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# **Annual Report**

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## INTRODUCTION

This report documents the activities undertaken by the **Avoidable Deaths Network (ADN) members** from 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025. Members include the Operations Team, Advisory Board, Regional Coordinators, and Interns.

The ADN was launched on 12 March 2019 at the 4<sup>th</sup> Summit of the Global Alliance of Disaster Research Institutes (GADRI) in Kyoto, Japan. This is the sixth annual report.

**Our purpose** (*why we exist*): To help policymakers, practitioners, and at-risk communities make better decisions to save lives and reduce avoidable injuries and deaths for sustainable development.

**Our vision** (*what we want to achieve by 2030*): To be recognised as global leaders in avoidable deaths for impactful research, solutions, and services.

**Strategic areas:** We focused on three interrelated areas to achieve our vision by 2030.

1. Promoting a global community for avoidable deaths.
2. Promoting research, networking and knowledge exchange.
3. Promoting the Global Campaign 'International Awareness Day for Avoidable Deaths' (IAD4AD) and the Campaign slogan 'Disaster Deaths Are Avoidable'.

To achieve these strategic areas, although not limited to, ADN conducts eight activities discussed below.

### **Milestones to support our strategic areas:**

Since 2022, ADN has been a Member of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction's (UNDRR) 'Sendai Framework Voluntary Commitments (VC) platform'. We provide a six-month progress report to the Sendai VC Platform. Our Commitments are for the Sendai Goals A (reduce disaster mortality) and B (reduce the number of people affected by disasters) at the interface with four Sustainable Development Goals (3, 11, 13 and 17). The last report submitted was for the period July to December 2024. ADN's page on the UNDRR's VC platform can be viewed through this link:

[sendaicommitments.undrr.org/commitments/20211123\\_001](https://sendaicommitments.undrr.org/commitments/20211123_001)

Since 2023, ADN has been a member of the WHO's Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH) and the HEUREKA Project – 'Civil Protection Knowledge Partnership Middle East'. Also in 2023, ADN became part of the University of Leicester [Institute for Environmental Futures](#)' research challenge, 'Climate Risk'.

Since 2024, ADN has been a member of the [United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs](#) (UNOCHA) Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Groups Leading-Edge Programme. As a member, ADN affiliates/members can organise seminars and webinars at the 'Humanitarian Networks Partnerships Week' (HNPW) in Geneva, either in person or virtually.

On 12 December 2024, ADN became a member of the [Santiago Network](#). The ADN-Santiago Network consists of 32 technical experts from 26 organisations representing 10 countries. Seven of these 32 technical experts are our future leaders. The ADN-Santiago Network is led by the University of Leicester in collaboration with K2 Resilience and ICARS GNEC IIT-Roorkee. As a member, ADN will play a crucial role in achieving the goals and functions of the Santiago network, with opportunities to contribute to and benefit from its activities related to loss and damage.

## MEMBERS

Members include the Operations Team, Interns, Regional Coordinators, Advisory Board, and Affiliates. As of 31 July 2025, the [Operations Team](#) (core and supporting members) comprised 28 members from nine countries (**Table 1**). This is one additional member compared to the previous academic year.

**Table 1: List of Core and Supporting Operations Team Members**

#	Name	Role	Country
<b>Core Members</b>			
1	Prof. Nibedita S. Ray-Bennett	Founding President and Convenor	United Kingdom
2	Dr. Hideyuki Shiroshita	Founding President	Japan
3	Dr. Denise Corsel	Supporting Operations Manager	United Kingdom
4	Mr. Matt Merry	Marketing Consultant	United Kingdom
5	Mr. Abdullahi O. Umar	Global Campaign Coordinator	Nigeria
6	Mr. Shahidul Hoque	Activity Coordinator	Bangladesh
7	Ms. Lauren MacLeod	Activity Coordinator; Research Administrator	United Kingdom
8	Master Arkoneil Ghosh	Junior Champion Magazine Editor; Global Campaign Administrator	India
9	Mr. Lasith Dissanayake	Activity Coordinator and Research Assistant	United Kingdom
10	Ms. Kelly Litsoung	Knowledge Exchange and Activity Coordinator	Germany
11	Mr. Krishna Clarke	Quantitative Research Coordinator	Barbados
12	Dr. Vincent Erim Owan	Global Campaign Coordinator	United Kingdom
13	Mr. Adewumi Otonne	Case Station (CaSA) Coordinator and Support Coordinator	United Kingdom
14	Ms. Hana Hirotsuka	Activity Coordinator	Japan
15	Ms. Yuna Hanafusa	Activity Coordinator	Japan
16	Ms. Giulia Cristina	Activity Coordinator	United Kingdom
<b>Supporting Members</b>			
17	Mr. Alex Skinner	Administrative Coordinator	United Kingdom
18	Ms. Anushka Koner	Junior Champion	India

		Magazine Co-Editor and Design Coordinator	
19	Ms. Prarthona Datta	Junior Champion Magazine Co-Editor	Canada
20	Mr. Rajesh Patro	Field Coordinator, Case Station for Avoidable Deaths (CaSA)	India
21	Dr. Winifred Ekezie	Evidence Synthesis Coordinator	United Kingdom
22	Dr. Aditya Ghosh	Science Society Interface Coordinator	United Kingdom
23	Dr. Nimra I. Choudhary	Knowledge Exchange Public Engagement Coordinator	Pakistan/ New Zealand
24	Mr. Shafkat Hossain	Research and Enterprise Activity Coordinator	United Kingdom
25	Dr. Te Klangboonkrong	Project Coordinator	United Kingdom
26	Ms. Racheal Nantume	Project Volunteer	Uganda
27	Dr. Biswajit Paul	Project Volunteer	India
28	Dr. Srashta Choudhury	Project Volunteer	India

Between 1 August 2024 and 31 July 2025, ADN has/ had five Future Leader interns (**Table 2**) from three countries and one Junior Champion from one country (**Table 3**). To read the Testimonials of our Junior Champions, please see [ANNEX 2: TESTIMONIALS](#).

This academic year, we introduced the Future Leaders Programme. They are emerging leaders and their area of research, advocacy and campaign matches with ADN's research themes. Please see **Table 4** for the list of current Future Leaders.

**Table 2: List of Future Leader Interns**

#	Date of Joining	Name	Departure date	Country
1	May 2024	Dr. Mohammed Maryam Samaila	31 July 2025	Nigeria
2	March 2024	Ms. Sadia Afrin Sayfa Negaban	Ongoing	Bangladesh
3	March 2024	Mr. Mohammad Fahimul Islam	Ongoing	Bangladesh
4	October 2024	Mr. Shadrack Ayuk Tabe	31 July 2025	Cameroon
5	March 2025	Ms. Kelly Olivia	21 July 2025	United Kingdom

**Table 3: List of Junior Champion**

#	Name	Role	Country
1	Master Arkoneil Ghosh	Junior Champion Magazine Editor; Global Campaign Administrator	India

**Table 4: List of Future Leaders**

#	Name	Role	Country
1	Ms. Chloe Vasquez	Future Leader (avoidable snakebite deaths)	United States of America
2	Ms. Giulia Cristiana	Future Leader (avoidable plastic deaths)	United Kingdom
3	Mr. Eduardo Cardoso	Future Leader (food security for climate-affected farmers)	Portugal
4	Mr. Yunes Abou El Wafa	Future Leader (food security for climate-affected farmers)	Germany

The role of [Regional Coordinator](#) is a two-year term. On 31 March 2025, 19 Regional Coordinators from 10 countries completed their term. From 1 April 2025, a new cohort of 32 Regional Coordinators began their tenures for two years (2025-2027), with 11 Regional Coordinators from the previous tenure continuing their position (**Table 5**).

**Table 5: List of Regional Coordinators (2025-2027)**

#	Date of joining	Name	Country	Institution
1	April 2019	Dr Fatima Akter	Bangladesh	University of Dhaka
2	April 2025	Dr Fariha Haseen	Bangladesh	Bangladesh Medical University
3	April 2025	Dr Arifatul Kibira	Bangladesh	American International University-Bangladesh
4	March 2023	Mr Snehendu Koner	India	Auriga Research
5	March 2021	Dr Madhulika Sahoo	India	Kalahandi University
6	April 2025	Mr Samkeer Kumar Jena	India	Fakir Mohan University

7	April 2025	Dr Grace Mundu	India	Fakir Mohan University
8	June 2024	Dr Nikhil Paul	India	Outdoor Medics
9	April 2025	Mr Vishal Pathak	India	All India Disaster Mitigation Institute
10	March 2024	Muhammad Asad Tahir	Pakistan-UK	Sustainable Leadership Forum
11	April 2025	Ms Tahira Khan	Pakistan	Punjab Emergency Service Rescue
12	June 2024	Dr Franklin Babila Doh	Cameroon	Pan African Institute for Development-East and Southern Africa
13	April 2023	Dr Ranjan Datta	Canada	Mount Royal University
14	April 2025	Dr Pukar Gupta	Nepal	National Health Action Force Nepal
15	April 2025	Dr Jean Kayira	USA	State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry
16	April 2025	Ms Patience Andrew	Nigeria	Custodians Of African Literature
17	March 2019	Dr Azukaego Nnaji	Nigeria	APIN Public Health Initiatives
18	April 2025	Ms Rachael Nantume	Uganda	Uganda's Ministry of Works and Transport
19	April 2025	Prof Chen Jie-Ru	Taiwan	National Chi Nan University
20	April 2025	Dr Lin Yi-Tzue	Taiwan	National Chi Nan University
21	April 2021	Dr Inshah Malik	Georgia	New Vision University
22		Lt. Zain Dueheney	Belize	Galen University
23	April 2025	Ms Fidan Hasanova	Azer Baizan	Deloitte (Private)
24	April 2025	Ms Moza Almarhoobi	Oman	Oman's Directorate General of Meteorology
25	April 2025	Dr Yiarayong (Te) Klangboonkrong	Thailand	Thammasat University
26	April 2025	Dr Carlos Primero Gundran	The Philippines	University of the Philippines

27	April 2025	Dr Winifred Ekezie	UK	Aston University
28	April 2025	Dr Jebunessa Chapoloa	Canada	University of Regina
29	March 2019	Dr Edris Alam	UAE	Disaster and Development Organisation
30	April 2025	Dr Megumi Fujii	Japan	Japanese Red Cross Toyota College of Nursing in Japan
31	April 2025	Chifundo Katanga	Malawi	Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences
32	April 2025	Master Arkoneil Ghosh	India	Oberoi International School

On 31 July 2025, the [Advisory Board](#) comprised 27 multi-disciplinary world-renowned Members from eight countries (**Table 6**). Of these 23 members, three are new.

