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Introduction to ADN Members

This report documents the activities undertaken by the **members** of the ADN from 12 March 2019 to 31 July 2020. Members consist of ADN's Core Team, Advisory Board, Regional Coordinators and Interns.

The ADN was launched on 12 March 2019 at the 4th Summit of the Global Alliance of Disaster Research Institutes (GADRI) in Kyoto, Japan (see **Figure 1**). This first report covers the activities of 16 months. Subsequent annual reports will cover the period from 1 August to 31 July (12 months) in order to be consistent with the academic period at the University of Leicester.

The ADN's purpose is to help policy makers and practitioners make better decisions to save lives and reduce injuries from disasters to achieve sustainable development.

The ADN aims to achieve this through, although not limited to, its **six activities** (discussed below).



Figure 1: Launch of ADN at GADRI

On 12 March 2019, the ADN's Core Team consisted of six members. This included: two founding Presidents, Dr Nibedita S. Ray-Bennett at the University of Leicester and Dr Hideyuki Shirohosita at Kansai University; the Operation's Manager, Mrs Denise Corsel at the University of Leicester; the Media and Communication Officer, Mr Matt Merry; the ADN Administrator, Mr Peter McGowran based at Kings College London (for 3 months); and an Intern, Ms Aarju Basnet based at Deakin University, Australia. The ADN Administrator was hired for three months to establish and implement the administrative process.

In February 2020, the Core Team was expanded to include Mr Jos Bal as Knowledge Exchange Officer, Ms Pangkhi Medhi as Blog Officer and Mr David Wales as Networking Consultant. However, these roles did not materialise as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. They will be reevaluated in due course.

In June 2020, the Core Team was expanded to include Ms Rwitambhara Kashyap as the ADN Administrator's for one month and Co-ordinator for the project 'North-East Network of Universities and Colleges in India' and Ms Antara Ragini Dev Sarmah as Research Coordinator for the project 'Avoidable Deaths from COVID-19'. In August 2020, Ms Shaiza Khawaja, an Intern took over the role of the ADN Administrator.

On 12 March 2019, the ADN consisted of 10 multi-disciplinary world-renowned Advisory Board Members. Since then, two additional advisors have joined the Board: Professor Daniel Ladley and Mr Steve Glovinsky (please see **Table 1**). Currently the Advisory Board consist of 12 Members from eight countries.

Table 1: List of ADN Advisory Board Members

Date of Joining	Name	Country
March 2019	Professor Heiko Balzter	UK
March 2019	Professor Peter Jackson	UK
March 2019	Professor Norio Okada	Japan
March 2019	Dr Ambika Prasad Nanda	India
March 2019	Mr Mihir R. Bhatt	India
March 2019	Ms Aditi Ghosh	Bangkok/India
March 2019	Ms Patience Andrew	Nigeria
March 2019	Ms Magda Stepanyan	Netherlands
March 2019	Mr Hamdou Wane	Senegal
March 2019	Ms Cecilia Aipria	Ethiopia
July 2019	Professor Daniel Ladley	UK
January 2020	Mr Steve Glovinsky	USA

On March 2019, the ADN had 14 Regional Coordinators, and within two months, the ADN had 18 Regional Coordinators (please see **Table 2**). The role of Regional Coordinators is scheduled for two years. Thus, they will be renewed in March 2021. Currently, there are 18 total Regional Coordinators from 13 countries.

Table 2: List of ADN Regional Coordinators

Date of Joining	Name	Country
March 2019	Mr Daniel Mendez	Belize
March 2019	Dr Azukaego Nnaji	Nigeria
March 2019	Mr Samuel Akera	Kenya
March 2019	Dr Bui Le Vinh	Vietnam
March 2019	Dr Sophie Hebden	UK
March 2019	Ms Pamela Komujuni-Kalule	Uganda
March 2019	Mr Emmanuel Artusa-Barrell	Argentina (but currently in UK)
March 2019	Mr Bede Wilson	Australia
March 2019	Dr Christian Morgner	UK
March 2019	Dr Edris Alam	Bangladesh
March 2019	Mr Krishna Clarke	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
March 2019	Mr Phil Ralls	UK
March 2019	Mr Dillip Pattanaik	India
March 2019	Dr Madhulika Sahoo	India
April 2019	Dr Shahidul Hoque	Bangladesh
April 2019	Dr Fatima Akter	Bangladesh
April 2019	Dr Holmes Paez	Colombia
April 2019	Dr Yazidhi Bamutaze	Uganda

Within the first six months, ADN gained four additional Interns: Ms Joyce Corsel, Mr Gareth Walker, Mr Charles Basseby and Pauline Marita. The number of Interns has been steadily growing and as of July 2020, ADN has 22 Interns from nine countries (please see **Table 3**).

