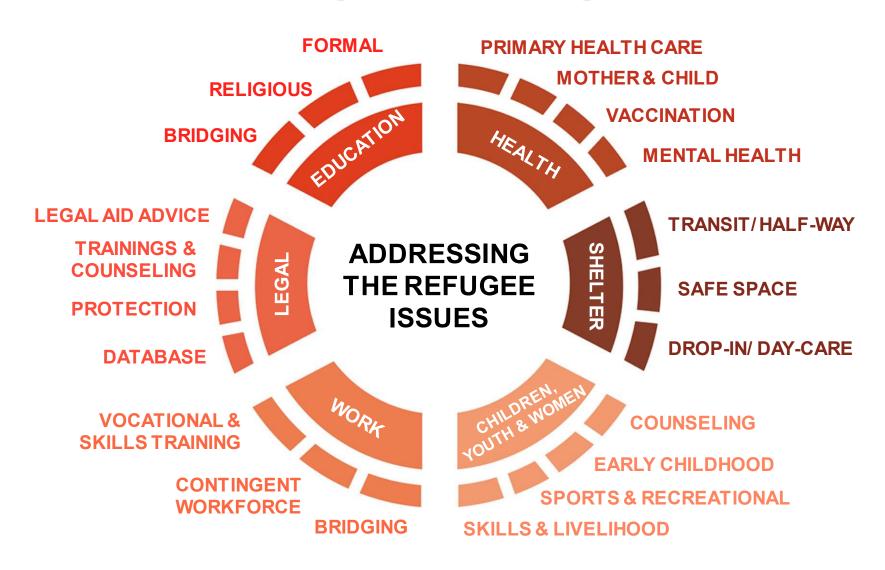
- Some 150,430 are from Myanmar, comprising some 93,190 Rohingyas, 24,490 Chins, 9,730 Myanmar Muslims, 3,990 Rakhines and Arakanese, and other ethnicities from Myanmar.
- 68% of refugees and asylum-seekers are men, while 32% are women.
- There are some 44,130 children below the age of 18.

Source: UNHCR Malaysia, 2019



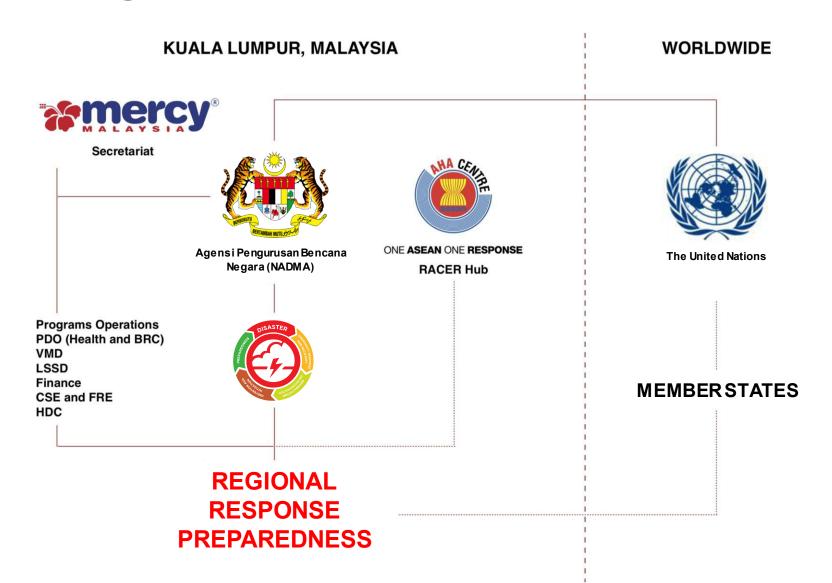


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# 4. Regional response preparedness





# Shared Resources

Coordinated Responses

## REGIONAL RESPONSE PREPAREDNESS

Capacity Development

Sustainable Intervention / TDRM Approach

Continuous
Improvements
and Regional
Standards

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#### **Disaster Impact Information**

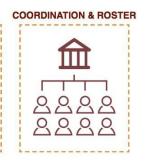


# REGIONAL RESPONSE PREPAREDNESS









**Response Capacity Analysis** 

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#### **Medical Services**

Emergency Medical Aid-surgeries, Mobile Clinic, Mass Immunization, Psychosocial First Aid

### EMT Field Hospital

Registration and Waiting,
Examination, Pharmacy, Treatment /
Procedure, General Store, Ward,
Operating Theatre, Psychosocial
Services

# REGIONAL RESPONSE PREPAREDNESS

# Humanitarian Assistance

Blankets, Tents, Food and Water, Hygiene / Essential Personal Kits, WASH Assistance

# Standby and Surge Rosters

Roster of trained network members based on location, capacity, readiness and modalities

# Relief Assets and Stockpiles

Reserves of emergency non-food relief goods, including medical kits, shelter items, IT equipment and other materials designed to assist the emergency response



## 4. Regional response preparedness

# Positioning Malaysia as the lead regional actor in response preparedness

- Step 1 Institutional disaster planning
- Step 2 Hazard, vulnerability, capacity and risk analyses
- Step 3 Resource identification and mobilization
- Step 4 Early-warning, alert systems and triggers
- **Step 5** Linkages and communications
- Step 6 Sectoral responsibilities

