Role of UINSPIRE Alliance in the context of COVID-19 pandemic in Asia

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What is U-INSPIRE Alliance?
An alliance of youth and young professionals (YYP), working to support Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR). Currently chapters in 12 countries, with close to 1000 members.

What is our vision?
A powerful collaboration platform for empowering Youth and Young Professionals in Disaster Risk Reduction, focusing on linking to policy at local, national and global level.
Case Study on engagement of UINSPIRE Alliance and its member countries in COVID-19 pandemic to supplement and compliment Government actions.
COVID-19 Monitor: Regional Monitoring System

Key Activities:

• Dealing with transboundary issues
• An open source database of COVID-19 infected patients
• Country database and verify information locally
• Infected person route tracing and identification of hotspots

System co-designed by Youth Innovation Lab and RIKA
Negating Misinformation and Promoting Scientific Research

Activities Carried out:

• **Myth-busting series** to negate the misinformation among the youth;
• Mobilizing young researchers to **conduct scientific studies** to better understand COVID-19; and
• **Webinars focusing on young professionals** journey in Coronavirus.

The research focused on using the SIR model to model the infection for Karachi city and predict its peak infection rate. The modeled data was validated by modeling the infection data for Lahore city.
Risk and Science Communication for COVID-19

Key activities:
• Factsheet infographics formulation and sharing in social media,
• Conducting webinars such as on data & information transparency,
• Developing a guide for tsunami evacuation in times of COVID-19 crisis.

Develop COVID-19 literacy materials and social awareness through infographic and video, shared in social media.

Guide on Tsunami Evacuation during COVID-19

Background
In many areas, the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19) has overwhelmed humanitarian organisations and disaster management agencies. A critical question in natural disaster response in the backdrop of a concurrent pandemic is how to manage evacuations for tsunami, cyclones, floods, volcanic eruptions, etc.

At the time of a disaster caused by natural hazards, people will tend to be in close proximity either due to limited space, such as evacuation shelters, or to gain a sense of security and comfort. This is generally contrary to COVID-19 directives that request people to keep physical distance. Disregard for physical distancing may turn an evacuation site into COVID-19 infection hotspot.
COVID-19 Information Portal, Drone Survey and Swab Collection Booth

Key activities:
• Information portal and Mobile Application for Ministry of Health
• COVID-19 Swab Collection Booths
• Sister Robot 1.0
• Drone Survey of Hetauda, Capital of Bagmati Province
One assessment conducted on “youth volunteerism”, **U-INSPIRE Maldives** has identified among others two factors that deters youth from volunteerism especially during COVID-19:

- Lack of technical knowledge of youth who volunteer to work in emergency operation centers; and
- Hesitant to volunteer because of family structure
Before leaving....

• UINSPIRE Alliance is a network of Youth and Young professionals with nearly 1000 members ready to work together with Governments institutions.

• Many youth and young professionals led platforms still lacks Government’s DRRM cycles/framework to function. A close association with the youth network and their engagement is still required from policy level.

• Youth and Young professionals needs investments from their Government to experiment their innovations to actions. Thus providing a conducing environment can leads towards co-creation of solutions for inclusive development and making community resilient.
THANK YOU

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