Table 3: List of ADN Interns

Date of Joining	Name	Country
21/01/2019	Aarju Basnet	Nepal
02/02/2019	Joyce Corsel	Netherlands
04/02/2019	Gareth Walker	UK
11/02/2019	Charles Basse	Nigeria
26/02/2019	Peter McGowran	UK
13/05/2019	Pauline Marita	Uganda
20/09/2019	Shreyas PP	India
02/12/2019	Emma Johnston Hawke	UK
09/12/2019	Claudia Costa	Portugal
24/01/2020	Pangkhi Medhi	UK
09/03/2020	Kumiko Fukuromoto	Japan
11/03/2020	Lakshman Srikanth	India
17/04/2020	Meharaj Bano Mohammed	India
20/04/2020	Shaiza Khawaja	Pakistan
30/05/2020	Rwittambhara Kashyap	India
04/06/2020	Divyal Gupta	India
22/06/2020	Shriya Jejani	India
13/07/2020	Rupashree Mishra	India
13/07/2020	Priyanka Mishra	India
13/07/2020	Debajani Routray	India
13/07/2020	Kingston Pradhan	India
17/07/2020	Nidhi Kalta	India

As of July 2020, the total number of ADN Members is 137. This includes: six Core Team, 12 Advisory Board Members, 18 Regional Coordinators, 33 Organisational Partners and 87 Affiliates.

Please see **Annex 1** for a list of ADN's Organisational Partners. The ADN members have grown organically.

ADN's Activities and Achievements for 2019/2020

To achieve the ADN's purpose, six activities are undertaken:

- 1) Hosting an open space to share, discuss and disseminate international, regional, national and local news, research and innovative solutions to avoidable deaths.
- 2) Organising and facilitating conferences and seminars on avoidable deaths to foster trans-disciplinary ideas and solutions.
- 3) Promoting state and non-state collaboration through North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation in order to advance the agenda of avoidable deaths.
- 4) Advocating the agenda of mainstreaming avoidable deaths at the heart of all disaster and development activities in low-and middle-income countries.
- 5) Publishing a bi-annual newsletter.
- 6) Actively soliciting and securing private and public funds to promote the above activities.

The details of each of the activities are as follows:

Activity 1: Hosting an open space to share, discuss and disseminate international, regional, national and local news, research and innovative solutions to avoidable deaths.

To achieve this activity, the ADN's Core Team is actively engaging with different platforms and widening its audience, as well as working closely with Regional Coordinators to reach out to international, national and local communities.

- The ADN has four social media outlets to disseminate international, regional, national and local news, research and innovative solutions to avoidable deaths. The media outlets are: Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and a dedicated website. Two to three posts per week are disseminated on these media outlets.
- On 31 July 2020, ADN had attracted approximately 370 followers from 46 countries on Facebook (of which 33% are female and 67% are male) and 320 on Twitter (of which 42% are female and 58% are male).
- On ADN's website there is a dedicated section on Resources, which consists of: i) Repository of COVID-19 Information; ii) ADN Newsletter; iii) ADN Publications and Materials; iv) Relevant Publications; v) Ongoing and Past Projects; and vi) Videos and Podcasts.
- The Repository of COVID-19 Information was launched on 3 April 2020 in response to the pandemic and to provide reliable information to the public. In July 2020, this Repository was viewed approximately 245 times. To increase the utility of this Repository the ADN Administrator announces an update of this page twice a week.
- On 30 April 2019, ADN officially joined the UNDRR's PreventionWeb, which is the knowledge platform for disaster risk reduction. ADN currently has a dedicated Organization Profile on PreventionWeb. Through this webpage, ADN shares news and events to the DRR community:
<https://www.preventionweb.net/organizations/27087/>

Activity 2: Organising and facilitating conferences and seminars on avoidable deaths to foster trans-disciplinary ideas and solutions.

To achieve this activity, the AND's Core Team aims to work closely with Regional Coordinators, Advisors, and ADN's three Hubs in India, Bangladesh and Uganda.

