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# STRIDE – LOCALISING EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

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**Localising emergency preparedness  
and response through partnerships**

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## Setting the scene

- **Strategic Focus Area**  
“Reducing the impact of conflicts and natural disaster national disasters”
- **Learning from previous emergency interventions**
- **Commitment to Localisation**



## IRW International Presence on Localisation



Localising the response of organization: Role of Religious based organization

**Sri Lanka**

“As Local as Possible; as International as Necessary”:  
the role of HR in enabling the localisation of aid

**Finland**





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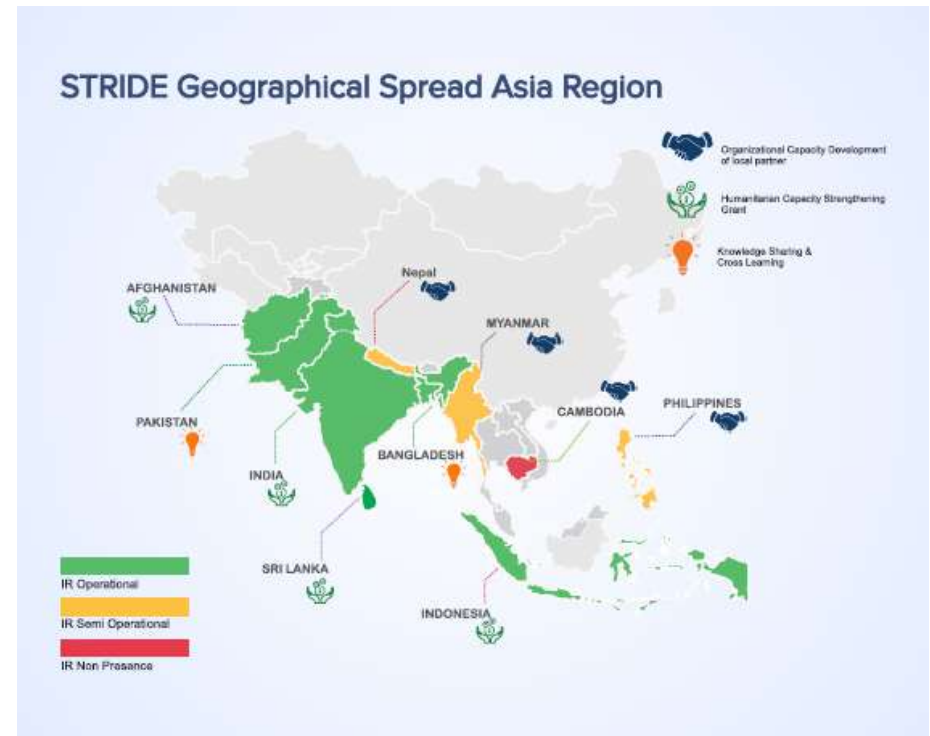
**Learning event on local partnership and  
capacity humanitarian strengthening  
Thailand**

# STRIDE: Strengthening Response Capacity and Institutional Development for Excellence

**Result:** Enhanced organisational capacity of local partners in emergency preparedness and response in priority non-presence countries

**Countries:** Cambodia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines

**Local Organisations:** BATAS Foundation, Social Pastoral Action Center of Daet (SPACFI), Hualngo Land Development Organisation (HLDO), Swanyee Development Foundation (SDF), Northeastern Rural Development (NRD), Tekdeysovanphum Organisation (TDSP)



# STRIDE: Areas of work



Enhanced Preparedness at Country & Regional level



Comprehensive capacity Strengthening initiatives



Organizational development of local partners



Linkages with regional bodies and institutions



# Process of engaging Local partners





# STRIDE Localisation Framework aims to enable organisations

Identify the capacities needed to deliver effective and quality disaster response of small disasters and eventually enabling for successful scale up.

