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Introduction to ADN Members and Activities

This report documents the activities undertaken by the **members** of the ADN from 1 August 2020 to 31 July 2021. 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. This second report covers the activities of 12 months.

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).

ADN Members

As of 31 July 2021, 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 Shiroshita at Kansai University; the founding Operation's Manager, Ms Denise Corsel at the University of Leicester; the Media and Communication Officer, Mr Matt Merry; the ADN Administrator, Ms Shaiza Khawaja (for 3 months), Ms Antara Ragini Dev Sarmah (for 2 months) and Mr Shahidul Hoque (ongoing); and the Intern Project Coordinator, Ms Rwittambhara Kashyap

On 31 July 2021, the ADN consisted of 15 multi-disciplinary world-renowned Advisory Board Members from nine different countries (please see *Table 1*). Three of these members are new Advisors who joined in the year 2021.

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
February 2021	Mr. David Wales	UK
February 2021	Professor Michael G Petterson	UK
July 2021	Mr Mohammed Ali Said Albadi	Oman

The role of Regional Coordinators is scheduled for two years. As such, Regional Coordinators recruited in 2019 were contacted whether they would like to continue with their role for another two years. 14 Regional Coordinators expressed interest to continue their role, while four did not renew their role. For the next two-year term (2021-2023), six new

Regional Coordinators were solicited. As of 31 July 2021, the ADN had 20 Regional Coordinators from 13 different countries (please see *Table 2*).

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	Ms Pamela Komujuni-Kalule	Uganda
March 2019	Dr Sophie Hebden	UK
March 2019	Dr Christian Morgner	UK
March 2019	Mr Bede Wilson	Australia
March 2019	Dr Edris Alam	Bangladesh
March 2019	Mr Krishna Clarke	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
March 2019	Mr Dillip Pattanaik	India
March 2019	Ms Madhulika Sahoo	India
April 2019	Dr Fatima Akter	Bangladesh
April 2019	Dr Holmes Paez	Colombia
April 2019	Dr Yazidhi Bamutaze	Uganda
March 2021	Ms Shaiza Khawaja	Pakistan
March 2021	Ms Anuradha	India
March 2021	Dr Radhanath Tripathy	India
April 2021	Khadijeh Norouzi Khatiri	Iran
April 2021	Dr Netrananda Sahu	India
April 2021	Dr Inshah Malik	Afghanistan

As of 31 July 2021, ADN had 25 Interns from nine different countries. Of this, 16 Interns took part in the project titled ‘COVID-19 Helplines for Mental Health & Psychosocial Support in India’, and five different Interns are currently involved in the project titled ‘Eastern Belt Project’. Interns who have worked with ADN have said:

“I truly enjoyed working with you, Denise, and the rest of the ADN team, and learned a tremendous amount. I would still really love to hear about the work ADN is doing and attend the events you host. Hopefully in the future I will be able to reconnect with ADN and perhaps collaborate on future projects. Thank you again for your incredible mentorship.” (Elizabeth Nelson, University of Harvard)

“I joined ADN as an Intern. I had no job experience. I took part in two research projects, and one was a consortium. I learnt tremendously. After that I took on ADN’s administrative role. These different roles build my confidence [...] and I was eventually able to seek a Lecturer position [...]. I will never forget my first job experience with ADN” (Shaiza Khwaja, The Center for Disaster Management, University of Management and Technology, Pakistan).

A longer testament of another Intern on ‘What it’s like to work with ADN’ provided in **Annex 2**.

In July 2021, a decision was made to change the way new members would join ADN. ADN still welcome new members to join but the sign-up form was amended to not include a choice of joining ADN as an Affiliate, Organisational Partner, or Intern. This decision was

made because it led to confusion and there were instances where members joined but were not active. Therefore, the sign-up form on the ADN webpage now allocates everyone as a member. Members receive ADN's exclusive newsletters and bulletins, as well as information on various knowledge exchange activities hosted and facilitated by the ADN team. If a member is interested in becoming an Organisational Partner or would like to volunteer, this is still possible, but the recruitment process is via email communication and discussions with ADN's Presidents and Operations Manager in order to find the best way forward for all parties involved.