Sadly, we lost our founding Advisory Board Member, Professor Peter Jackson, on 22 August 2022.

**Table 6: List of Advisory Board Members**

#	Date of Joining	Name	Institution	Country
1	March 2024	Professor Vinod Sharma	Indian Institute of Public Administration and Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority	India
2	October 2023	Dr. Amarendra Mohapatra	Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) – Regional Medical Research Centre	India
3	October 2023	Dr. Ravinder Kumar Soni	Dayanand Medical College and Hospital Ludhiana Punjab	India
4	July 2023	Col. Sanjay Srivastava	Climate Resilient Observing-Systems Promotion Council (CROPC)	India
5	July 2023	Dr. Matthew Lewin	Ophirex, Inc. USA	United States of America
6	July 2023	Dr. Stephen Paul Samuel	Ophirex, Inc. USA and NHS-UK	United Kingdom
7	March 2022	Professor Alois Hirschmugl	Disaster Management, Advice and Training (DMAT) Consulting KG	Austria
8	July 2021	Mr. Mohammed Ali Said Albadi	YAS Centre for Health and Environment	Oman

9	February 2021	Professor Michael G. Petterson	Auckland University of Technology	United Kingdom/ New Zealand
10	January 2020	Mr. Steve Glovinsky	PeerConnect	United States of America
11	July 2019	Professor Daniel Ladley	University of Leicester	United Kingdom
12	March 2019	Professor Norio Okada	Kyoto University	Japan
13	March 2019	Dr. Ambika Prasad Nanda	Tata Steel	India
14	March 2019	Mr. Mihir R. Bhatt	All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI)	India
15	March 2019	Ms. Aditi Ghosh	ChildFund International	Sri Lanka/ India
16	March 2019	Ms. Patience Fyne Andrew	Custodians for African Literature (COAL)	Nigeria/ South Africa
17	March 2019	Professor Heiko Balzter	University of Leicester	United Kingdom

As of July 31, 2025, there were 1,093 members, an increase of 181 (19.85%) since July 2024. This total includes 28 Operations Team Members, 17 Advisory Board Members, 32 Regional Coordinators, 21 [Collaborator and Partner Organisations](#), and [Affiliates](#).

The ADN Awards highlights the exceptional work of our members. The Awards were launched on 13 March 2023 in Izumiotsu, Osaka, Japan, with two awards: Presidents' Award and Future Leader Award. The following year, on 12 March 2024 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India, two additional awards were launched: Regional Coordinator Award and Junior Champion Award. The new Hero Award was introduced this year.

#### **Selection Criteria:**

- The President's Award and Hero Award are chosen by ADN Presidents, Professor Nibedita Ray-Bennett and Dr. Hideyuki Shiroshita.
- The Future Leader Award is chosen by the Future Leaders. Each Future Leader can cast one vote.
- The Regional Coordinator Award is chosen by the Regional Coordinators. Each Regional Coordinator can cast one vote.
- The Junior Champion Award is chosen by the Junior Champion. Each Junior Champion can cast one vote.

#### **Winners:**

Thus far, there have been four winners of the President's Award, three winners of the Future Leader Award, two winners of the Regional Coordinator Award and the Junior Champion Award and one winner of the Hero Award (**Table 7**).

**Table 7: List of ADN Award Winners**

<b>Year</b>	<b>President's Award</b>	<b>Future Leader Award</b>	<b>Regional Coordinator Award</b>	<b>Junior Champion Award</b>	<b>Hero Award</b>
2025	Lasith Dissanayake (Operations)	Anushka Konar	Fatima Akter (Bangladesh)	Arkoneil Ghosh	Tahira Khan (Regional Coordinator) for innovation in <a href="#">saving lives from a well-fall</a> .
2024	Dillip Pattanaik (Regional Coordinator)	Lauren MacLeod, Abdullahi O. Umar	Dillip Pattanaik (India)	Arkoneil Ghosh	-
2023	Shahidul Hoque (Operations), Denise Corsel (Operations)	Lauren MacLeod	-	-	-

## **GLOBAL CAMPAIGN: INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS DAY FOR AVOIDABLE DEATHS**

[International Awareness Day for Avoidable Deaths \(IAD4AD\)](#) was launched on 13 March 2023 at Texpia Osaka, Izumiotsu, Osaka, Japan. The purpose of this global campaign is:

- To raise the visibility of disaster deaths, especially indirect deaths and missing persons and capture their impact on the lives and livelihoods of the deceased family members;
- To capture the causes and circumstances surrounding indirect disaster deaths so that context-specific interventions can be put in place to save lives; and
- To promote the slogan 'Disaster Deaths Are Avoidable'. They are avoidable through preventable, amenable and risk governance measures.

### **Update on Year 2 of the Global Campaign**

To mark the global campaign, 43 activities took place across 20 countries (four continents) in Austria, Bangladesh, Belize, Georgia, India, Japan, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, UK and Zambia.

These activities include awareness programmes, community engagement efforts, training sessions, creative advocacy campaigns, and academic discussions on disaster prevention and preparedness. This year's core focus was on road safety, drowning prevention, heatwave awareness, and snakebite response, featuring country-specific interventions tailored to local challenges.

The activities were led by 25 ADN Members, namely the Founding Presidents (Prof. Nibedita Ray-Bennett and Dr. Hideyuki Shiroshita), Operations Members (Ms. Racheal Nantume, Ms. Prarthona Datta and Ms. Anushka Konar), Future Leaders (Mr. Yunes Abou El Wafa, Ms. Chloe Vasquez and Ms. Giulia Cristiana), Advisory Board Members (Ms. Patience Andrew, Mr. Mihir Bhatt and Prof. Alois Hirschmugl), Regional Coordinators (Mr. Asad Tahir Jappa, Dr. Azukaego Nnaji, Dr. Nikhil Paul, Dr. Inshah Malik, Ms. Anuradha Bhardwaj, Dr. Ranjan Datta, Dr. Jebunessa Chapola, Dr. Grace B. Mundu, Dr. Sameer Kumar Jena, Dr. Fatima Akter, Mr. Zain Dueheney, Dr. Franklin B. Doh, Mr. Vishal Pathak and Mr. Snehendu Konar); and 22 Affiliates/ Partner Institutions (Professor Anil Kumar Gupta, Dr. Albrecht Beck, Dr. Christian Morgner, Dr. Olive Kobusingye, Mr. Ranjan Panda, Ms. Sasmita Mohapatra, Dr. Jamie Wardman, Dr. Paul Reilly, Dr. Fariha Haseen, Dr. John Acharibasam, Mr. Nkem Joseph-Palmer, Dr. Jean Kayira, Ms. Moza Al Marhoobi, Ms. Pallavi Rathod, Ms. Lia Kvaratskhelia, Dr. Carlos Primero Gundran, Mr. Kelvin Chifulumo, Dr. Yit-zu Lin, Dr. Daniel Nnaji, Dr. Nikunj Makwana and Mr. Rafiqul Montu).

The events were featured in several [press](#) articles and detailed in the '[Highlights Report: International Awareness Day for Avoidable Deaths \(IAD4AD\) Global Campaign 2025](#)'.

## COUNTRY CHAPTERS AND HUBS

**Country Chapters** are the local chapters of the ADN; their purpose is to carry out local activities. The Chapter brings together a number of actors to create a community representing different sectors, networks, and at-risk groups involved in reducing avoidable deaths. The Chapter can be hosted by an organisation or a number of organisations, and must be led by a Regional Coordinator, as the host organisations' point of contact. As of 31 July 2025, ADN had three Country Chapters (**Table 8**). However, for the new academic term commencing on 1 August 2025, we have called for a new Regional Coordinator to host the ADN Chapters in India and Oman.

**Table 8: List of Country Chapters**

Date of Inauguration	Country	City	Host
25 June 2023	Oman	Al Buraimi	YAS Centre for Health and Environment, YAS Hospital
18 June 2023	Bangladesh	Dhaka	Department of Meteorology, University of Dhaka
11 September 2019	India	Bhubaneswar	Orissa State Volunteers and Social Workers Association

**Research Hubs** are academic institutions or other organisations that carry out research related to reducing avoidable disaster deaths. Research ideas are generated by Country Chapters or ADN networks, ensuring the research is relevant to the knowledge gaps or innovative initiatives identified by ADN Communities. The researchers involved should be community members, but their research should be carried out independently. Research Hubs could also carry out joint projects with other Hubs or participate in research consortia. Thus far, ADN has one Research Hub in India led by Orissa State Volunteers Social Workers Association (**Table 9**). Due to a change in ADN's strategy, this Hub will be de-established from 1 August 2025, and our focus will be on the Case Stations for Avoidable Deaths.

A **Case Station for Avoidable Deaths** (CaSA) is the smallest unit for long-term research, outreach, and impactful work, typically operating for 10 years or more. This unit can be a school, a community health centres, a small hamlet within a village, or similar localised entities. A case station is a place-based and issue-based. For example, a specific location might experience a high incidence of snakebites or drownings due to its unique geography, among other contributing factors.

**Table 9: List of Research Hubs**

Date of Inauguration	Country	City	Host	Facilities
18 December 2019	India	Bhubaneswar	Orissa State Volunteers and Social Workers Association	Office and accommodation for 15 interns/ research fellows

## **ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2024/2025**

To achieve the ADN's purpose, eight activities were undertaken are as follows:

- 1) Foster trans-disciplinary ideas, partnerships and solutions to reduce avoidable disaster deaths and people affected by disasters for sustainable development in low-and middle-income countries, through knowledge exchange events (conferences, symposiums and webinars).
- 2) Raise visibility and awareness of the Sendai Framework's first two targets, through publications, knowledge exchange events, and global campaign.
- 3) Develop capacities of disaster responders and other stakeholders, through continuing professional development courses, knowledge exchange events and an information repository.
- 4) Develop lifesaving tools, kits, interventions, innovative technologies, governance models and theories to reduce the burden of maternal mortality, snakebite mortality, drowning mortality during disasters, and tsunami mortality through evidence-based pioneering research on hazards, exposures, vulnerability and risks.
- 5) Strengthen connections between disaster responders, through leveraging existing and promoting novel networking platforms.
- 6) Nurture future leaders for avoidable deaths and improve their leadership and employability skills, through expert mentoring and engaging interns for activities related to 1-5.
- 7) Publishing a Newsletter and Bulletins for knowledge exchange; and
- 8) Actively soliciting and securing private and public funds to promote the above activities.

