

Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction - May 2017

China Charity Alliance Statement

Esteemed delegates,

In December 2016, the Chinese government issued the *Comprehensive National Planning of Disaster Prevention and Reduction (2016-2020)*, in which it demonstrates the significant progress made in the past few years. Domestically, the collaboration across all levels of governments and social organizations has been improved tremendously while increasing international communication and cooperation have introduced a remarkable concept, “DRR diplomacy”.

China Charity Alliance, as an industry organization, has made our own contribution to these progresses. China Charity Alliance has been assisting both the national and local governments to coordinate social forces such as NGOs, private sectors and industry associations to efficiently participate in disaster prevention and reduction. It is important to integrate DRR into everybody’s daily life by establishing an effective mechanism of management and operation. Meanwhile, China Charity Alliance dedicates to building DRR information exchange platforms while taking part in relevant policy making process. We are also responsible for related education and training.

One of the Sendai Framework's global targets is to enhance international collaboration. China Charity Alliance has been participating in international disaster relief and reduction. After the 2016 Ecuador earthquake, we immediately contacted the local government as well as Chinese community. With their assistance, a special plane was sent to transport between the capital and the stricken area in order to ensure 6000 tents donated by Chinese government were delivered and set up efficiently. After the earthquake in New Zealand last November, the internet and mobile services provided by most of New Zealand carriers got cut off. The lack of communication services brought extreme difficulties to the emergency response across the areas most affected by the earthquakes and the local residents, as can be imagined, had a hard time contacting with families or business on the outside. In order to deal with the problem, we got in touch with Huawei Technologies via the China Association of Communications Enterprises. Working closely with Huawei and Malborough District Council, the local authority, we coordinated and facilitated the urgent availability and deployment of the necessary technology across the affected areas. As for disaster prevention, China Charity Alliance works together with international institutes such as the World Vision and Plan International to promote the international standards like Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) and the Sphere Project in China. We also promote capacity building on disaster prevention and risk reduction.

Based on these successful experience, China Charity Alliance dedicates to promoting international cooperations and incorporating disaster risk reduction into “The Belt and Road Initiatives” strategy of China. Experimental focal points will be built in several Belt and Road countries and connections with local governments, media, NGOs and local Chinese associations will be established to ensure we can react immediately once disaster occurs.

This April, China Charity Alliance held a conference on international DRR and the participants included representatives from more than 10 international. During the conference, we reached agreements on several vital topics: internationally, the institutes will cooperate with the NGOs from China to participate in global disaster relief; In China, we will improve our mechanism to encourage the international institutes to get better involved in the disaster relief and prevention; meanwhile, the international and domestic NGOs will work together to introduce international trainings and standards into China.

China Charity Alliance is committed to building a bridge between the government and social forces. All those who are interested in our work are more than welcome to establish collaboration with us and let us work together to promote the development of disaster risk reduction.

Thank you.