Moreover, the ADN sign-up form, which can be found on ADN's webpage has also been changed. It now links to Mailchimp so that members are safely and securely registered. Mailchimp offers tools related to consent and individual rights, which assist with complying to General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Additionally, it automatically sends out a welcome email from ADN.

As of 31 July 2021, the total number of ADN Members was 372, which is more than double of the previous year's membership numbers (in July 2020 there were 137 ADN members). This includes: six Core Team, 15 Advisory Board Members, 20 Regional Coordinators, 34 Organisational Partners and 298 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 2020/2021

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 webinars 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 an 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 2021, ADN had attracted 518 followers and 511 likes on Facebook from more than 46 countries (of which 32.1% are female and 67.9% are male). This was an increase of 148 followers in the past year. On Twitter, ADN had attracted 516 followers. This was an increase of 196 followers in the past year. On LinkedIn, ADN had attracted 152 followers. This was an increase of 64 followers in the past year.
- 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. From 31 July 2020 to 31 July 2021, this Repository has had 623 pageview. To increase the utility of this Repository, the ADN Activity Coordinator announces an update of this page twice a week.
- On 20 May 2021, ADN joined PMNCH (Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health), WHO, as a member reinforcing 'our commitment to working in partnership to build a more equitable world and ensure the best possible future 'every woman, Children and adolescent'.

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

To achieve this activity, the ADN's Core Team in collaboration with Regional Coordinators, Organisational Partners and Advisors organised five virtual Special Sessions in Uganda, Nigeria, Pakistan, India and the UK (please see **Table 3**). The Special Sessions in Uganda and Nigeria involved national disaster management authorities, African Union and non-governmental organisations to raise awareness on avoidable disaster deaths.

Table 3: Special Sessions 2020-2021

Date	Title of the Special Sessions	Facilitating Organisation	Impact
16 June 2021	Reducing Deaths and Injuries from Residential Fire through Human Perspectives	SharedAim, UK	A before-and-after survey regarding level of confidence on the usefulness of the topics (5-level Likert scale) was conducted: Before (n=29): 31% participants rated positive. After (n=26): 76.9% participants rated positive.
7 May 2021	Let's Talk About Silent Deaths	Orissa State Volunteers Social Workers Association, India	A before-and-after survey regarding level of confidence on the usefulness of the topics (5-level Likert scale) was conducted: Before (n=15): 46.6% participants rated positive. After (n=11): 91% participants rated positive.

4 March 2021	Disaster Risk Management – Discourses from Asia and Latin America	The Center for Disaster Management, University of Management and Technology, Pakistan	A before-and-after survey regarding level of confidence on the usefulness of the topics (5-level Likert scale) was conducted: Before (n=39): On average 34% participants rated positive. After (n=24): 79% participants rated positive.
15 February 2021	Responding to Domestic Fires and Coastal Flooding: Lessons from UK, India and Cambodia	Disaster Alert, Nigeria	A before-and-after survey regarding level of confidence on the usefulness of the topics (5-level Likert scale) was conducted: Before (n=29): 65% participants rated positive. After (n=22): 95% participants rated positive.
4 December 2020	Let's Talk About Avoidable Deaths: Views from Multiple Perspectives	Makerere University, Uganda	A before-and-after survey regarding level of confidence on the usefulness of the topics (5-level Likert scale) was conducted: Before (n=28): 85% participants rated positive. After (n=20): 100% participants rated positive.

The Special Session on Avoidable Deaths was launched on 4th December 2020 at the 'International Conference on Geographical Science for Resilient Communities, Ecosystems and Livelihoods under Global Environmental Change' organised by Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda.