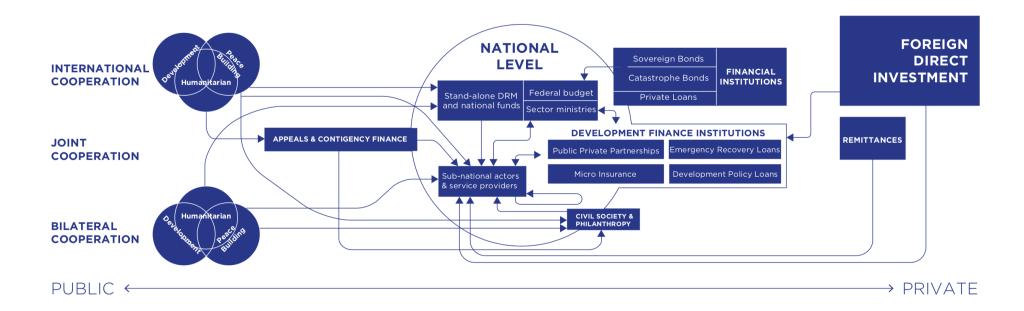


# FINANCING HUMANITARIAN ACTIONS, DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:

Challenges and way-forward



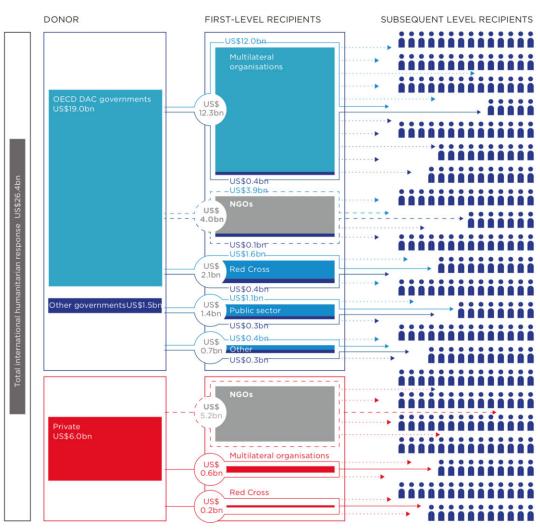
# Challenge #1: a complicated financing ecosystem





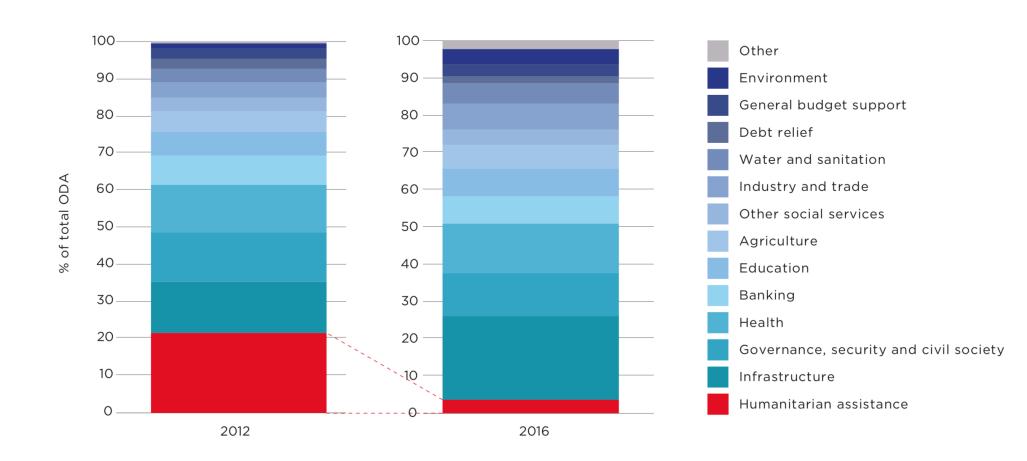
Challenge #2: a shrinking space for NGOs

The diagram shows funding to NGOs in general as a proportion of total international humanitarian assistance decreased from 38% in 2015 to 35% in 2016, and the volume of direct funding to NGOs decreased for the first time in four years, largely driven by a 15% fall in private donor contributions.





### Challenge #3: reduced allocations





# Opportunity: increasing support and awareness from the government







Janji 54: Memperkasa institusi kemasyarakatan, masyarakat sivil dan keusahawanan sosial

Janji 59: Memimpin usaha menyelesaikan konflik Rohingya dan Palestin

Source: various, 2018 - 2019.

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### **WAY FORWARD:**

Sustaining the actions



# Way-forward #1: partnerships





### Way-forward #2: innovation

### 1. PRODUCT INNOVATION

(i.e. value-based, needs-based)

### 2. POLICY INNOVATION

(i.e. DRR and DRM law, other policy reforms)

### 3. PROCESS INNOVATION

(i.e. the humanitarian-development-peace nexus)



# Way-forward #3: sustainable funding

#### 1. NATIONAL DISASTER AND RISK MANAGEMENT FUND\*

(i.e. a trust fund of RM 20 million per annum, made accessible to the local level = RM 100 million for 5 years plan)

#### 2. NATIONAL DISASTER RISK FINANCING STRATEGIES

(i.e. a strategy to prioritize and sensitize risk financing)

#### 3. BLENDED FINANCING FOR DRM

(i.e. cross-sector financial arrangements)

<sup>\*</sup> Mechanism established but require expansion and sustainability strategies



# Way-forward #4: invest in humanity

The future of humanitarian actions, disaster risk management and sustainable development in protecting the community is not just about more money from donor government, but also about national and local investments, financing from diverse sources, better financing – more integrated and suitably coordinated, and certainly better targeted.

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### **VALUE PROPOSITION:**

A resilient Malaysia



# **Humanitarian – Development Nexus**



Vision for sustainable development and humanitarian actions are divided



Disrupted development delivery and value chain due to the humanitarian and development agenda divide



Humanitarian and development nexus for sustainability and resiliency

**CURRENT SCENARIO** 

**FUTURE SCENARIO** 



### Value Proposition: a Resilient Malaysia



REDUCING DISASTER RISK, PROTECTING COMMUNITY LIVELIHOOD

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# Thank you

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