**Activity 1: Foster trans-disciplinary ideas, partnerships and solutions to reduce avoidable disaster deaths and people affected by disasters for sustainable development in low-and middle-income countries, through knowledge exchange events (conferences, symposia and webinars).**

**Special Session Webinars:** The Special Session on *Avoidable Deaths* was launched on 4<sup>th</sup> 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 of raising awareness on the concept of avoidable deaths and their avoidance through theoretical and practical solutions, or both. The Special Sessions also increase 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.

The ADN's Core Team, in collaboration with Regional Coordinators, Organisational Partners and Advisors, organised 12 Special Sessions of which two were in-person (**Table 10** and **Figure 1**). The sessions attracted 613 registered participants and featured 61 expert speakers discussing strategies to reduce avoidable disaster death.

Before and after ADN-led five Special Sessions, the participants were asked to answer questions using their own digital device about their confidence level and knowledge of the topics covered in the Special Session. 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 positive responses (very confident and moderately confident) after the Sessions (**Table 10**). It can be concluded that the Special Sessions provided the participants with expert knowledge related to avoidable deaths. The increased percentage of positive responses and the complete absence of "not at all confident" ratings suggest the Special Sessions were meaningful, regardless of participant experience. However, the findings must be accepted with caution. Participation barriers, such as a lack of smartphones or other digital devices and a steady supply of electricity, may have prevented some individuals from the Global South from taking part in the poll questions, potentially impacting the representativeness of the data.

**Table 10: List of Special Sessions 2024 - 2025**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title of Special Session</b>	<b>Facilitating Organisation</b>	<b>Impact</b>
17 March 2025	Land-Based Approaches to Address Human-Induced Disaster Adaptation	Mount Royal University	<p>1. Number of speakers: 7</p> <p>2. Number of registered participants: 104</p> <p>3. Result of confidence: not collected because this event was organised as part of the ADN's global campaign.</p>
19 March 2025	The Impact of Climate-Related Disasters on Early Marriage and Reproductive Health in Bangladesh	University of Leicester / Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMU)	<p>1. Number of speakers: 4</p> <p>2. Number of registered participants: 98</p> <p>3. Result of confidence: not collected because this event was organised as part of the ADN's global campaign.</p>
21 March 2025	Debate on the scope of social media during crisis communication	University of Leicester	<p>1. Number of speakers: 4</p> <p>2. Number of registered participants: 92</p> <p>3. Result of confidence: not collected because this event was organised as part of the ADN's global campaign.</p>
24 March 2025	Why do so many people die in disasters and how can we reduce them?	University of Leicester / Disaster Management, Advice and Training (D.M.A.T)	<p>1. Number of speakers: 5</p> <p>2. Number of registered participants: 44</p> <p>3. Result of confidence: not collected because this event was organised as part of the ADN's global campaign.</p>
26 March 2025	Anticipatory Action to Avoid Disaster Deaths in Urban	Prepared International (PPI)/	<p>1. Number of speakers: 9</p> <p>2. Number of registered participants: 27</p>

	Areas	D.M.A.T	
			3. Result of confidence: not collected because this event was organised as part of the ADN's global campaign.
10 July 2025	<a href="#">Disaster Loss and Damage from the Perspective of Future Leaders</a>	ADN and IIT Roorkee	<p>1. Number of speakers: 7</p> <p>2. Number of registered participants: 60</p> <p>3. Results of confidence and knowledge poll (5-level Likert scale):</p> <p>Before (n=15): 20.0% very; 13.3% moderately, 40.0% somewhat; 26.7% only slightly; and 0% not at all.  After (n=17): 58.8% very; 23.5% moderately; 17.6% somewhat; 0% only slightly; and 0% not at all.</p> <p>4. Feedback from participants:</p> <p><i>'This is a great session and being first time attend, how can I join the network and learn more from the network?'</i></p> <p><i>'Thank you for this wonderful session.'</i></p>
28 March 2025	<a href="#">Localised Impact of Microplastics on Youth Health and Environmental Injustice</a>	DSS Odisha, Youth4Water India	<p>1. Number of speakers: 3</p> <p>2. Number of registered participants: 33</p> <p>3. Results of confidence and knowledge poll (5-level Likert scale):</p> <p><b>Before</b> (n=13):30.7% very; 38.5% moderately; 7.7% somewhat; 7.7% only slightly; and 15.4% not at all.</p>

			<p><b>After</b> (n=9): 44.5% very; 33.3% moderately; 22.2% somewhat; 0% only slightly; and 0% not at all.</p> <p>4. Feedback from participants:</p> <p><i>'Thank you for the interesting session.'</i></p> <p><i>'Great Session! Thank you all.'</i></p>
22 March 2025	<a href="#">Strategies to Reduce Snakebite Deaths</a>		<p>1. Number of speakers: 10</p> <p>2. Number of registered participants: 22</p> <p>3. Result of confidence: not collected because this event was organised as part of the ADN's global campaign.</p> <p>4. Feedback from participants:</p> <p><i>"Thank you for your presentation Dr. Banerjee! I love your message on awareness."</i></p> <p><i>"Thank you for organizing this interesting and valuable meeting."</i></p> <p><i>"Great presentation by Chloe."</i></p>
13 March 2025	<a href="#">Release of the ADN Junior Champion Magazine, Volume 3: Children and Youths' Experiences of Disasters in Malawi</a>		<p>1. Number of speakers: 6</p> <p>2. Number of registered participants: 15.</p> <p>3. Result of confidence: not collected because this event was organised as part of the ADN's global campaign.</p> <p>4. Feedback from participants:</p>

			<p><i>“Many thanks for sharing these stories! They are powerful and very glad we can share this magazine with others to help spread awareness!”</i></p> <p><i>“Thank you for lifting your voices around important issues in powerful ways. Thank you, Dr Kayira, or sharing this opportunity to witness.”</i></p>
12 March 2025	<a href="#">Drowning Submersion related Injuries</a>	Outdoor Medics	<p>1. Number of speakers: 2</p> <p>2. Number of registered participants: 20</p> <p>3. Result of confidence: not collected because this event was organised as part of the ADN’s global campaign.</p>
24 January 2025	<a href="#">Role of Emergency Medicine in Reducing Avoidable Deaths</a>	Outdoor Medics	<p>1. Number of speakers: 2</p> <p>2. Number of registered participants: 41</p> <p>3. Results of confidence and knowledge poll (5-level Likert scale):</p> <p><b>Before</b> (n=8): 37.5% very; 12.5% moderately, 12.5% somewhat; 37.5% only slightly; and 0% not at all.</p> <p><b>After</b> (n=8): 50% very; 38% moderately; 37.5% somewhat; 12.5% only slightly; and 0% not at all.</p> <p>4. Feedback from participants:</p> <p><i>“Thank you, Dr. Nikhil Paul, for this insightful and well-delivered presentation.”.</i></p>

		<p><i>"Thank you, Dr. Santosh Pandey, for this excellent presentation."</i></p> <p><i>"I am glad i have join this webinar. It is so much informative."</i></p>
11 October 2024	<a href="#">Future Leaders Tackling 'Wicked Problems' to Reduce Avoidable Deaths</a>	<p>1. Number of speakers: 7</p> <p>2. Number of registered participants: 57</p> <p>3. Results of confidence and knowledge poll (5-level Likert scale):</p> <p><b>Before</b> (n=16): 37.5% very; 25% moderately, 25% somewhat; 12.5% only slightly; and 0% not at all.</p> <p><b>After</b> (n=16): 50% very; 37.5% moderately; 12.5% somewhat; 0% only slightly; and 0% not at all.</p> <p>4. Feedback from participants: <i>"Excellent champions! Excellent magazine! Very best wishes from AIDMI".</i></p> <p><i>"It's great to have the opportunity to share the data. Thank you to ADN".</i></p> <p><i>"Thank you to all the speakers for a really insightful session."</i></p>

Figure 1: Sample of Flyers of the Special Sessions

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### **Outreach Workshops with High-Risk Groups**

*Case Station for Avoidable Snakebite Deaths (CaSA):* On 23 November 2024, Prof. Nibedita Ray-Bennett (founder of the Ambassadors Programme), Dr. Stephen Samuel (ADN Advisor), Dr. Madhulika Sahoo (ADN Regional Coordinator), Mr. Rajesh Patra (ADN Project Coordinator), and Ms. Usha Behera (ADN Ambassador Coordinator) visited the Case Station for Avoidable Snakebite Deaths (CaSA) in Ganjam District of Odisha, India. CaSA functions through a health promotion and education programme called the Ambassadors Programme. The team met with 22 Ambassadors from three villages (Su Mondol, Chachina and Burujhari) and assessed their level of knowledge retained from the awareness-raising programmes delivered throughout the year. They also identified a plan for action (PoA) for 2025

### **Meetings with Stakeholders:**

*ESRC-funded research project 'Prototyping Facility and Crisis Reproductive Health Kits in Bangladesh':* the project team held four formal meetings with collaborators, Dr. Elvina Mustary (Reproductive Health Services Training and Education Programme (RHSTEP)), Mr. Maqbul Bhuiyan (Data Management Aid (DMA)), Dr. Manjur Hossain (Directorate General of Family Planning (DGFP), Government of Bangladesh). The project team also held one meeting with the 15 Technical Advisory Group, which comprised national and international stakeholders, including UNFPA, IPPF, CARE International, Ipas, Ophirex Inc. Comat – among others). Upon the completion of the draft version of the Project Manuals, a panel of 10 experts was invited to scrutinise and give feedback on their content. The project team, ten panel members, and DGFP officials met at a workshop in Dhaka, organised by a representative of DGFP on 19 November 2024. The panel provided insightful advice and offered additional perspectives on how activities required for the successful implementation of Reproductive Health Kits can be achieved in the future.