The Special Sessions are knowledge exchange and engagement webinars delivered virtually to the public for free with the aim to raise awareness on the concept of avoidable deaths and their avoidance through theoretical or practical solutions, or both. The Special Sessions also raise knowledge and awareness on those deaths that are often not in the mainstream agenda of policy makers, practitioners, and even academia. World-class researchers, experts and practitioners are invited to speak at the Special Sessions. Further details of the Special Sessions can be found through this weblink: <https://www.avoidable-deaths.net/adn-special-sessions/>

The five Special Sessions attracted more than 222 attendees and 20 global speakers.

Before and after each of the Special Sessions, the participants were asked to answer questions about their level of confidence on the usefulness of the topics covered in the Special Session using an online poll system. The questions were asked using a 5-level Likert scale, where 1 = not at all confident, and 5 = very confident. The results showed a significant increase in the proportion of positive responses (very confident and moderately confident) after Special Sessions (see Table 3). Only one respondent chose a negative response at the after survey

throughout all 5 Special Sessions. It can be concluded that the Special Sessions provided expert knowledge related to avoidable deaths to the participants.

Please see **Figure 1** for the flyers of the five Special Sessions. For more details on the Special Sessions, please view this weblink: <https://www.avoidable-deaths.net/adn-special-sessions/>

On 10 June 2021, ADN in collaboration with DMAT, Right Insight, Shared Aim, and Prepared International (guided by UNDP’s Disaster Risk Reduction and Recovery Head) agreed to organise a day-long symposium called ‘Integrating Disaster Risk Management with Defence and Emergency Services for Reducing Avoidable Disaster Deaths in the Caribbean’. As of 31 July 2021, the ADN’s core team organised three meetings with all the partners, and sought invitation accepted by the key stakeholders for this event including the Caribbean Development Bank, Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Authority, Caribbean Association of Fire Services and Barbados Fire Service, and the Regional Security System.

This virtual symposium will take place on 10 December 2021. For more details, please check this weblink: <https://www.avoidable-deaths.net/events-2/symposium/>

Figure 1: Flyers of the ADN Special Sessions



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 9).
- Conferences, seminars, workshops and presentations (see page 9).
- Invited keynote addresses/lectures/speeches (see page 10).
- Grant awards (see page 11).
- Special Sessions (see above). The details for each of the above (except the Special Sessions) can be found in their relevant sections/pages below.

Activity 5: Publishing an annual newsletter.

A decision was made by the ADN Core team to publish an annual newsletter rather than bi-annual. In order to complement the newsletter and also address the need of the time, the Core Team decided to release Bulletins. As of 31 July 2021, the following have been published in the past year:

- ADN Newsletter on 31 October 2020
- ADN Spring Bulletin on 1 February 2021
- ADN Summer Bulletin on 2 May 2021

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

The ADN Core Team led by Dr Nibedita Ray-Bennett submitted six grant applications to various funders in the UK, Japan, India and Abu Dhabi. Three grant applications have been successful. Two additional Scholarship's fund was granted to Dr Nibedita Ray-Bennett by the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the UK as part of her bid submitted in the period 2019-2020. Furthermore, to respond to the second surge of COVID-19 pandemic in Odisha/India, the ADN raised funds through the GoFundMe platform in the UK and India.

Therefore, the success rate for grant submission has been 50%.

The total amount of fund raised is: £54,797.83

- Please see the details of successful and unsuccessful grant applications under the Grants Awards section below (see page 11).

ADN's Projects

From 1 August 2020 to 31 July 2021, the ADN team has been working on seven projects. Three of the projects have been concluded, while three are ongoing and one on hold. Please see **Table 3** 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/>

Table 3: ADN's 2019/2020 Projects

Dates	Project Title	Project Aim/s	Status
April 2020 to ongoing	Eastern Belt Network – India	To identify and map the number of colleges and universities that offer programmes related to risk, crisis, disaster management, development, and avoidable deaths in the 10 eastern states of India (West Bengal, Assam, Meghalaya, Odisha, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura); and To explore the feasibility of developing a network/alliance of these colleges and universities for avoidable deaths, disaster risk reduction and sustainable development	Ongoing – data collection and data analysis phase