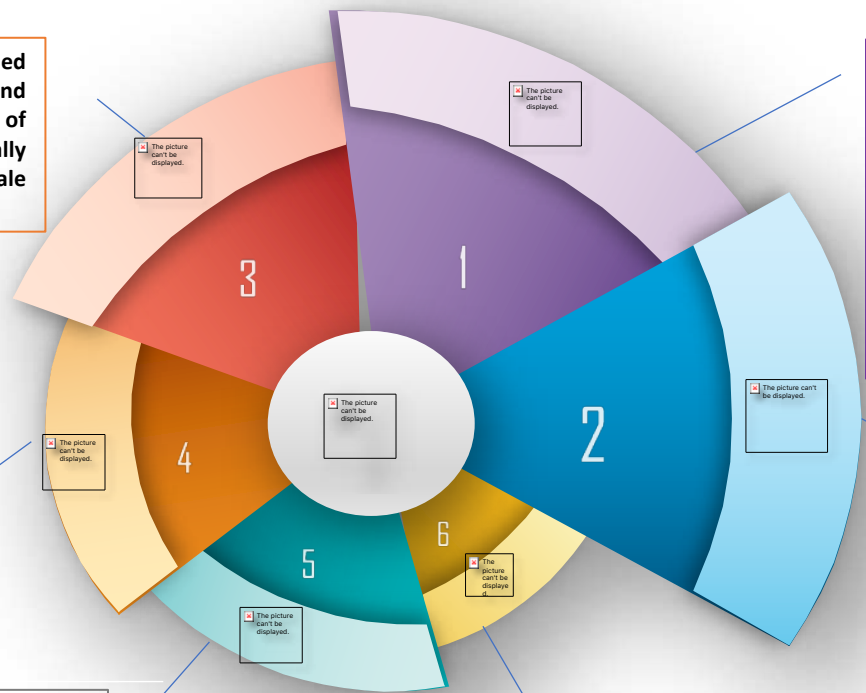
Understand strengths and areas of improvement for humanitarian programme management, and ability to get recognition and legitimacy in disaster management (DM) system.

Prioritise areas for organisational development from the lens of Emergency Response preparedness capacity.

Review the progress of humanitarian capacity development initiatives.

Flexible funding to allow partners to pivot and change dependent on the changing context/need.

Provide partners opportunities for networking .



# STRIDE: A unique approach

Except for one organisation, local organisations said first time they had experienced such investment in partnerships and whole-of-organisation capacity strengthening:

- Flexibility, adaptability, individuality
- Multifaceted approach to capacity strengthening
- Nature of partnerships and relationships
- Partner selection
- Recognising gaps at all level

# STRIDE lessons: Successes

Overall feedback on STRIDE was positive:

- Selection of small to medium sized local NGOs beneficial for both local organisations and Islamic Relief
- Flexible, organizational capacity-strengthening valued
- Internal governance of the project through steering committee and working groups effective
- STRIDE had a multiplier effect beyond its initial objectives
- Networking event gave opportunity to learn and extend networks for local organisations

# STRIDE lessons: Challenges

## Challenges for Islamic Relief:

- Challenging recruitment and stretched human resources for Islamic Relief
- Timing issues and delays
- Roles and responsibilities between HQ, regional office, country offices

## Challenges for local organisations:

- Forging initial partnerships
- Need for greater orientation and communication
- Difficulties finding skilled staff and consultants
- Late transfers of funds
- Short project timeline



## **STRIDE: Wider learning for localisation and humanitarian action**

- Expand stakeholder to CBOs, volunteers, civil society networks and local government in current locations.
- Expand STRIDE model and learning at the Global level.
- Mainstream the values, approaches and learning from STRIDE into all aspects of Islamic Relief's humanitarian work – beyond one-off project
- Develop partnerships with international organizations to support localisation at wider level.
- Make partnership and capacity strengthening central to all job profiles in humanitarian division.
- Mold toward collaborative approach with multi organizations for cross learning, mutual effectiveness and efficiency.

