

# Relief and Development Commission



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## Overview

The COVID-19 pandemic and its impact have become so real in our day-to-day life. Not long ago the folks who succumbed to the virus were a statistic, but now names are familiar as these are our friends, neighbors, relatives, and family who have either got the virus or have passed away. Around the world, people are suffering psychologically, economically, and emotionally. The adverse impact of the COVID-19 is spreading like wildfire.

It is in this backdrop, as a member of the Asian Evangelical Alliance, we are trying to respond to the daunting challenges through the work with our alliances and our commissions. As part of this journey, the relief and development commission has revisited its vision and mission statement to be in line with the needs of our society.



## Vision

By 2030, a Relief & Development Commission for AEA will be recognized as the Leading Strategic Platform for Development Initiatives in collaboration with National Alliances in Asia.

Nine years from now, we would like to see that the Relief and Development Commission be one of the main partners particularly in the area of development in the region. While strengthening our work with the national alliances, we would also seek partnerships with leading development agencies across the globe to achieve this task.

# GOAL



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## Establish Relief & Development Commissions in National Alliances

The Relief and Development Commission have begun its preliminary steps to support the Alliances which do not have a Relief and Development Commission. The purpose of forming a commission in each national alliance is to localize the response to the needs both in terms of emergency relief and in capacity-building programs.



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## Developing local resources to strengthen the churches through Relief & Development Commissions

The Commission is also envisioning strengthening the churches to be self-sufficient by adopting innovative ideas to raise their resources. This will bring in people from different fields of expertise to support the commission to relook at the strategies and bring recommendations for new ventures for the commission.



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## Establish and expand Network and start building financial stability

The Commission will reach out to other global partners and local churches to support the ministries of the Commission. The Commission has already started to compile a potential partner database. The Commission will also look into the needs of the national alliances and work along with the alliances to develop proposals and support in fundraising as well.

## Upcoming initiatives



**This year as a Commission, our focus is on the following areas. These are much-needed for the local churches given the adverse impact churches are going through due to the pandemic.**



### 1

#### **Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)**

This year we also would like to emphasize more on Disaster Risk Reduction awareness for the Churches across the National Alliances. Inevitably this has become a much-needed topic for the church with the pandemic. The commission will launch a series of training programs on this topic and help the Alliances to set up their own DRR teams in their locality. The Commission has done a plan on this area, an abstract of that has been published in this newsletter.



### 2

#### **Local fundraising**

Due to the financial crisis caused by the pandemic, most of the work which was dependent on overseas funding has either stopped or reduced by a big margin. In order to reduce the percentage of dependency on foreign funding, the Commission will launch training programs on fundraising for the local alliances with special emphasis given for local fundraising.



### 3

#### **Strengthening the Network**

The Commission will formulate strategies to strengthen the relationships between the Relief and Development commissions of the National Alliances. This will include regular virtual meetings, exchange of ideas and expertise and sharing of resources. ■