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- third phase of data analysis and writing up phase
April 2020 to Ongoing	Avoidable Deaths from the Effect of the COVID-19 and Lockdown in India	To study the number of avoidable deaths from the effect of COVID-19 and economic lockdown, and the current number of unavoidable deaths from COVID-19 in India and Odisha.	Ongoing- data analysis and writing up phase
August 2021 to December 2021	Afghanistan	To study whether the integrated intervention package RHCC, which includes pre-positioning the Kit, capacity building of the existing health workers, and raising community awareness, has the potential to improve the quality of PAC services in Afghanistan during a major flood.	On halt due to political crisis in Afghanistan.
March 2021 to July 2021	Meals on Wheels	To reduce avoidable deaths from nutritional crisis and starvation amongst the tribal community of Kandamahal district in Odisha who have been the hardest hit by the impact of economic lockdown through the 'Meals on Wheels' initiative.	First phase completed.
Dec 2020 to April 2021	Upscaling RHCC by Developing a Protocol for Low-Budget Reproductive Health Kit	To develop a protocol for low-budget RH kits based on locally sourced medicines, supplies, and toolkits/guidelines.	Completed The Policy Brief can be viewed through this link: https://www.ippfsar.org/resource/introducing-reproductive-health-kits-facility-crisis-set-bangladesh
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/

Published Research Outputs

Journal Articles

- Alam, E. and Ray-Bennett, N.S. 2021. Disaster Risk Governance of Local Level Administration in Rangamati, Bangladesh. *International Journal for Disaster Risk Reduction*, 59(2021): 1-13 doi.org/10.1016/j.ijdrr.2021.102220
- Ray-Bennett, N.S., Corsel, D., Goswami, N. and Bhuiyan, M. 2021. 'RHCC Intervention: Strengthening the delivery and coverage of sexual and reproductive health care during floods in Bangladesh'. *International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare*. <https://doi.org/10.1108/IJHRH-11-2020-0098>

Report

- Ray-Bennett, N.S. et al. (2020) *COVID-19 Helpline Services in India*. Avoidable Deaths Network Publication: Leicester. [https://www.avoidable-deaths.net/ongoing-projects/project-covid-19-helplines/Policy Brief](https://www.avoidable-deaths.net/ongoing-projects/project-covid-19-helplines/Policy%20Brief)

Policy Brief

- Ray-Bennett, N.S., Corsel, D.M., Khan, S.T., Haseen, F., Bhuiyan, M. and Goswami, N. 2021. *Introducing Reproductive Kits for Facility and Crisis Set-Ups*. IPPF-South Asia Region Office: New Delhi. <https://www.ippfsar.org/resource/introducing-reproductive-health-kits-facility-crisis-set-bangladesh>

Leaflet

- Ray-Bennett, N.S., Corsel, D.M., Khan, S.T., Haseen, F., Bhuiyan, M. and Goswami, N. 2021. *Frequently Asked Questions on Emergency and Reproductive Health Kits*. IPPF-South Asia Region Office: New Delhi. <https://www.ippfsar.org/resource/introducing-reproductive-health-kits-facility-crisis-set-bangladesh>

Conferences, Seminars, Workshops and Presentations

- On 4 December 2020, ADN's Special Session 'Let's Talk About Avoidable Deaths: Views from Multiple Perspectives' was part of the International Conference on Geographical Science for Resilient Communities, Ecosystems and Livelihoods under Global Environmental Change (GORILLA), University of Makerere.
- On 8 March 2021, Dr Nibedita Ray-Bennett and Mrs Denise Corsel organised IPPF-funded High level Stakeholders Workshop on 'Developing a Low-Budget Reproductive Health Kit for Disasters and Humanitarian Crises' in Bangladesh in collaboration with Banga Bandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, Data Management Aid, IPPF-South Asia Region Office and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's Directorate General of Health Services and Directorate General of Family Planning.
- On 28 January 2021, Dr Nibedita Ray-Bennett moderated/chaired the Townhall Meeting on 'COVID 19: Delivering SRHR in Crises Settings' with the Independent Panel Exchange for Preparedness and Response, organised by IPPF-South Asia Region Office and WHO's Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH). The Chairperson for this Townhall Meeting was the Rt Honourable Helen Clarke. The event can view through this weblink: <https://vimeo.com/511321027>
- On 19 May 2021, Dr Nibedita Ray-Bennett moderated the session 'NGO Access to Disaster Zones: The Importance of Collaboration and Enhancing Cooperation

Between Agencies and Government in the Field', at the International Disaster Management Exhibition organised by World Humanitarian Forum in London.