*ESRC-funded research project:* Prof. Nibedita Ray-Bennett and Dr Stephen Samuel (ADN's Advisor) delivered a joint "Avoidable Deaths" engagement seminar at the All India Institute for Public Administration in New Delhi, India. Twenty-two elite participants (civil servants, senior officers of the navy and airforce) attended the lecture. In a pre-and post-poll of the lecture, all participants rated 100% "confidence" on "the usefulness of the topics introduced" by Prof Nibedita Ray-Bennett.



**Figure 2: Prof. Nibedita Ray-Bennett with Prof. Vinod Sharma at IIPA, New Delhi**

*ESRC-AHRC-funded project on ‘Facility and Mobile Kits for Disasters and Crises’:* the project team of Professor Nibedita Ray-Bennett, Dr. Te Klangboonkrong, Dr. Elvina Mustary, Mr. Manish Asiani and Mr. Alexander Skinner held a stakeholder’s workshop for market validation on 27 May 2025. A total of 117 stakeholders were invited, of which 15 key participants attended, as well as 10 project team members. Participants represented organisations in the UK, Africa and South Asia, including: EngenderHealth Nigeria; Limitless Stree; Kerala State Disaster Management Authority, Pathfinder International, the Population and Service Training Center (PSTC) and Médecins Sans Frontiers.

*ESRC-AHRC-funded project ‘Facility and Mobile Kits for Disasters and Crises’:* Professor Nibedita Ray-Bennett and her collaborators Reproductive Health Services, Training and Education Programme (RHSTEP), Data Management Aid and Bangladesh Medical University, met with the Director of DGFP and six other officials at the DGFP Office in Dhaka on 29 June 2025 to obtain permission to use Upazila Health Complexes and Union Health and Family Welfare Centres in three hard-to-reach sub-districts (Belkuchi, Shyamnagar, Kulaura) to pilot the Facility and Mobile Kits. The permission was granted.

*Institute for Environmental Futures and Kansai University funded scoping meetings partnership building meetings:* From 1 to 4 July 2025, ADN Presidents Prof. Nibedita S. Ray-Bennett and Dr. Hideyuki Shiroshita, along with Dr. Winifred Ekezie (UK-Regional Coordinator) and Mr. Maqbul Bhuiyan (Bangladesh ADN Chapter co-host), met with six stakeholders in Japan. This included:

- Dr. Mariko Yamasaki, Senior Researcher at the Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution, regarding sheltering for people in need of special assistance and a self-care passport (1 July);
- Dr. Yuki Matsuoka, Head of the UNDRR Kobe Office, to discuss ADN's flagship campaign, the International Awareness Day for Avoidable Deaths (IAD4AD) 2026, set to be hosted in Bangladesh (1 July);



**Figure 3: UNDRR Kobe Office with Dr Yuki Matsuoka**

- Prof. Sakiko Kanbarra at the Kobe City College of Nursing, Nursing and Midwifery students and Dr Ryoma Kayano (Technical Officer – Health Risk Management) at the WHO Centre for Health Development (WHO Kobe Office) (2 July);



**Figure 4: WHO Kobe Office, Kobe**

- Dr. Satoshi Ishihara, Director of the Hyōgo Emergency Medical Centre, learnt about the origins and evolution of Japan's Emergency Medical Information System (EMIS) (3 July).



**Figure 5: Hyōgo Emergency Medical Center, Hyogo**

- Met with Soichiro Ueta, mayor of Muroto City in Japan’s Shikoku Island. This visit was arranged by Professor Sakiko Kanbara from Kobe College of Nursing and Professor Narufumi Sukanuma from Kochi Medical School. Under the guidance of the Disaster Risk Reduction and Urban Planning Departments, the delegates visited tsunami evacuation routes, cutting-edge tsunami evacuation towers (above ground) and a tsunami evacuation shelter (underground).



**Figure 6: Prof. Nibedita Ray-Bennett and Mayor Mr. Soichiro Ueta, Muroto**



**Figure 7: Underground tsunami evacuation tunnel, Muroto**

**Activity 2: Raise visibility and awareness of the Sendai Framework's first two targets (A&B), through publications, and knowledge exchange events.**

### ***Knowledge exchange events***

See Activity 1 above.

### ***Publications related to the Sendai Framework's first two targets by the core team:***

Ray-Bennett, N.S. (2025). *Avoiding Disaster Deaths: Why so many people die?* Springer, Switzerland. <https://link.springer.com/book/9783031812996>

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### ***Engagements with external organisations to raise awareness of Sendai Framework's first two targets***

See Activity 1 and the section on 'Conferences, Seminars, Workshops and Presentations'.

Between 1 August 2024 and 31 July 2025, ADN engaged with more than 600 people through special sessions, consultations, outreach workshops, and stakeholder meetings. Additionally, we worked with 47 ADN Members to organise 43 activities across over 20 countries through the global campaign IAD4AD.

The ADN has four media outlets: Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and a dedicated website. The outlets disseminate international, national, regional, and local news, research, and innovative solutions to avoidable deaths. Two to three posts are published per week.

As of 31 July 2025, ADN had attracted 1,729 followers on LinkedIn, an increase of 503 followers (40.5% increase since July 2024).

On Twitter, ADN had attracted 682 followers. For the upcoming academic year, the ADN Operation Team has decided not to engage with this social media platform.

On Facebook, ADN had attracted 728 followers, an increase of 81 followers (12.5% increase since July 2024).

On Instagram, ADN had attracted 225 followers, an increase of 25 followers (12.5% increase since July 2024). For the upcoming academic year, the ADN Operation Team has decided not to engage with this social media platform.

ADN's website has a dedicated section on Resources, which consists of i. Innovations, ii. Newsletter, iii. ADN Junior Champion Magazine, iv. Bulletins, v. Annual Reports, vi. Annual

Achievements Posters, vii. Project Outputs, viii. Event Outputs, ix. Relevant Publications, x. Repository of Snakebite Information, xi. Repository of COVID-19 Information, xii. Photo Gallery, and xiii. Season's Greetings. Through this range of outputs throughout the year, we continue to shine a light on the Sendai Goals A and B.

**Activity 3: Develop capacities of disaster responders and other stakeholders, through continuing professional development (CPD) courses, knowledge exchange events and an information repository.**

**CPD:** none this year.

**Professor Peter Jackson’s Annual Lecture:** On 27 March 2025, the third lecture honouring the late Professor Jackson was given by the esteemed Dr. Olive Kobusingye.

Dr. Kobusingye is a surgeon and injury epidemiologist. Before her recent retirement from Makerere University, Uganda, she was the Founding Executive Director of the Injury Control Centre at Makerere Medical School. Dr. Kobusingye established the first hospital trauma registries in Sub-Saharan Africa and the Kampala Trauma Score – now in use in a number of LMICs. She was a Distinguished Fellow of the George Institute for Global Health and WHO Regional Advisor.

**Figure 8: Annual Lecture Promotional Material**

**THE PROFESSOR PETER JACKSON ANNUAL LECTURE**

The lecture was launched in 2023 at the Launch of a Global Campaign: International Awareness Day for Avoidable Deaths (IAD4AD) to commemorate the life of **Professor Peter Jackson**, ADN’s Founding Advisor, and beloved mentor of Dr. Nibedita Ray-Bennett. The Lecture celebrates mentors and encourages prospective mentors in the field of disaster risk reduction, sustainable development and avoidable deaths.

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**Professor Peter Jackson**

**Dr. Olive Kobusingye**

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She was a Distinguished Fellow of the George Institute for Global Health and WHO Regional Advisor.

## **Knowledge exchange events**

Please see Activities 1 and 2 above.

**Activity 4: Develop lifesaving tools, kits, interventions, innovative technologies, governance models and theories to reduce the burden of maternal mortality, snakebite mortality, drowning mortality during disasters, and tsunami mortality through evidence-based pioneering research on hazards, exposures, vulnerability and risks.**

The previous and ongoing innovations of the Core Team are outlined below:

**1. Knowledge-Exchange Network (KEN) Platform** (ongoing): Also referred to as a Knowledge-Sharing Network (KSN) in older documents. A KEN fosters i) dialogue and discussions within and across stakeholder locations; ii) coordination, cooperation, and communication amongst stakeholders for resource-sharing and response at local levels; iii) identifying scope for transformative interdisciplinary research; and iv) improving the capacity of local stakeholders.

KEN Platform for 'Avoidable Snakebite Deaths' is implemented through a WhatsApp group of more than 73 members from 11+ countries representing 40+ organisations.

**2. Local-Level Action Network (LAN) Platform** (ongoing): is being trialled with high-risk groups (Ambassadors), including women, school children, farmers and herders, to empower the local community to prevent snakebites and deaths in Odisha, India. LAN Ambassadors are oriented on preventing snakebites and deaths through information, education, and communication (IEC) and behaviour change communication (BCC) materials. This information is then shared with villagers through home visits and community meetings. Through these meetings, Ambassadors identify local problems requiring technical experts' solutions. Ambassadors from a respective Gram Panchayat meet regularly, and field coordinators monitor these meetings.

As of 31 July 2024, we have 35 Ambassadors across 13 villages of Kodala Block of Ganjam District.

**3. Avoidable Deaths Framework (ADF)**: Also referred to as Avoidable Disaster Deaths (ADD) approach is a research project that aims to capture the number of avoidable deaths from the effects of COVID-19 and economic lockdown in India (first phase), and how can we reduce avoidable disaster deaths. The number of deaths from the effects of COVID-19 is understood through the lens of an 'avoidable disaster deaths perspective', one that understands disaster deaths are both avoidable and unavoidable, and avoidable disaster deaths are of three types: amenable, preventable and disaster risk governance. The project has been concluded through a research monograph: *Avoiding Disaster Deaths: Why do so many people die?* (2025, Springer Nature): <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-031-81300-9>

**4. Reproductive Health Kits for Disasters and Crises** (work in progress): The Facility and Mobile (renamed from Crisis) Kits are designed for the management of post-abortion complications, including incomplete or missed abortion (before and after 12 weeks of missed menstruation). These Kits consist of lifesaving medicines, equipment, and educational and instruction guidelines. Funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)- IAA [ES/X004732/1] and ESRC-Commercialisation schemes, Prof. Nibedita Ray-Bennett prototyped the Kits (September 2023 – February 2025). The collaborators for this phase were Data Management Aid (DMA) and Reproductive Health Services Training and Education Programme (RHSTEP). With funding from ESRC-AHRC SHAPE Catalyst delivered by the

ARC Accelerator's fund, Prof. Ray-Bennett is developing a business model to bring the Kits to the global market.