- On 27 May 2020, the ADN Hub-Uganda was planned to be officially launched in collaboration with Makerere University and the Prime Minister's Office of Uganda. Additionally, a national workshop was to be held with key stakeholders in Uganda to identify research and enterprise themes and activities for the ADN Hub-Uganda. This official launch and workshop in Uganda were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- On 9 April 2020, the ADN Hub-Bangladesh was planned to be officially launched in collaboration with Dhaka University and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University. Additionally, a national workshop was to be held with key stakeholders in Bangladesh to identify research themes and activities for the ADN Hub-Bangladesh. This official launch and workshop in Bangladesh were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- On 29 and 30 March 2020, funded by Kansai University, Dr Hideyuki Shiroshita held a virtual workshop with the ADN Hub-India. The purpose of this workshop was to engage with ADN Advisors and identify research scopes for the COVID-19 outbreak in India. This led to the launch of the project 'Avoidable Deaths from COVID-19 in India' and two grant applications to WIPRO and Omidyar with the ADN Hub-India.
- On 18 December 2019, led by ADN's Regional Coordinator-India, Mr Dillip Pattanaik, the ADN Hub-India was officially launched. Ms. Neelam Mkhijani, the Country Director Childfund, and Dr. Ambika Prasad Nanda, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Tata Steel were the guest of honour for this event. The ADN Hub-India has a one-room office, which can accommodate up to 15 Interns/Research Fellows.
- On 8 November 2019, funded by the Leicester Institute of Advanced Studies' (LIAS) Tiger Team Funding and Global Challenge Research Fund (GCRF), Dr Nibedita Ray-Bennett organised a one-day 'Stakeholders Meeting to Raise the Visibility of ADN' at the University of Leicester.

This event was attended by two Regional Coordinators, Mr Dillip Pattanaik from India and Mrs Pamela Komujuni-Kalule from Uganda, along with two ADN Advisors, Dr Ambika Prasad Nanda from India and Mr Steve Glovinsky from the USA.

This event was also attended by a number of stakeholders, including: IPPF South Asia Region Office, Ministry of Defence, Tata Steel, National Fire Council Service Rep, Data Management Aid, Bangabandhu Skeikh Mujib Medical University – among others. This Meeting identified the number of activities that the ADN Hubs can undertake and the steps to launch an ADN Country Chapter. It was agreed that the collaboration and partnership between Leicester-and-Kansai Universities and the ADN Hubs-India, Bangladesh and Uganda would be developed and strengthened through research and enterprise activities. It was also agreed that ADN can have countless Country Chapters.

- On 7 November 2019, funded by Leicester's ESRC grant and ESRC's Impact Acceleration Account Fund, Dr Nibedita Ray-Bennet organised the Festival of Social Science on "Reproductive Health in Disasters" at the University of Leicester. The aim of this festival was to raise awareness on women's mortality and morbidity

during disasters and crises, and also to showcase the outputs from the IPPF-funded research project on 'Exploring the Challenges and Opportunities around Reproductive Health in Disasters in Belkuchi, Bangladesh'.

Speakers at the Festival of Social Sciences included: Dr Ataur Rahman (International Planned Parenthood Federation-South Asia Region Office (IPPF-SAR), Bangkok), Mrs Nimisha Goswami (IPPF-SAR, New Delhi), Dr Fariha Haseen (Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Bangladesh), Mr Steve Glovinsky (Ex UNDP) and Dr Eva Luksaite (Keele University).

Activity 3: Promoting state and non-state collaboration through North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation in order to advance the agenda of avoidable deaths.

- Please see the next activity.

Activity 4: Advocating the agenda of mainstreaming avoidable deaths at the heart of all disaster and development activities in low-and middle-income countries.

Activities 3 and 4 are addressed through the following:

- ADN's Projects (see page ADN's Projects 7).
- Published research outputs (journal articles, books, book chapters, reports, policy briefs) (see page 8).
- Conferences, seminars, workshops and presentations (see page 9).
- Invited keynote addresses/lectures/speeches (see page 9).
- Grant awards (see page 9).
- Knowledge exchange activities (see page 11).
- The details for each of the above can be found in their relevant sections/pages below.

Activity 5: Publishing a bi-annual newsletter.