Invited keynote addresses/lectures/speeches

- On 19 May 2021, Dr Nibedita Ray-Bennett presented the concept of avoidable deaths for the session 'NGO Access to Disaster Zones: The Importance of Collaboration and Enhancing Cooperation Between Agencies and Government in the Field', at the International Disaster Management Exhibition organised by World Humanitarian Forum in London.
- On 26 June 2021, Dr Nibedita Ray-Bennett delivered a keynote address at the 'National Workshop on Methods and Approaches for Health Research in Social Sciences' organised by ICMR-NIRTH, Jabalpur School of Social Sciences and Humanities, VIT-AP University, and Department of Geography, SES and Central University Karnataka. Dr Ray-Bennett's keynote address focused on the 'Importance of Mixed Method Approach in Health Research'.
- On 4 March 2021, Dr Hideyuki Shiroshita delivered a lecture on '*Implementation of Disaster Risk Education for Tsunami Hazard in Osaka, Japan*' for the Special Session 'Disaster Risk Management: Discourses from Asia and Latin America' facilitated by the University of Management and Technology's Center for Disaster Management.
- On 10 October 2020, Dr Nibedita S Ray-Bennett delivered a special lecture on '*Introducing Systems Thinking and Systems Approach*' for the UNDP's Disaster Risk Reduction and Recovery Team.
- On 11 December 2020, Dr Nibedita Ray-Bennett, delivered a keynote address on '*Systems Thinking for Sustainability of the Himalayan Mountain Communities*' as part of the UN's International Mountain Day on 11 December.
- On 5 February 2021 Dr Nibedita Ray-Bennett delivered a lecture on '*Principles of Disaster Response*', for the Special Session 'Responding to Domestic Fires and Coastal Flooding: Lessons from UK, India and Cambodia' facilitated by Disaster Alert, Nigeria.
- On 5 February 2021, Mrs Denise Corsel delivered a lecture on '*Lessons from the Livelihood-Based Flood Response in Cambodia*', for the Special Session 'Responding to Domestic Fires and Coastal Flooding: Lessons from UK, India and Cambodia' facilitated by Disaster Alert, Nigeria.

Press, Media and Impact

- On 24 November 2021, Dr Nibedita Ray-Bennett was interviewed by Vanessa Chalmers, Digital Health Reporter, The Sun for her article titled: 'XMAS WISH: Should I see my family at Christmas? Experts reveal what's safe and what's not'. The article can be viewed through this link: <https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/13284586/should-i-see-family-christmas-experts-reveal-whats-safe/>
- On 12 June 2021, Dr Hideyuki Shiroshita delivered one-hour lecture on Sakura FM Radio Station. This lecture was part of the City of Nishinomiya's Lifelong Learning Programme in Japan.
- Dr Nibedita Ray-Bennett was interviewed twice by two representatives of the Manchester Alliance Business School's initiative on 'COVID-19 Briefing on the leadership required during COVID-19 pandemic in India'.

Grant Awards

Successful Grant Awards (including contract research, research consultancy)

- Project title: *Upscaling RHCC to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity from post-abortion complications during a major flood in Afghanistan*. Funded by IPPF. Funding amount: USD 20,000 (£13,333). Start and end date: August-December 2021 (currently on hold).
- Project title: *Upscaling RHCC by Developing a Protocol for Low-Budget Reproductive Health Kit*. Funded by IPPF-SARO. Funding amount: USD10,000 (£7,149.83). Start and end date: December 2020-April 2021.
- Project title: *Life Changing Scholarships for Human Development*. Funded by Commonwealth Scholarship in the UK/DFID. Funding amount: £32,870. Start and end date: February 2021-August 2023.
- Project Title: *Avoiding COVID-19 Related Deaths through Effective Disaster Risk Governance in India*. Declined. Funded by Rabdan Academy. Funding amount: USD 4,000. **Declined.**