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**5. Integrated intervention package RHCC:** is designed to improve the quality and availability of post-abortion care during a major flood at primary health care facilities with the overall aim of reducing maternal mortality and morbidity (SDG3, Sendai Target A). The RHCC has three components: i) pre-positioning of **R**eproductive **H**ealth **K**it prior to flooding; ii) **C**apacity building of health workers; and iii) **C**ommunity awareness raising. The evidence-based RHCC package was first tested in Belkuchi, Bangladesh. This intervention package comes with a Structured Facility Assessment Tool and a Two-Step Checklist Facility Assessment Tool. These tools are designed to assess the capacity of the facilities for sexual and reproductive services, including menstrual regulation and post-abortion care, during disasters and humanitarian crises.

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[ippf.org/sites/default/files/201904/IPPF%20Innovation%20Policy%20Brief%20PAC.pdf](http://ippf.org/sites/default/files/201904/IPPF%20Innovation%20Policy%20Brief%20PAC.pdf)

**6. Systems Failure Approach (2018):** The research monograph *Avoidable Deaths* presents systems failure as an analytical tool to explain why deaths occur in disasters and how they may be reduced. The systems failure approach demonstrates that deaths in disasters are socio-technical failures, and that it is by rectifying systems failures and promoting systems alignment that deaths can be prevented.

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**Activity 5: Strengthen connections between disaster responders, through leveraging existing and promoting novel networking platforms.**

**Projects that aim to promote novel networking platform/s**

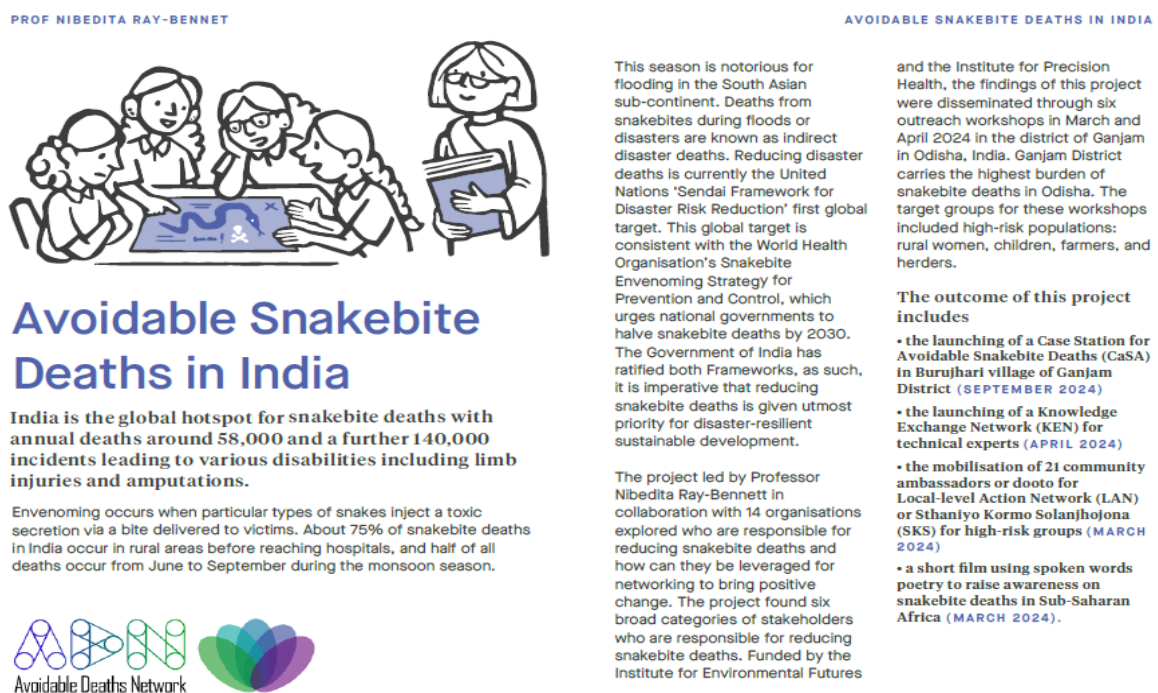
**Exploring the Feasibility and Value of Pioneering Partnerships to Reduce Avoidable Snakebite Deaths in India** (ongoing): The Avoidable Snakebite Deaths Project (January – August 2023) was led by Prof. Nibedita Ray-Bennett in collaboration with 14 collaborating organisations: University of Leicester, PeerConnect, Disaster Management Advice and Training Consulting KG, Kansai University, Sheffield University, All India Institute of Disaster Management, Orissa State Volunteers Social Worker’s Association, Tata Steel, Kalahandi University, Doers, Zoological Survey of India, Indian Council of Medical Research, Indian Council of Medical Research - National Institute of Research in Tribal Health, Demow Rural Community Health Centre, Snake Helpline and All India Institute of Medical Science.

The project was successfully concluded on 31 August 2023. Through this project ADN gained new collaborators from nine institutions (Ophirex, Inc., Climate Resilient Observing-Systems Promotion Council, Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre, Premium Serums, Madras Crocodile Bank Trust and Centre for Herpetology, Himachal Pradesh State Institute of Health and Family Welfare, EMRI Green Health Services, and Bongaigaon Civil Hospital) and two independent snake rescuers.

This project led to the formation of an Avoidable Snakebite Deaths WhatsApp group of 50+ cross-sectoral technical experts. This WhatsApp group is active and continues to attract new members and accrue reliable sources of information from our stakeholders (published on our website as a Repository of Snakebite Information).

This project also led to the launching of the **Case Station for Avoidable Snakebite Deaths** in Odisha. In December 2025, Leicester Institute for Advanced Studies released an Anthology, which featured the update of this project.

**Figure 9: Anthology Feature**



[Case Station for Avoidable Snakebite Deaths \(CaSA\)](#) (September 2023 - Present): The Case Station for Avoidable Snakebite Deaths (CaSA) was launched on 19 September 2023 in Burujhari village of Ganjam District in Odisha, India. The CaSA exists to promote a social learning laboratory at the village level; foster village-level communities of practice (aka local level action network (LAN)) to find solutions at scale; and develop the capacity of primary and secondary responders to reduce avoidable snakebite deaths.

[Ahmedabad Case Station for Avoidable Deaths due to Extreme Heat \(ACaSA\)](#) (March 2025 - Present): The All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI) launched the Ahmedabad Case Station for Avoidable Heatwave Deaths (ACaSA) on 17 March 2025 to address the rising risks of extreme heat in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India. The launch of ACaSA marked a major step in creating a heat-resilient Ahmedabad, driven by community action, government support, and data-informed decision-making. With ACaSA, AIDMI in collaboration with ADN, aims to prevent avoidable deaths and build a safer future for high-risk populations in the face of climate change.



**Figure 10: The ACaSA Launch Event**

***Projects that aim to leverage existing networking platform/s***

[Leading Edge Programme - United Nations Office for the Coordination for Humanitarian Affairs \(UNOCHA\)](#) (2024): On 8 May 2024, ADN gained membership with UNOCHA's Networks and Partnerships Group. ADN's membership is coordinated by Prof. Nibedita Ray-Bennett and ADN Advisory Board Member Professor Alois Hirschmugl from the Disaster Management Assistance Team. In 2025, five sessions were organised at the Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week under the ambit of ADN in Geneva, in person and virtually (**Table 10**).

[HEUREKA Project – Civil Protection Knowledge Partnership Middle East](#) (2022): This network is led by ADN Advisory Board Member, Professor Alois Hirschmugl (Disaster Management Assistance Team) and Organisational Partner, Dr. Albrecht Beck (Prepared International) in the Middle East. ADN is a member of HEUREKA.

## ***Disaster Response***

On December 2, 2024: The Avoidable Deaths Network supported flood-affected communities in Feni, Bangladesh, through a relief effort led by Dr. Fatima Akter, ADN Bangladesh Chapter host, alongside ADN Future Leaders Sadia Afrin Sayfa Negaban and Mohammad Fahimul Islam. £750 was raised for this cause via a GoFundMe initiative. With this fund, the ADN Bangladesh Chapter provided school supplies and stationery for 200 children, sanitary napkins for girls, and medical supplies like antifungal medicine and multivitamins.



***Figure 11: The UK flood relief fund delivered to the Bangladesh Chapter lead***



***Figure 12: Stationery packs distributed to the children in Feni District***

**Activity 6: Nurture future leaders for avoidable deaths and improve their leadership and employability skills, through expert mentoring and engaging Interns for activities related to 1-5.**

### ***Leaders for avoidable deaths***

Leaders for avoidable deaths are of two types: Junior Champions (10-17 years old) and Future Leaders (18 years plus). They join ADN as interns. The aims of this scheme are: i) to promote social consciousness amongst leaders for avoidable deaths by involving them in various disaster risk reduction, health and development projects, knowledge exchanges and engagement activities; ii) to equip them with confidence, knowledge, experience and belief that they can be agents for change, and that they can make the planet a better place to live; and iii) to give opportunities to the youths and leaders (current and future) in relation to activity (i) especially from socio-economically challenged circumstances.

### ***Junior Champions***

#### **Junior Champions in Hama Elementary School, Japan** (April 2013 - Present):

In the 2024 academic year, 51 fifth-grade students from Hama Elementary School participated in the *Junior Champions Project* as Junior Champions. At Hama Elementary School, Junior Champions are expected to disseminate important information on disaster risk reduction (DRR), particularly the message: *“Immediate evacuation after a major earthquake can save lives. Stay sharp!”*

Junior Champions, together with Dr. Hideyuki Shiroshita and his students from Kansai University, worked collaboratively on a project to deliver this message effectively. They created a series of short films, similar to YouTube Shorts, to communicate DRR messages to the public. The 51 students were divided into 13 groups. Each group considered what type of short film would be most engaging and what key content should be included.

