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Disaster Relief in the Asia Pacific

A UN report recently found that the Asia Pacific is the world's most disaster-prone region. Indeed, considering that the region accounts for more than half of the total number of disasters in the world, building capacity and resilience to mitigate the devastating impact of disasters is a pressing task for local actors.

This book takes a regional, multidisciplinary and multi-actor approach to improve understandings of how various actors respond to natural and human-induced disasters in the Asia-Pacific region. It examines the ideas and activities of four different categories of agents: civil society; military and state institutions; local cultural knowledge and the media; and economic initiatives, and these themes are approached from various academic disciplines, ranging from anthropology and cultural studies to economics, human geography and political science. The contributors draw their findings from a variety of countries in the region, including China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, Myanmar and Samoa, and importantly, focus on the interconnection between vulnerability and resilience. In turn, the book highlights how the nature and magnitude of disasters are influenced by social conditions, and aims to contribute to policies that prioritize development opportunities to enhance resilience. Further, it explores the complicated and multifaceted role of agency in building resilience, and presents a comparative framework for analysis and key findings from the Asia-Pacific region.

The focus of this book on recent and ongoing disasters makes it a topical and timely contribution to the growing field of disaster management, and as such it will appeal to students and scholars of environmental studies, development studies and Asian politics.

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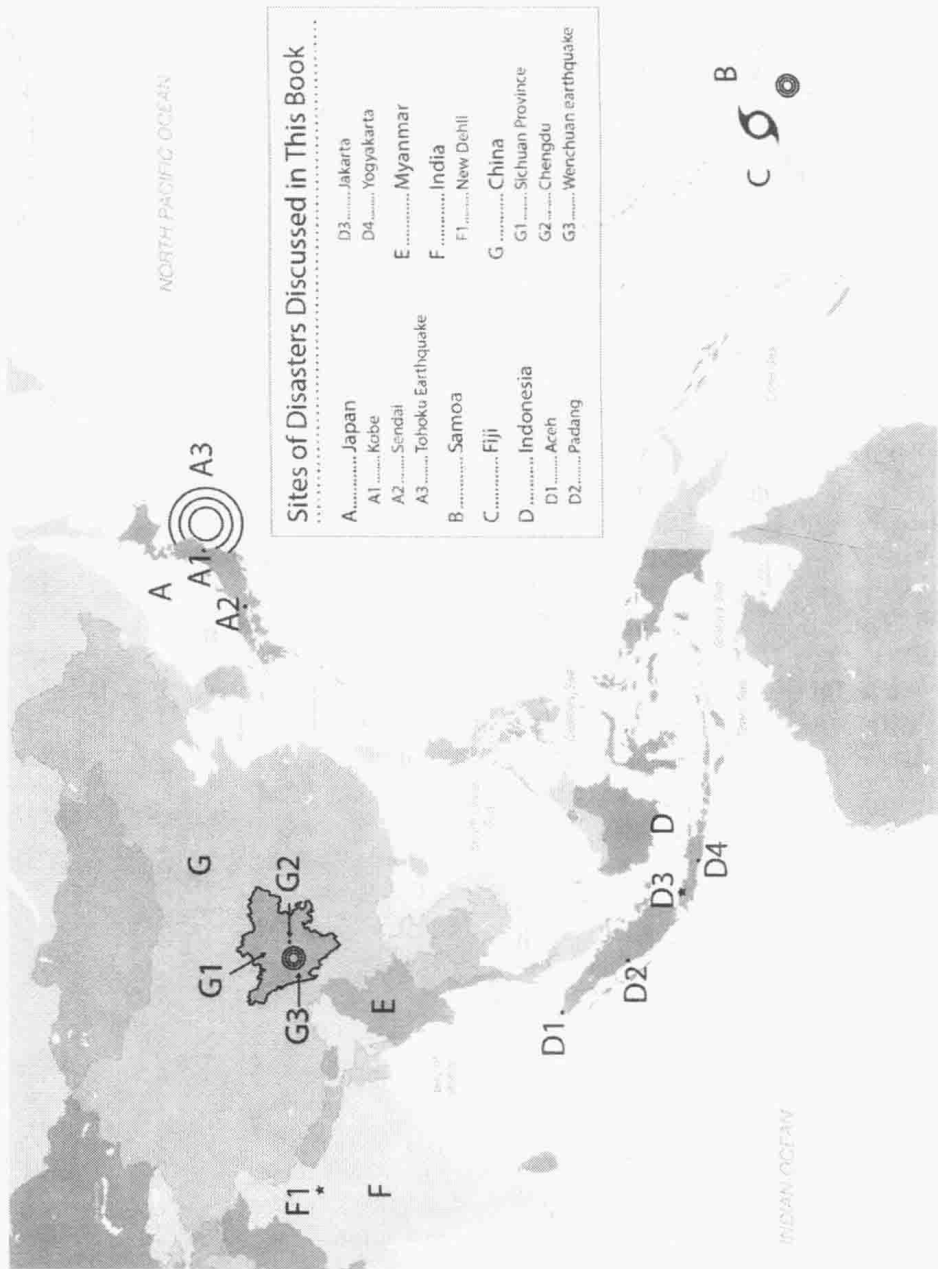
AADMER	ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response
ACICIS	Australian Consortium for 'In-Country' Indonesian Studies
ACT	Aksi Cepat Tanggap (emergency relief unit of the Dompet Dhuafa Foundation)
ADB	Asian Development Bank
AFP	Australian Federal Police
ANTV	Andalas Televisi (Andalas Television)
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
ARF	ASEAN Regional Forum
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ATS	amphetamine-type stimulants
AusAID	Australian Agency for International Development