To achieve this activity, the following has been published:

- On 12 April 2020, a special ADN Bulletin on Coronavirus was released. The link to this Bulletin is: <https://mailchi.mp/8dde7542aaab/bulletin-on-coronavirus?fbclid=IwAR3AeRLrk8neRGLCoS5GyRiVabeE5Y4mnGN9SwfD6safz2LgoV5BF3TnZM>
- On 21 December 2019, the first ADN Newsletter was published. The link to the Newsletter is: <https://www.avoidable-deaths.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/ADN-Newsletter-Issue-No.-1.pdf>

Activity 6: Actively soliciting and securing private and public funds to promote the above activities.

To achieve this activity, from March 2019 to July 2020, the ADN Core Team submitted 15 grant applications to various funders in the UK, Bangladesh and India. Nine grant applications have been successful. Therefore, the success rate has been 60% and the total amount of fund raised is: £124,693.68

- Please see the details of successful and unsuccessful grant applications under the Grants Awards section below (see page 9).

ADN's Projects

From 12 March 2019 to 31 July 2020, the ADN team has been working on seven projects. Five of the projects have been concluded, while two are ongoing. Please see **Table 4** for the details of the project. For further details please visit the following link on ADN's website: <http://www.avoidable-deaths.net/ongoing-projects/>

On 22 April 2020, it was announced that the research project 'Avoidable Deaths from the Effect of COVID-19 and Lockdown' was selected as one of the COVID-19 Working Groups for Public Health and Social Science Research. This selection was approved through the National Science Foundation-funded Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) Network and the CONVERGE facility housed at the Natural Hazards Center at the University of Colorado Boulder.

Table 4: ADN's 2019/2020 Projects

Dates	Project Title	Project Aim	Status
July to October 2020	COVID-19 Helplines for Mental Health & Psychosocial Support in India	To identify existing helpline services in India that provide psychosocial support to the general public during the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent restricted social interactions.	Completed- the report for the project was released on 18 October 2020 and can be found here: https://www.avoidable-deaths.net/ongoing-projects/project-covid-19-helplines/
April 2020 to Ongoing	Social Distancing: Cross-Cultural Perspectives from Bangladesh, India, Japan and the UK	To explore how social distancing is being defined, perceived and practiced by national governments and households during the COVID-19 pandemic in Bangladesh, India, Japan and the UK	Ongoing- Second phase of data collection
April 2020 to Ongoing	Avoidable Deaths from the Effect of the COVID-19 and Lockdown in India	To study the current number of avoidable deaths from COVID-19, and the current number of unavoidable deaths from COVID-19 in India and Odisha.	Ongoing- data collection phase
March to August 2020	ADN's Art Project on 'Hope'	To hold an art competition for the best image that represents hope against the COVID-19 pandemic.	Completed- the project ended on 15 October 2020 and the images can be found: https://www.avoidable-deaths.net/photo-gallery/
November 2019 to July 2020	Strengthening Avoidable Deaths Network	To engage with regional coordinators and relevant stakeholders in India, Bangladesh and Uganda to identify research themes for ADN Hubs.	Completed
November 2019 to July 2020	Raising the Visibility, Outreach and Impact	To raise the visibility, outreach and impact of the IPPF-Funded project 'Exploring the Challenges and Opportunities around Reproductive Health in Disasters in Bangladesh'.	Completed
May 2017 to June 2019	Risk, Crisis, Disaster and Development Management (RCDDM): Future Leader Programme	To identify a joint Leicester-Kansai Future Leader Programme in Risk, Crisis, Disaster and Development Management.	Completed- finalising the report

Published Research Outputs

Journal Articles

- Ray-Bennett, N.S. and Shiroshita, H. (2019) Disasters, Deaths and the Sendai Framework's Target One: A Case for Systems Failure in Hiroshima Landslide 2014, Japan. *Disaster Prevention and Management*, 28 (6): 764-785 <https://doi.org/10.1108/DPM-09-2019-0302>
- Ray-Bennett, N.S., Corsel, D., Goswami, N. and Ghosh, A. (2019) 'Understanding reproductive health challenges during a flood: Insights from Belkuchi Upazila, Bangladesh', *Gates Open Research* 2019(3): 788. <http://dx.doi.org/10.12688/gatesopenres.12920.2>
- Ray-Bennett, N.S. and Shiroshita, H. (2019) Disasters, Deaths and the Sendai Framework's Target One: A Case for Systems Failure in Hiroshima Landslide 2014, Japan. *Disaster Prevention and Management*, 28 (6): 764-785 <https://doi.org/10.1108/DPM-09-2019-0302>

Journal Articles Under Review

- Alam, E. and Ray-Bennett, N.S. Disaster Risk Governance of Local Level Administration in Rangamati, Bangladesh. *International Journal for Disaster Risk Reduction* (Currently under review).