For instance, one group created a video providing directions from the school to the designated evacuation area, with English and Chinese subtitles. Another group introduced the emergency stockpiles available at Hama Elementary School. All 13 short films were shown to parents and guardians in December. Feedback was collected via a questionnaire survey. The questions focused on whether the films helped viewers understand the risks of tsunamis and the importance of evacuation. All respondents (n = 11) responded positively.



**Figures 13 and 14: Screenshots: Examples of videos created by the Junior Champions. Faces are masked to protect privacy.**

On December 28, 2024, the sixth-grade Junior Champions who produced DRR films in 2023 had an opportunity to share their experiences with students from Shuangxi Elementary School in Puzi City, Chiayi County, Taiwan. The participants were divided into 10 small groups, and each group introduced their respective DRR efforts and activities. (See the blog post by Hama Elementary School: <https://hama-es.note.jp/n/n91faa1eab78a> – in Japanese).

On March 3, 2025, the fifth-grade Junior Champions who produced DRR short films this year shared their experiences with students from Shuangxi Elementary School. (See the blog post by Hama Elementary School: <https://hama-es.note.jp/n/n07c651fae269> – in Japanese).

**[ADN Junior Champion Magazine \(ISSN 2759-0380\)](#) (August 2023 – Present):**

Master Arkoneil Ghosh (Founding Editor), Miss Prarthona Datta and Miss Anushka Koner (Deputy Editors) developed the second and third issues of the Magazine. The second and third issues featured stories from Bangladesh and Malawi, respectively.

The ADN Junior Champion Magazine was launched on 13 October 2023 at Kalahandi University in Odisha, hosted by Dr. Madhulika Sahoo, Director of Student Welfare at Kalahandi University and Editorial Manager at ADN.

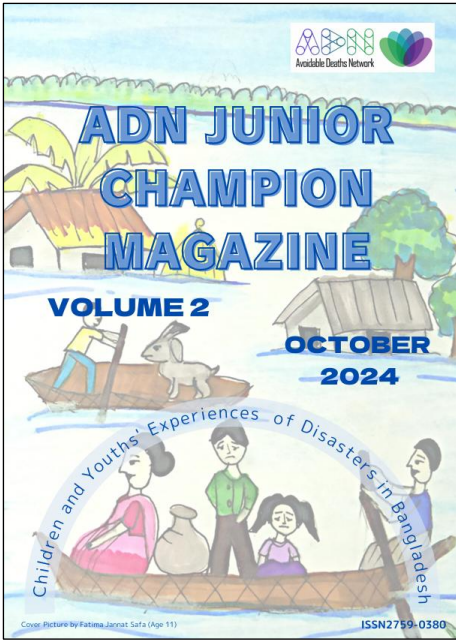


Figure 15: Front cover issue 2

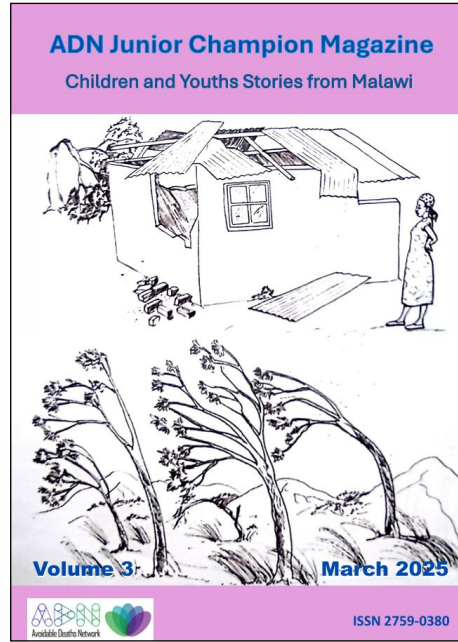


Figure 16: Front cover issue 3

***Future Leader Interns*** (August 2023 – July 2024):

The Interns (**Table 2**) worked on the following operations activities and enterprise during their internship periods:

**Knowledge Exchange Events** (August 2024 -July 2025): Ms. Sadia Afrin Sayfa Negaban and Mr. Mohammad Fahimul Islam provided technical assistance for online knowledge exchange events. Their roles included managing the chat and recording the impact. Ms. Sadia Afrin Sayfa Negaban also developed graphics for the promotion of the events.

**Global Campaign: IAD4AD** (January – March 2025): Ms. Sadia Afrin Sayfa Negaban and Mr. Mohammad Fahimul Islam provided technical assistance for online knowledge exchange events. Their roles included managing the chat and recording the impact. Ms. Sadia Afrin Sayfa Negaban also developed graphics for the promotion of the events. Dr. Mohammed Maryam Samaila and Ms. Sadia Afrin Sayfa Negaban supported the Campaign through social media management, developing and posting content across ADN's platforms.

**ADN Junior Champion Magazine** (August 2024 - March 2025): Mr. Mohammad Fahimul Islam and Ms. Sadia Afrin Sayfa Negaban were Supporting Editors for Issue 2 and 3.

## Activity 7: Publishing Newsletter and Bulletins

Two Bulletins and one Newsletter were published from August 2024 to July 2025:

- Avoidable Deaths Network (2025). *ADN Winter-Spring Bulletin*. Available at: <https://www.avoidable-deaths.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/ADN-Winter-Spring-2025-Bulletin.pdf>
- Avoidable Deaths Network (2024-2025). *ADN Winter-Spring Bulletin*. Available at: <https://www.avoidable-deaths.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/ADN-Winter-Spring-2024-2025-Bulletin-FINALu.pdf>

Avoidable Deaths Network (2024). *Newsletter* ISSN 2435-2608. Available at: <https://www.avoidable-deaths.net/adn-newsletter/>

## Activity 8: Actively soliciting and securing private and public funds to promote the above activities.

The details of successful grant awards (including contract research, research consultancy) for the period August 2024 – July 2025 follow:

Project Title: Facility and Mobile Kits for Disasters and Crises Funder: ESRC/AHRC  
SHAPE Catalyst delivered by the ARC Accelerator March 2025 – February 2026.

### ***Unsuccessful Grants***

- None

### ***Unsuccessful Public Engagement Bids***

- None

## PROJECTS: AT A GLANCE

From 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025, the ADN team conducted four projects (two complete, two ongoing) and four enterprises (ongoing). **Table 11** shows details of the projects and enterprise.

**Table 11: List of Projects and Enterprise 2024 – 2025**

#	Dates	Project Title	Project Aim/s	Status
<b>Projects</b>				
1	March 2025 - February 2026	Facility and Mobile Kits for Disasters and Crises	-To engage with potential customers, stakeholders, and pharmaceutical companies to develop a comprehensive business model for introducing the Facility and Mobile Kits in the global market.  -To explore the ventures that need to be adopted.	Ongoing
2	September 2023 – February 2025	<a href="#">Prototyping Facility and Crisis Reproductive Health Kits in Bangladesh</a>	To prototype the Facility and Mobile (renamed from Crisis) Reproductive Health Kits and develop manuals and instruction guidelines for service providers to administer the Kits; and explore commercial viability of these Kits.	Complete
3	December 2020 – Ongoing	<a href="#">School Pupils in Osaka are Champions for Avoidable Deaths from Tsunamis</a>	To reduce avoidable tsunami deaths by engaging with school pupils and “at risk” community, raise awareness on tsunami prediction, and	Ongoing.

			create a culture of preparedness by producing Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials, magazines and continuous exercises and drills.	
4	April 2020 – March 2025	<a href="#">Avoidable Deaths from the Effect of the COVID-19 and Lockdown in India</a>	To study the number of avoidable deaths and unavoidable deaths from the effect of COVID-19 and economic lockdown using the novel Avoidable Deaths (ADD) approach.	Monograph was published in March 2025.  Complete.
<b>Enterprise</b>				
1	September 2023 - Ongoing	Case Stations for Avoidable Deaths (CaSA)	<p><a href="#">Case Station for Avoidable Snakebite Deaths (CaSA)</a>: On 5 October 2024, Awareness Raising Outreach Workshops were conducted on the circumstances surrounding snakebites in Kodala Tehsil.</p> <p>On 23 November 2024, Prof. Nibedita Ray-Bennett, Dr. Stephen Samuel, Dr. Madhulika Sahoo, Mr. Rajesh Patra and Ms. Usha Behera met with 22 Ambassadors from three villages and assessed their level of knowledge retained from the awareness-raising programmes delivered</p>	Ongoing.

			<p>throughout the year. They also identified a plan for action (PoA) for 2025.</p> <p><a href="#">Ahmedabad Case Station for Avoidable Deaths due to Extreme Heat (ACaSA)</a>: On 17 March 2025, the All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI) launched the Ahmedabad Case Station for Avoidable Deaths due to Extreme Heat (ACaSA) to address the rising risks of extreme heat in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India.</p>	
2	August 2023 - Ongoing	ADN Champion Magazine (ISSN 2759-0380)	<p>Junior (ISSN)</p> <p><a href="#">Children and Youths' Experiences of Disasters in Bangladesh</a>: The theme of the second issue is listening to the experiences of children and youths from small and marginalised communities who are severely affected by the impact of climate-related disasters, deforestation, and social discrimination in Bangladesh. It was published on 10 October 2024.</p> <p><a href="#">Children and Youths' Experiences of Disasters in Malawi</a>: The theme of the third</p>	Ongoing

			issue is listening to the experiences of Malawian youth who have experienced devastating floods. This special edition highlights their resilience, challenges, and reflections on climate change and disaster impact. It was published on 11 March 2025.	
3	July 2021 - Ongoing	Future Leaders Interns	Five interns participated in the ADN Operations Team as Future Leaders Interns. See <i>Table 2: List of Future Leader Interns</i> .	Ongoing
4	October 2020 - Ongoing	Knowledge-Exchange Events	On 10 July 2025, a knowledge-exchange Special Session was held entitled <a href="#">Disaster Loss and Damage from the Perspective of Future Leaders</a> .	Ongoing.

## PUBLISHED OUTPUTS

Below is a small selection of peer-reviewed publications by ADN's Core Team and Regional Coordinators in Bangladesh, Canada, Sri Lanka, India, Japan, Uganda, and the UK.

