

THE DEVELOPMENT OF PARTNERSHIPS STRATEGIES FOR MHEWS: THE CASE OF BATANGAS, THE PHILIPPINES

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Considering that coastal hazards are trans-boundary in nature, the underlying objective of CABARET Project (CApacity Building in Asia for Resilience EducaTion) is to foster regional cooperation for more effective multi-hazard early warning (MHEW) as a mitigation measure and to increase disaster resilience among coastal communities. Work-package 6 “Partnerships with social and economic actors (SEA)” in the CABARET Project focuses on development of a partnership strategy and secondment plan to facilitate partnerships between Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and SEAs. The secondment of HEIs experts with various stakeholders including the local communities would allow them to build their capacity through research, training and mentoring. However, such partnerships are mutual relationships since the HEIs experts may contextualize the application of research in actual decision-making scenarios that provide insights on how to adjust strategies in improving MHEWs. The partnership strategy and secondment plan has been fed by four participatory activities involving experts from HEIs and SEAs from Asia and Europe. One of the workshops was developed in Batangas, Philippines, as a local pilot study to identify key secondment priority areas for the community. SEAs, such as key disaster risk managers, civil protection groups and local governments participated in the workshop. The exercise was structured to define existing expertise, identify gaps and opportunities which can be strengthened through secondment plans.

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