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The Joint Advocacy Network Initiative (JANI)

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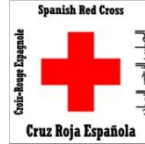
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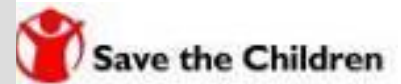
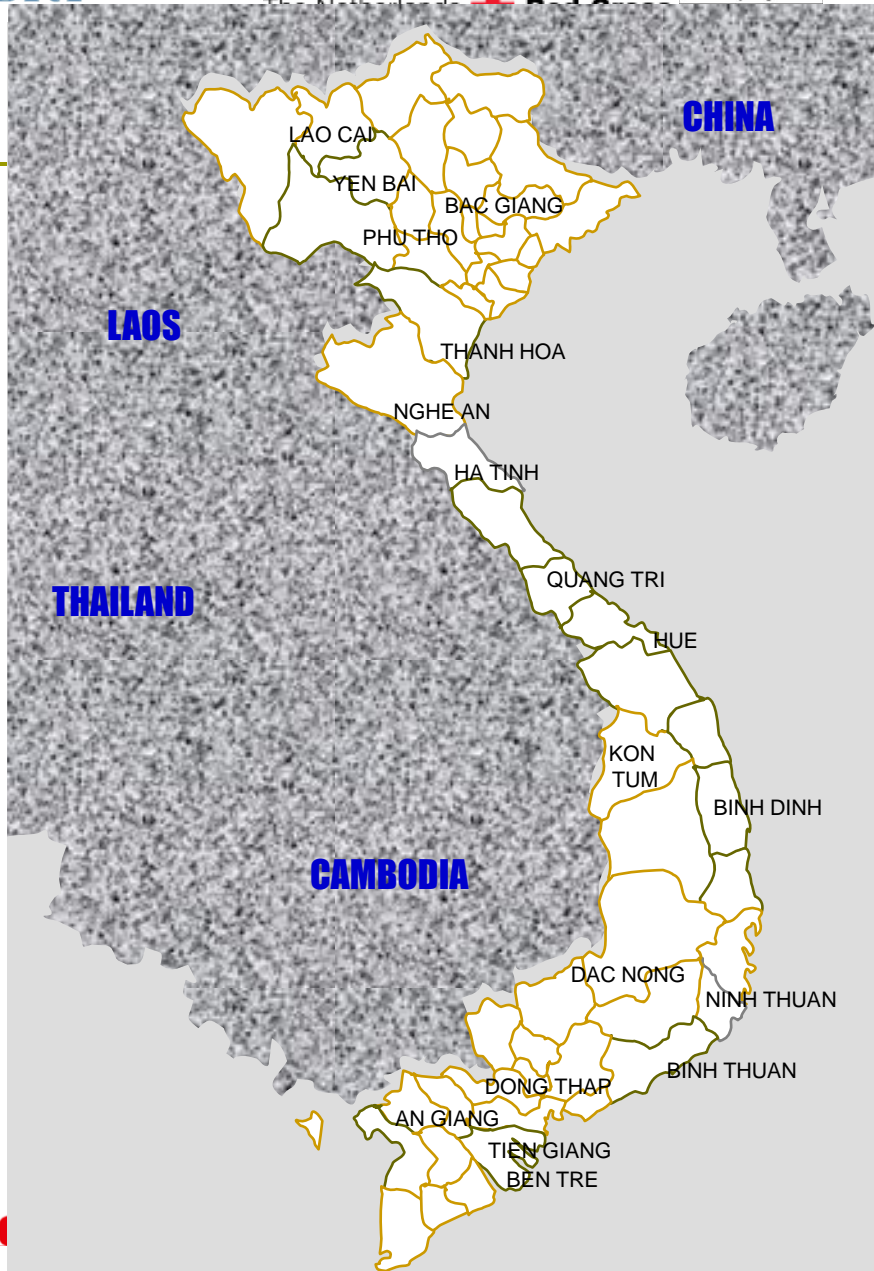
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Background of CBDRM approach in Vietnam

Why?

- In line with Government's policy on 4 on the spot policy and grassroot democracy policy
- There is the gap between village and commune level. CBDRM fills up the gap and contributes to reducing risks.
- More chances to participate, express people's ideas, needs.
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When first applied in Vietnam?

- Started with participation of people in 1990s.
- World Vision's CBDRM project in central Vietnam
- CECI's 1998 project in central Vietnam
- Red Cross's 1998 CBDRM project nationwide

When CBDRM becomes a buzz word in Vietnam?

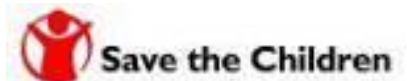
- After the adoption of Hyogo framework in Vietnam
- Since last few years.



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CBDRM framework - specific models applied by JANI members

Common concept and principles:

- Participation, particularly vulnerable groups
- Ownership of / decision making of local people
- Integration, looking at vulnerabilities from other sectors (livelihood, education, climate change, health, etc).
- Mobilizing local resources, indigenous knowledge, expertise.



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CBDRM framework - specific models applied by JANI members

Model/process:

- Capacity building/trainings
- Participatory vulnerability, capacity assessment by communities
- Making safer commune plans
- Implement safer commune plans
- Awareness raising



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Achievements

- Government is becoming interested in this approach. The proof is the development of CBDRM nationwide in 10,000 communes. The second proof is the adoption of National strategy in which it also commits resources to this approach. This indicates a major shift in policy making in terms of disaster risk reduction.



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Achievements

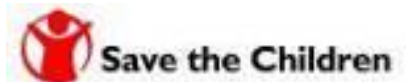
- ❑ Multi-hazard approach in CBDRM through last workshop on developing a disaster management legislation.
- ❑ Initiated a shift in Media from response/recovery to preparedness



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Achievements

- Typhoon resistant house models in central region (low cost, sustainable, replicable).
- Working with ethnic groups in the North (using indigenous knowledge)
- Mangrove planting in salt water areas (linking livelihood and DRR)
- Child-focus model in the Mekong (saving lives)



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Achievements

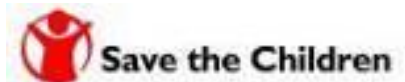
- ❑ Mainstreaming DRR lessons into school program
- ❑ Vulnerability assessment (taking a comprehensive approach to risks)
- ❑ Improved rescue capacities for communes (training, equipment, planning)



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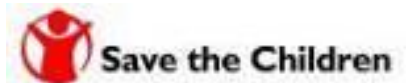
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Lessons learnt and experiences

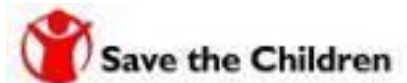
- Awareness of CBDRM approach at Central Government is high, but can be improved at lower levels
- Different understanding of CBDRM approach, thus different ways/things of CBDRM, thus difficulties in producing a common CBDRM advocacy campaign





Lessons learnt and experiences

- Challenge is now to transform policies and commitments into concrete actions at local levels (capacities, understanding, resources are not there yet).
- You need legal framework, commitment, a shift in mindset to integrate safer commune plans into overall socio-economic plans





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Recommendations

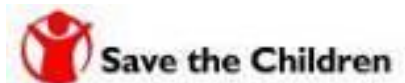
- Establish a common understanding of CBDRM among NGOs before advocating for it.
- Documentation and sharing of CBDRM framework, good practices within Vietnam and Region.
- Need a capacity building for local levels



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Recommendations

- Enough resource allocation to CBDRM activities
- Policies should cover not only water born disasters, but other disasters.
- Integration of climate change adaptations into safer commune plan.



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