GoFundMe

- Project Title: Meals on Wheels. Fund raised by: GoFundMe Platform. Funding amount: £1,445

Unsuccessful Grants

- Project title: *Indirect Deaths (IDea): A Framework to Assess Indirect Deaths in Odisha and West Bengal, India*. Funder: ESRC Research Grants Open. Funding amount: £629,888.38. Date of submission: 11 September 2020. PI: Dr Nibedita Ray-Bennett
- Project title: *Good Practices for Sexual and Reproductive Health Services During COVID-19 and Concurrent Disasters in Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka*. Funder: WHO-Kobe Centre HQ/UHC-HEP/WKC. Funding amount: \$774,353.02. Date of submission: 27 September 2020). PI: Dr Nibedita Ray-Bennett
- Project title: *Landslide Risk Application in Sri Lanka*'. Funder: National Space Innovation-International Programme. Funding amount: £250,000. Date of submission: 30 October 2020. Co-I: Dr Nibedita Ray-Bennett. PI: CSIRO in Australia and Catapult for a landslide risk application in Sri Lanka, and National Centre for Earth Observation

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	Belize	Right Insights
12/03/2019	Thailand	Equal Asia Foundation
12/03/2019	Uganda	Department of Geography, Geo-Informatics and Climatic Sciences, Makerere University (Uganda)
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)
14/01/2020	Belize	Right Insights
15/01/2020	Bangladesh	Department of Social Science, Dhaka College
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
28/09/2020	Uganda	SAF (Shine Africa Foundation)-Teso
19/11/2020	Pakistan	Center for Disaster Management, University of Management and Technology
01/12/2020	India	Alchemist Research and Data Analysis
04/12/2020	Congo	Notre Voix
13/01/2021	Nigeria	Disaster Alert
22/01/2021	India	Pearlss 4 Development
03/02/2021	Nigeria	National Emergency Management Volunteer (NEMA)
05/02/2021	Nigeria	Decapolis Community Development Centers
02/03/2021	India	Youth for Resilient Community
21/05/2021	Uganda	Union of Community Development Volunteers (UCDV)

Annex 2: What it's like to work at the ADN

by Antara Ragini Den Sarmah

To work at the ADN means to spend each day learning. The environment that the members of the ADN family have created is one that is conducive to the collective growth of the organization as well as its members. These members hail from various backgrounds (academic and otherwise) and engage with each other to address any challenges faced either in the project they are assigned to, or sometimes even outside of it.

If you work at the ADN, your colleagues could be medical doctors, members of the defence forces of a country, PhD students studying disaster management, public policy analysts, professors, humanitarian workers, members of NGOs.... The list goes on. It is uncommon to find such a collective of different opinions and experiences from all across the globe. The ADN in this way is truly like a box of chocolates!

In first month of my time at the ADN, I worked as a Research Assistant responsible only for my work. Over time, I took on the additional role of a line manager with oversight of the work of 15 others, as well as that of the ADN Administrator, part of the management of the organization. I can thus safely say that I have experienced what it is like to work in each section of the organization. What I have learned, is that the secret to doing work that one can truly be proud of (individually and as a team), is to engage in discussions, dialogue and even debates with members of your team. This is done at the ADN in a democratic way, in that all members of the team are free to share their ideas, which are incorporated immediately if the team agrees. The ADN does not subscribe to a hierarchical way of thinking and places value on merit and good ideas.

The ADN is growing rapidly, and its presence is felt across the globe. Our Affiliates, Organisational Partners, Regional Coordinators and Advisors are based in countries across North and South America, Asia, Africa and Europe. With the growth of our Network, the ADN family grows stronger and more committed to its goals. It is an honour to be a part of this Network, and indeed this *movement*, dedicated to reducing avoidable deaths globally.