### **Journal Articles (selective)**

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Ekezie, W., Cassambai, S., Curtis, F., Czyznikowska, B., O'Mahoney, L.L., Willis, A., Jeffers, S., Abdala, R., Butt, A., Chudasama, Y., Khunti, K. and Farooqi, A. (2025). Global insights on the involvement of ethnic minority populations in health and social care research priority setting: A systematic scoping review. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40615-025-02377-x>

Ekezie, W., Igein, B., Varughese, J., Butt, A., Ukoha-Kalu, B.O., Ikhile, I. and Bosah, G., (2024). Vaccination communication strategies and uptake in Africa: A systematic review. *Vaccines*, 12(12), p.1333. <https://doi.org/10.3390/vaccines12121333>

Bhatt, M.R. and Ray-Bennett, N.S. (eds.) (2024). Heatwave deaths are avoidable. Special Issue No. 210, May 2024. *Southasiadisasters.net. All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI)*. Available at: <http://www.southasiadisasters.net>.

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Ekezie, W., Hopwood, E., Czyznikowska, B., Weidman, S., Mackintosh, N., Curtis, F. (2024) 'Perinatal health outcomes of women from Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities: A systematic review', *Midwifery*, 129: 103910. Available at: [doi.org/10.1016/j.midw.2023.103910](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.midw.2023.103910)

Haseen, F., Hedayet, H., Nazneen, S. Akter, N., Haney, U., Chowdhury, M.S.A., Khan, M.S.R., Rahman, A.G.M.M., Nazma Siddika Begum, N.S., Mahmud, M.S.H., Islam, S.S. (2024) 'Gender lens review of adolescent health care services: a mixed methods study in Bangladesh.', *Journal of Global Health Reports*, 8:e2024005. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.29392/001c.92507>

Ghosh, A. Dutta, K. (2024) 'Health threats of climate change: from intersectional analysis to justice-based radicalism', *Ecology and Society*, 29 (2): 15. Available at: [doi.org/10.5751/ES-14045-290215](https://doi.org/10.5751/ES-14045-290215)

Shiroshita, H., Jayaratne, R. and Kitagawa K. (2024) 'Integrating Communities' Perspectives in Understanding Disaster Risk'. *Natural Hazards*, 120, no. 9: 8263–82. Available at: [doi.org/10.1007/s11069-024-06452-0](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11069-024-06452-0)

### **Books**

Ray-Bennett, H.S. (2025). *Avoiding Disaster Deaths: Why do so many people die in disasters?* Springer Nature, Switzerland. <https://link.springer.com/book/9783031812996>

Datta, R., Hurlbert, M., Kairy, B., Kibria, A., Singha, R. and Chattapadhyaya, S., (2025). *Rethinking and relearning disaster adaptations from and within Indigenous land-based perspectives*. 1st ed. London: Routledge. ISBN: 978-1032881331.

Muthukrishnan, R. and Datta, R. (2024). *Indigenous Practice and Community-Led Climate Change Solutions: The Application of Traditional Cosmic Knowledge Systems*. London: Routledge.

### **Reports**

Umar, A.O. Litsoung, K. Ray-Bennett, N.S. Shiroshita, H. MacLeod, L. Acharibasam, J. Abou El Wafa, Y. Andrew, P. Bhardwaj, A. Chen, J-R. Datta, R. Doh, F.B. Dueheney, Z. Inshah Malik, I. Jappa, A.T. Konar, S. Kvaratskhelia, L. Lin, Y-T. Alam, E. Nantume, R. Primero Gundran, C. (2025) *Highlights: International Awareness Day For Avoidable Deaths (IAD4AD) 2025 Global Campaign*. UK and Japan: Avoidable Deaths Network Publication.

### **Leaflets**

None this year

### **Posters**

Avoidable Deaths Network. (2023) *Avoidable Deaths Network's Achievements and Highlights*

### **Magazines**

Konar, A. Datta, P. Islam, M.F. Negaban, S.A.S. Kayira, J. (eds). (2025) 'Children and Youths Stories from Malawi', *ADN Junior Champion Magazine (ISSN 2759-0380) Volume 3*. UK and Japan: Avoidable Deaths Network Publication. [https://www.avoidable-deaths.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/ADN\\_Junior\\_Champion\\_Magazine\\_vol\\_3.pdf](https://www.avoidable-deaths.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/ADN_Junior_Champion_Magazine_vol_3.pdf)

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## CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS

### Invited keynote addresses/ lectures/ speeches

Dr Hideyuki Shiroshta delivered a public lecture on 'Preparing for Earthquakes and Floods' on 6 July 2025, organised by Hirakata City, Kuzuha-Minami School District Disaster Prevention Committee.

Dr Hideyuki Shiroshta delivered a public lecture on 'What is learning about disaster risk reduction' on 12 November 2024, organised by the Shiga Prefectural Education Board at the FY2024 School Safety Leaders Training.

Dr Hideyuki Shiroshta delivered a public lecture on 'How to prepare for disasters as social phenomena' on 25 December 2024, organised by Disaster Risk Management Engineering Lab (West Japan Railway Company) at the 34<sup>th</sup> Kyoto University's Disaster Risk Reduction Lectures for Citizens.

Prof Nibedita Ray-Bennett promoted her research monograph *Avoiding Disaster Deaths* (Springer Nature, 2025) through five book launching events. This includes:

- 4 July 2025: Kochi Medical School, Kochi University, Kochi Prefecture, Shikoku Island, Japan
- 2 July 2025: Kobe City College of Nursing, Kobe Prefecture, Honshu Island, Japan
- 26 June 2025: Bangladesh Medical University, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- 26 March 2025: UNOCHA, Humanitarian Networks Partnerships Week, Geneva, Switzerland.
- 10 April 2025: MSc Risk, Crisis and Disaster Management (RCDM) students, entirely led by RCDM students.

Prof. Nibedita Ray-Bennett was an invited panel speaker at the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) and the Royal Lifesaving Society Commonwealth's "UN International Day of Education" in London on 25 January 2025. She shared the findings of the RNLI-funded drowning project and the Case Station Model of the Avoidable Deaths Network to reduce preventable avoidable drowning deaths.

As a distinguished panel speaker, Prof. Nibedita Ray-Bennett delivered five key messages on how to prevent avoidable disaster deaths at the National Consultation Workshop on 'Disaster Management and Resilient Infrastructure in Changing Climate and Environmental Risks: High Level Session on Policy & Capacities- Research & Strategies'. The event took place on 11 February 2025.

Prof. Nibedita Ray-Bennett delivered a lecture at the Special Centre for Disaster Research (SCDR), Jawaharlal Nehru University, India, to raise awareness about the ADN's Global Campaign and the key findings of her research monograph: why people die in disasters, who dies, and what are avoidable disaster deaths. The event took place on 6 March 2025.

Prof. Nibedita Ray-Bennett delivered a public lecture at the Pembroke College, University of Cambridge's Global Panel Project on 'Natural Disaster Relief: Supporting Communities in a Changing World'. The event took place on 13 March 2025. She presented ADN's interventions (RH Kits, IAD4AD, and the Case Stations) aimed at strengthening communities and reducing avoidable disaster deaths.

Prof. Nibedita Ray-Bennett engaged with 35 young debaters at the Debate Space, USA, to raise awareness about the impact of climate change on humans and health. The event took place on 10 July 2025.

Prof. Nibedita Ray-Bennett and Dr Stephen Sameul (AND Advisor) delivered a joint public lecture at the All India Institute for Public Administration in New Delhi, India. The event took place on 21 November 2025.

Prof. Nibedita Ray-Bennett spoke at the Social Venture Panel for the ReSHAPE 2024 Conference at the British Academy in London. The event took place on 8 November 2024. Prof. Ray-Bennett presented ADN and the Reproductive Health Kits as social innovations to reduce avoidable disaster deaths.

## PRESS, MEDIA AND IMPACT

Between 1 August 2024 and 31 July 2025, ADN was featured in radio, TV and 23 press articles, reaching audiences in Bangladesh, India, Japan, the UK and Worldwide.

### Press

All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI) (2025): *Extreme Heat Deaths Are Avoidable*. <https://aidmi.org/extreme-heat-deaths-are-avoidable/>

Bangladesh Medical University. (2025) The book launch event of "Avoiding Disaster Deaths: Why Do So Many People Die?" was held at Bangladesh Medical University. <https://bmu.ac.bd/event/276/the-book-launch-event-of-avoiding-disaster-deaths-why-do-so-many-people-die-was-held-at-bangladesh-medical-university>

Daily ASLAF Lahore (2025) Road Safety Awareness Walk Organised by ADN Pakistan Platform in Bhuwana.

New Age. (2025) 'Avoiding Disaster Deaths: Why Do So Many People Die?' launched. [https://www.newagebd.net/post/country/268961/avoiding-disaster-deaths-why-do-so-many-people-die-launched#google\\_vignette](https://www.newagebd.net/post/country/268961/avoiding-disaster-deaths-why-do-so-many-people-die-launched#google_vignette)

PreventionWeb (2024): Launching the second volume of the ADN Junior Champion Magazine. <https://www.preventionweb.net/event/launching-second-volume-adn-junior-champion-magazine>

PreventionWeb (2025): Debate on the scope of social media during crisis communication. <https://www.preventionweb.net/event/debate-scope-social-media-during-crisis-communication>

PreventionWeb (2025): Disaster loss and damage from the perspective of future leaders. <https://www.preventionweb.net/event/disaster-loss-and-damage-perspective-future-leaders>

PreventionWeb (2025): *International Awareness Day for Avoidable Deaths unites global efforts in disaster risk reduction*. <https://www.preventionweb.net/news/international-awareness-day-avoidable-deaths-unites-global-efforts-disaster-risk-reduction>

PreventionWeb (2025): Land-Based Approaches To Address Human-Induced Disaster Adaptation. <https://www.preventionweb.net/event/land-based-approaches-address-human-induced-disaster-adaptation>

PreventionWeb (2025): The impact of climate-related disasters on early marriage and reproductive health in Bangladesh. <https://www.preventionweb.net/event/impact-climate-related-disasters-early-marriage-and-reproductive-health-bangladesh>

PreventionWeb (2025): Why do so many people die in disasters and how can we reduce them? <https://www.preventionweb.net/event/why-do-so-many-people-die-disasters-and-how-can-we-reduce-them>

University of Leicester (2025): *Avoidable Deaths Network to run sessions at UN event for the humanitarian sector*. <https://le.ac.uk/news/2025/march/avoidable-deaths-network-un-humanitarian-event>