BAKORNAS PBP	Badan Koordinasi Nasional Penanggulangan Bencana dan Pengungsi (National Coordination Body for Disasters and Refugees)
BAZNAS	National Islamic Zakat Management Board of Indonesia
BCP	Burmese Communist Party
BIC	Bayesian Information Criterion
BNPB	Badan Nasional Penanggulangan Bencana (National Agency for Disaster Management)
BPBD	Badan Penanggulangan Bencana Daerah (Regional Bodies for Disaster Management)
BPPTK	Balai Penyelidikan dan Pengembangan Teknologi Kegunungpian (Indonesian Research and Technology Development Agency for Vulcanology)
BRR	Badan Rekonstruksi dan Rehabilitasi Aceh-Nias (Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Agency for Aceh and Nias)
CBDRM	Community Based Disaster Risk Management
CCP	Chinese Communist Party
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency
CMC	Central Military Commission

CNN	Cable News Network
CRED	Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters
CRI	Combine Resource Institution
CSO	civil society organization
CSR	Colonial Sugar Refining
DC	developing country
DD	Dompét Dhuafa Foundation
DUSIB	Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council of the United Nations
ECREA	Ecumenical Centre for Research, Education and Advocacy
EMSEC	National Emergency Service Committee
ERAT	Emergency Rapid Assessment Team
EVI	Economic Vulnerability Index
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FBO	faith-based organization
FPUB	Forum Persaudaraan Umat Beriman (Brotherhood Forum for Faithful Community)
GDP	gross domestic product
GKI	Gerakan Kemanusiaan Indonesia (Indonesian Humanitarian Movement)
GKI	Gereja Kristen Indonesia (Indonesian Christian Church)
GKJ	Gereja Kristen Jawa (Javanese Christian Church)
GNI	gross national income
GoS	Government of Samoa
HFA	Hyogo Framework for Action
HFI	Humanitarian Forum Indonesia
HT	Handy Talkie
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IOM	International Organization for Migration
JSRC	Japan Sotoshu Relief Committee
KPI	Komisi Penyiaran Indonesia (Indonesian Broadcasting Commission)
LDC	least developed country
MAB	Man and the Biosphere project
MCD	Municipal Corporation of Delhi
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MDMC	Muhammadiyah Disaster Management Center
MIRAB	migration, remittance, aid and bureaucracy
MOOTW	Military Operations Other Than War
MPBI	Masyarakat Penanggulangan Bencana Indonesia (Indonesian Society for Disaster Management)
NASAA	National Association for Sustainable Agriculture, Australia
NGO	non-governmental organization
NLD	National League for Democracy