Book Chapters

- Ray-Bennett, N.S., Mendez, D., Alam, E., and Morgner, C. (2020) Inter-Agency Collaboration in Natural Hazard Management in Developed Countries. In Gerber, B. (ed.) *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Natural Hazard Science*, New York: Oxford University Press. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780199389407.013.176>

Report

- Ray-Bennett, N.S., Corsel, D.M. and Goswami, N. (2019) *Exploring the Challenges and Opportunities Around Reproductive Health in Disasters in Belkuchi Upazila, Bangladesh*. IPPF Publication: London. <https://www.ippf.org/resource/improving-quality-and-availability-post-abortion-care-humanitarian-crisis>

Policy Briefs

- Ray-Bennett, N.S., Corsel, D.M. and Goswami, N. (2019) *RHCC: Facilitating Opportunities for Reproductive Health Care during a Flood in Bangladesh*. IPPF Publication: London. <https://www.ippf.org/sites/default/files/201904/IPPF%20Innovation%20Policy%20Brief%20PAC.pdf>
- Ray-Bennett, N.S., Corsel, D.M. and Goswami, N. (2019) *RHCC: Improving the Quality of Post Abortion Care during Floods in Belkuchi, Bangladesh*. IPPF Publication: London. https://www.ippf.org/sites/default/files/20104/IPPF%20Innovation%20Policy%20Brief%20RHCC%20Approach_0.pdf

Conferences, Seminars, Workshops and Presentations

- ADN's Regional Coordinator-Belize, Mr Daniel Mendez represented ADN at the Belize Network of NGOs' Economic Recovery Forum on 8 June 2020. This Forum was held virtually via Zoom, and featured speakers from the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, National Council for Education, University of Belize, Belize Tourism Industry Association and Ministry of Health.
- Mr Daniel Medez also contributed to the Belize Network of NGOs' National Recovery Strategy, which can be found here: <https://btia.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/BNN-National-Recovery-Strategy-1.pdf>
- Dr Nibedita Ray-Bennett was interviewed by Mahima A Jain for her research on 'Landless Dalits, hit hardest by disasters, are last to get relief: Study' *Business Standard*, 17 August 2019. The excerpt of her interview can be read through this link: https://www.business-standard.com/article/current-affairs/landless-dalits-hit-hardest-by-disasters-are-last-to-get-relief-study-119081700854_1.html?fbclid=IwAR31SDJ4oSPcs9SznKLN8jl-myx9VIUacKk_xslHAIqabSTYHUsD3RvYNOc#.XWqdS-BMCQU.facebook
- Dr Nibedita Ray-Bennett was selected to present the 'Avoidable Deaths Network' on the IGNITE Stage at the UNDRR's Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Geneva, Switzerland on 17 May 2019. Her talk can be viewed at the following link: <https://youtu.be/PzFOv9Vg8Q8>
- Dr Nibedita Ray-Bennett in collaboration with Mr Maqbul Bhuiyna from Data Management Aid launched the IPPF-funded project report entitled: 'Exploring the Challenges and Opportunities around Reproductive Health in Disasters in Belkuchi Upazila, Bangladesh' at Dhaka University on 23 April 2019. The project's film can be viewed at the following link: <https://youtu.be/s9uMeNsUZhc> and the project's report and policy briefs can be found at: <https://www.ippf.org/resource/improving-quality-and-availability-post-abortion-care-humanitarian-crisis>

Invited keynote addresses/lectures/speeches

- Dr Hideyuki Shiroshita was invited to lecture on 'How can we promote disaster education', Lecture at Izumiotsu city education center, Osaka, 16 July 2020.
- Dr Hideyuki Shiroshita was invited to lecture on 'Disaster education for restructuring of the framework of DRR', Lecture at the Osaka Prefectural Board of Education, Online, 22 April 2020.
- Dr Nibedita Ray-Bennett was invited to lecture on 'RHCC Intervention during the major flood in 2017 in Belkuchi in Bangladesh', Lecture at the Institute for Risk and Disaster Risk Reduction, University College London, London, 3 December 2019.