University of Leicester (2025): *International day marks the issues behind avoidable deaths*. <https://le.ac.uk/news/2025/march/avoidable-deaths-network-international-awareness-day>

University of Leicester (2025) *Leicester researchers develop lifesaving kits for women in Asia at risk from post-abortion complications.* <https://le.ac.uk/news/2025/march/leicester-lifesaving-abortion-kits-women-asia>

University of Leicester. (2025) Prof. Nibedita Ray-Bennett's interview. <https://uniofleicester.sharepoint.com/sites/staff/news-events/SitePages/Behind-the-Research--Why-and-how-people-die-in-disasters.aspx>

### **Press (Mandarin)**

Focus Taiwan. (2025) Taiwan's First IAD4AD Hosted by National Chi Nan University (台灣首場 IAD4AD 國際提升邁向零傷亡日倡議) <https://www.cna.com.tw/Postwrite/Chi/397445>

National Education Radio. (2025) Taiwan's First IAD4AD Hosted by National Chi Nan University (暨大舉辦臺灣首場 IAD4AD 倡議零傷亡日) <https://www.ner.gov.tw/news/67e2609bb6cf3b0023c4fc0c>

Yahoo! News Taiwan. (2025) Taiwan's First IAD4AD Hosted by National Chi Nan University (暨大舉辦臺灣首場 IAD4AD 倡議零傷亡日) <https://tw.news.yahoo.com>

Economic Daily News. (2025) Taiwan's First IAD4AD Hosted by National Chi Nan University (倡議國際提升邁向零傷亡日) <https://money.udn.com/money/story/5723/8631103>

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### **Radio**

On 7 January 2025, Prof. Nibedita Ray-Bennett was interviewed by the BBC Leicester Breakfast show on the 'Dos and Don'ts for the At-risk Population During Flood Alert Stage Across UK'.

### **TV**

On 17 August 2024, in collaboration with ADN's Advisors, Colonel Professor Sanjay Srivastava and Dr Ravinder Kr Soni, Prof. Nibedita Ray-Bennett delivered a one-hour panel discussion on how to prevent snakebite deaths in India with Green India TV.

[https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?mibextid=qj2Omg&ref=watch\\_permalink&v=522078246938716&rdid=w5hwyLGnUZInsDyg](https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?mibextid=qj2Omg&ref=watch_permalink&v=522078246938716&rdid=w5hwyLGnUZInsDyg)

## ANNEX 1: LIST OF OUR ORGANISATIONAL PARTNERS

Number	Date of Joining	Name	Country
1	12 March 2019	India	All India Disaster Mitigation Institute
2	12 March 2019	Egypt, India and Myanmar	MARS Practitioners Network: Mainstreaming Adaptation, Resilience and Sustainability into Development and daily life
3	12 March 2019	Thailand	Equal Asia Foundation
4	19 March 2019	India	Doers
5	5 April 2019	Uganda	Africa Disaster Reduction Research and Emergency Missions [ADRREM] (Uganda)
6	2 May 2019	Uganda	Transformative Projects Services Ltd
7	8 November 2019	Bangladesh	Data Management Aid
8	18 December 2019	India	Resilience Innovation Knowledge Academy
9	26 December 2019	India	Confederation of Risk Reduction Professionals
10	28 September 2020	Uganda	SAF (Shine Africa Foundation)-Teso
11	19 November 2020	Pakistan	Center for Disaster Management, University of Management and Technology
12	1 December 2020	India	Alchemist Research and Data Analysis
13	13 January 2021	Nigeria	Disaster Alert
14	22 January 2021	India	Pearlss 4 Development
15	5 February 2021	Nigeria	Decapolis Community Development Centers
16	10 December 2021	Austria	Disaster Management, Advice and Training (DMAT) Consulting KG
117	10 December 2021	Germany	Prepared International (PPI)
18	12 March 2022	India	Project DEFY- DISPECS (Disaster Prepared Community Spaces)
19	12 March 2023	Bangladesh	University of Dhaka
20	12 March 2023	Bangladesh	Bangabandhu Medical University
21	12 March 2023	Oman	YAS Centre for Health and Environment
22	12 March 2024	India	Centre for Research and Community Action Trust (CeRCA)

## **ANNEX 2: TESTIMONIALS**

### **Future Leaders**

#### **1. Mohammad Fahimul Islam**

*It has been an incredibly valuable and enriching journey for me over the past year as a Future Leader and Intern at the Avoidable Deaths Network (ADN). My association with ADN, however, began even before this formal role. In 2023, I volunteered at the ADN Bangladesh Chapter Launching event, which introduced me to the organization's mission and vision for reducing avoidable disaster deaths globally. That early experience inspired me to stay connected with ADN's activities and initiatives.*

*In early 2024, I actively participated in the International Awareness Day for Avoidable Deaths (IAD4AD) program organized by ADN Bangladesh Chapter. This program deepened my understanding of disaster risk reduction (DRR) advocacy and public engagement. After officially joining ADN as a Future Leader and Intern in July 2024, my involvement broadened significantly. I made it a priority to contribute to almost all online sessions organized by ADN, both globally and nationally. I also supported the technical team, which is responsible for managing the sessions smoothly, ensuring participants' engagement, and handling session logistics behind the scenes.*

*My technical support extended to ADN Bangladesh Chapter's special online session focusing on the United Nations, where I assisted the technical team in managing the virtual event. This provided me with valuable experience in event coordination and virtual platform management skills that I know will be useful in my academic and professional life.*

*One of the most memorable and meaningful experiences during my time with ADN was participating in the Flood Relief Program following the devastating floods in August 2024. As part of the ADN Bangladesh team, I worked on procuring essential medical and stationery supplies for affected communities in Feni and Cumilla. I also assisted in distributing these items directly to people in need. Witnessing the relief efforts firsthand and being able to contribute directly to people's recovery was both humbling and empowering.*

*Another proud moment was collaborating with our Bangladesh Chapter Lead in organizing the upcoming IAD4AD 2025 event in Bangladesh. Being involved in the early planning stages of such an important program allowed me to understand the level of coordination and teamwork required for successful international DRR events.*

*Throughout my time with ADN, I have consistently tried to attend all the Drop-in Sessions and monthly meetings. These gatherings not only kept me updated on global DRR activities but also helped me build connections with dedicated professionals and future leaders from around the world.*

*In conclusion, my journey with ADN has been a remarkable learning experience, shaping both my personal growth and professional outlook. It has provided me with opportunities to develop new skills, serve communities in crisis, and be part of a global network committed to reducing avoidable deaths. I am grateful to ADN for their trust, support, and the platform they have provided me to grow as a future leader in disaster risk reduction.*

## **2. Prarthona Datta**

*I am from Calgary, Canada, and have been a Junior Champion at the Avoidable Deaths Network (ADN) for the last 3 years. During my time with ADN, a highlight was working on the Junior Champion magazine for issues 1 and 2. For me, it was an informative and eye-opening experience. I was able to hear and learn from the firsthand experiences of those who faced natural disasters through the children's stories that the magazine amplified. These stories allowed me to better understand and reflect upon my roles and responsibilities to the land. As a youth myself, the voices of other young people and their resilience in the face of climate-created disasters have helped me to become inspired.*

*The stories I was able to learn from were not only those of overcoming loss and hardship, but it was a reminder of the fact that we need to take better care of the land. This magazine helped me to recognize the importance of creating spaces where youth can take the leadership to inform people about the climate crisis and the significance of the issue on disasters, heard directly from the youth themselves. The voices of youth are often not heard or represented, however, ADN gave many youth the platform to let their stories be heard. I am grateful to ADN for the opportunity for my voice to be heard as well.*

*I am appreciative of this opportunity to work with ADN, since I get to be part of the positive change that this organization is doing. I have directly seen the difference and positive progress ADN has and is continuing to make. Through my experience with ADN, I have worked collaboratively with other Junior Champions and mentors. I found it inspiring to be surrounded by many people who want to create a positive change in the world. ADN is making a significant impact and I am proud to be a part of the team that is making meaningful progress. I am grateful for all that I have done with ADN so far, and am eager to see what ADN does in the future and to be a part of the action.*

**Figure 17: Prarthona Datta**



### 3. Ms. Sadia Afrin Sayfa Negaban

*My journey with the Avoidable Deaths Network (ADN) for more than a year now has been nothing short of transformative. As a young woman in science, stepping into the world of disaster risk reduction felt both exciting and overwhelming, but ADN provided the perfect space to grow, learn, and lead with purpose.*

*One of the most empowering aspects of my internship has been the opportunity to develop hands-on organizing and leadership skills. From arranging the International Awareness Day for Avoidable Deaths global campaigns in Bangladesh, which brings together honorable guests from government, academia, and humanitarian sectors, to arranging flood relief distribution for under-privileged students in Feni, I have learned what it means to act with empathy, precision, and accountability. These experiences showed me that even small actions, when rooted in compassion, can create lasting impact.*

**Figure 18: Sadia Afrin Sayfa Negaban**



*Throughout my time with ADN, I also contributed creatively by designing a wide range of posters, visuals, and banners for various campaigns and events. These design tasks not only helped raise awareness but also allowed me to visually communicate the values and goals of ADN with clarity and impact. I was also honored to play a small role in the webinars organized by ADN, where I witnessed the power of dialogue across borders and disciplines.*

*One of the most touching parts of my journey has been serving on the editorial board of the ADN Junior Champion Magazine. Reading the heartfelt stories submitted by children, each voice filled with honesty, hope, and strength, moved me deeply. It reminded me why this work matters because every voice, no matter how small, deserves to be heard and protected.*

*As a Meteorology student, this internship has enriched my academic journey by connecting scientific knowledge with humanitarian goals. Participating in monthly meetings, webinar preparations, and overcoming challenges has been an intense and rewarding learning experience. I am deeply grateful to ADN for entrusting me with meaningful responsibilities*

*and supporting my development as a young leader in disaster risk reduction.*

*Looking ahead, I am eager to continue collaborating with ADN by leveraging my Meteorology expertise to strengthen early warning systems and science-based communication. I aim to contribute to building climate resilience and supporting vulnerable communities in Bangladesh through research and community-focused initiatives. It would be an honor to advance ADN's mission through this work.*