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NPO	non-profit organization
NU	Nahdlatul Ulama
NZAID	New Zealand Agency for International Development
OCHA	Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (United Nations)
ODN	Oceania Development Network
ORARI	Organisasi Amatir Radio Indonesia (Indonesian Amateur Radio Organization)
PAN	Partai Amanat Nasional (National Mandate Party)
<i>Pancasila</i>	Indonesia's state ideology
PAP	People's Armed Police (China)
PD	Partai Demokrat (Indonesian Democratic Party)
PDI-P	Partai Demokrasi Indonesia-Perjuangan (Indonesian Democratic Party-Struggle)
PICs	Pacific Island countries
PKS	Partai Keadilan Sejahtera (Prosperous Justice Party)
PLA	People's Liberation Army
PONJA	Post-Nargis Joint Assessment team
PPP	Partai Persatuan Pembangunan (Indonesian Unity Development Party)
PPP	purchasing power parity
PRC	People's Republic of China
PSIF	Public Sector Improvement Facility
PTSD	post-traumatic stress disorder
PVMBG	Pusat Vulkanologi dan Mitigasi Bencana Geologi (Centre of Vulcanology and Geological Hazard Mitigation)
R2P	responsibility to protect
RAPI	Radio Antar Penduduk Indonesia (Indonesian Inter- Population Radio)
RCTI	Rajawali Citra Televisi Indonesia (Indonesian Hawk Image Television)
RNN	Religious NGO Network on Humanitarian Support
RRI	Radio Republik Indonesia (Radio of the Republic of Indonesia)
RT	Rukun Tetangga (neighbourhood associations)
RW	Rukun Warga (groups of neighbourhood associations)
SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
SARS	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
SBEC	Small Business Enterprise Centre
SCTV	Surya Citra Televisi (Sun Image Television)
SGI	Soka Gakkai International
SIDS	small island developing states
SIUPP	Surat Izin Usaha Penerbitan Pers (Indonesian Press Publication Business Licence)
SMS	short message service

SOE	state-owned enterprise
SOPAC	Applied Geoscience and Technology Division of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community
SPDC	State Peace and Development Council
STEC	Samoa Trusts Estate Corporation
<i>Tatmadaw</i>	Burmese military
TCG	Tripartite Core Group
TEPCO	Tokyo Electric Company
TNI	Tentara Nasional Indonesia (Indonesian Armed National Forces)
TVRI	Televisi Republik Indonesia (Television of the Republic of Indonesia)
UII	Universitas Islam Indonesia (Indonesian Islamic University)
UN	United Nations
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNISDR	United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction
USDP	Union Solidarity and Development Party
WIBDI	Women in Business Development Incorporated
WST	Western Samoan Tala
WSTEC	Western Samoa Estate Lands Corporation
WTO	World Trade Organization
YAKKUM	Christian Foundation for Public Health
YEU	YAKKUM Emergency Unit
<i>zakat</i>	Islamic alms



Sites of Disasters Discussed in This Book

A.....	Japan	D3.....	Jakarta
A1.....	Kobe	D4.....	Yogyakarta
A2.....	Sendai	E.....	Myanmar
A3.....	Tohoku Earthquake	F.....	India
B.....	Samoa	F1.....	New Dehli
C.....	Fiji	G.....	China
D.....	Indonesia	G1.....	Sichuan Province
D1.....	Aceh	G2.....	Chengdu
D2.....	Padang	G3.....	Wenchuan earthquake

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