Grant Awards

Successful Grant Awards (including contract research, research consultancy)

- Title of project: *Upscaling RHCC by Developing a Protocol for Low-Budget Reproductive Health Kit*. Funded by IPPF-SARO. Funding amount: USD10,000 (£7149.83). Start and end date: Nov 2020-Jan2021.
- Title of project: *Life Changing Scholarships for Human Development*. Funded by Commonwealth Scholarship in the UK/DFID. Funding amount: £98,610. Start and end date: Oct 2020-Dec 2022.

- Title of project: Avoidable Deaths from the Effect of COVID-19 and Lockdown in India. Funded by: Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado Boulder. Funding amount: USD 1,000 (£753). Start and end date: Jun 2020-Jul 2021.
- Title of project: *RHCC Intervention: Raising Visibility, Uptake and Impact for Change and Development*. Funded by CSSAH Research Impact and Knowledge Exchange Fund (RIKE) 2019/20. Funding amount: £1,397.50. Start and end date: Mar 2020-Jul 2020.
- Title of project: *Stakeholders Workshop for Reproductive Health in Disasters in Bangladesh; Launching Avoidable Deaths Network (ADN) Hub in Uganda*. Funded by the School of Business Research Events Funding, University of Leicester. Funding amount: £1,500. Start and end date: Mar 2020-Jul 2020.
- Title of project: *Reproductive Health in Disasters: Raising Awareness and Visibility*. Funded by ESRC grant, University of Leicester. Funding amount: £970. Start and end date: Nov 2019.
- Title of project: *Strengthening Avoidable Deaths Network*. Funded by Leicester Institute of Advanced Studies Tiger Team Funding and GCRF. Funding amount: £5,000. Start and end date: Nov 2019-Jul 2020.
- Title of project: *Reproductive Health in Disasters: Raising Visibility for Future Collaborations for Development*. Funded by Leicester's ESRC-Impact Acceleration Account Large Rapid Response Scheme, University of Leicester. Funding amount: £7,153.35. Start and end date: Nov 2019-Jul 2020.
- Title of project: *Indirect Deaths: A Framework to Assess Indirect Deaths in Odisha and West Bengal, India*. Funded by CSSAH Grant Writing Support Fund, University of Leicester. Funding amount: £2,160. Start and end date: Sept 2019-July 2020.

Unsuccessful Grant Awards

- Project title: *Developing Resilience for Health and Livelihoods around COVID-19 in Uganda's Humanitarian Settings* (DRIVE). Funder: ELHRA's Research for Health in Humanitarian Crises (R2HC) (£428,315.33). Submitted on 4 May 2020. (Co-PI: Dr Yazidh Bamutaze, Makerere University).
- Project titled: *COVID-19 Support in Odisha through a Pushti Abhijan (Nutrition Initiative) and a Protective Gears for Frontline Workers Initiative*. Funder: WIPRO Foundation's COVID-19 Response Fund 'Fight Against Coronavirus' (11116248 Indian Rupees; approximately £112,990). Submitted on 8 April 2020. (Co-PI: Mr Dillip Pattanaik).
- Project title: *Avoiding Deaths and Sustaining Social Harmony during COVID-19 in Odisha, India*. Funder: Omidyar Network India's Rapid Response Funding for COVID-19 (2 crore Indian Rupees; approximately £210,000). Submitted on 3 April 2020. (Co-PI: Mr Dillip Pattanaik).
- Project title: *Upscaling RHCC to Save Mothers' Lives during Disasters and Humanitarian Crises* (BTK 500,000). Submitted to the Government of Bangladesh's Planning Management and Research on 1 February 2020. However, due to COVID-19 the Planning Management and Research Department did not announce the result of this bid.
- Project title: *Disaster Resilient Reproductive Health Team*. Funder: LIAS 10X10 Challenge Fund, (£11,190.08). Submitted on 10 January 2020.
- Project title: *Upscaling RHCC to Save Mothers Lives during Disasters and Humanitarian Crises* (£74,701). Submitted to Laerdal Foundation on 1 October 2019.

Knowledge Exchange Activities

- On 7 July 2020, Dr Hideyuki Shiroshita and the 5th grade pupils (10-11 years of age) of Hama Elementary School in the City of Izumiotsu in the central prefecture of Osaka prefecture, Japan started a novel project of developing 'Tsunami Augmented Reality' that would enable the residents to learn what will happen when a tsunami occurs in their locality. The City of Izumiotsu is expected to be severely affected by the future Nankai Trough Earthquake and Tsunami disaster
- On 3 July 2020, Dr Nibedita Ray-Bennett was interviewed by the Manchester Alliance Business School's initiative on 'COVID-19 Briefing' on the leadership required during COVID-19 in India.
- On 2 July 2020, Dr Nibedita Ray-Bennett had a live interview with Ben Jackson on his Mid-Morning show, BBC Radio Leicester. COVID-related questions were answered from school children (11-17 years of age) in Leicestershire.
- On 20 May 2020, Dr Nibedita Ray-Bennett was selected as Expert Member for the Working Group 'Exposure and Vulnerability' United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction's (UNDRR) Global Risk Assessment Framework (GRAF) (for two years - selected through a competitive bid).
- On 28 April 2020, Dr Nibedita Ray-Bennett was interviewed by a feminist NGO in India called Prajna on COVID-19. The interview on 'Reflections on Resilience: COVID-19: An Opportunity to learn effective Disaster Governance' has been published through The PSW Weblog by Prajnya: <https://keepingcount.wordpress.com/2020/04/27/reflections-on-resilience-ray-bennett/>
- On 3 April 2020, Dr Nibedita Ray-Bennett in collaboration with Mrs Denise Corsel developed and launched a Repository for COVID-19 for ADN's Organisational Partners and others. The Repository provides useful and reliable information resources on COVID-19 pandemic. The Repository is regularly updated with latest news on COVID-19. As of July 2020, this Repository was viewed approximately 245 times. The link to the Repository is: <https://www.avoidable-deaths.net/repository-of-covid-19/>
- On 29 March 2020, Mrs Denise Corsel launched an art project on 'Hope'. As part of this project, 15 images were submitted to ADN. The winning image was used on the cover page of the ADN Newsletter November 2020. All the submitted images are featured on ADN's Photo Gallery: <https://www.avoidable-deaths.net/photo-gallery/>
- On 27 March 2020, Dr Nibedita Ray-Bennett was selected as one of the coronavirus experts on 'Health and Wellbeing' for the University of Leicester <https://le.ac.uk/research/coronavirus/health-and-wellbeing>
- On 8 November 2019, Dr Nibedita Ray-Bennett was interviewed by the School of Business Marketing team during ADN's first Stakeholder's Meeting at Leicester. This interview can be viewed on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=avxS4grgb4>

Annex 1: List of our Organisational Partners

Date of Joining	Name	Country
12/03/2019	India	All India Disaster Mitigation Institute
12/03/2019	India	Orissa State Volunteers and Social Workers Association
12/03/2019	Egypt, India and Myanmar	MARS Practitioners Network: Mainstreaming Adaptation, Resilience and Sustainability into Development and daily life
12/03/2019	Bangladesh	University of Chittagong
12/03/2019	Belize	Right Insights
12/03/2019	India	International Planned Parenthood Federation
12/03/2019	Kenya	UNDP-Nairobi
12/03/2019	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	University of the West Indies
12/03/2019	Thailand	Equal Asia Foundation
12/03/2019	Uganda	Department of Geography, Geo-Informatics and Climatic Sciences, Makerere University (Uganda)
15/03/2019	US/UK	Barker-DeStefano & Co
19/03/2019	India	Doers
21/03/2019	UK	Northumbria Disaster and Development Society
05/04/2019	Uganda	Africa Disaster Reduction Research and Emergency Missions [ADRREM] (Uganda)
02/05/2019	Uganda	Transformative Projects Services Ltd
22/05/2019	Ghana	Disaster Resilience Network Ghana
27/05/2019	Uganda	Livelihood Improvement Program of Uganda (LIPRO Uganda)
08/11/2019	Bangladesh	Data Management Aid
17/12/2019	India	Samanvay Fraternity Service Society
18/12/2019	India	Resilience Innovation Knowledge Academy
20/12/2019	Bangladesh	Disaster and Development Organisation (DADO)
26/12/2019	India	Confederation of Risk Reduction Professionals
04/01/2020	Bangladesh	Association for Community Development
12/01/2020	Bangladesh	Assistance for Safe Community (ASC)
15/01/2020	Bangladesh	Department of Social Science, Dhaka College
11/02/2020	Senegal	Albida International LLC
07/04/2020	Netherlands	Interpoint BV
23/04/2020	Uganda	Makerere University, School of Public Health Resilient Africa Network
16/07/2020	India	The International Emergency Management Society - India Chapter