



## Fast Facts

**Country:** Asia Pacific Region

**Duration:** April 2001 to December 2005

**Implementing UN Agencies:** UNHCR

**Other Implementing Partners:** NGOs; JICA; the Nippon Foundation

**Budget:** \$720,711.60

**Key Words:** Capacity-building

## BACKGROUND

In complex emergency situations, effective response mechanisms require competent humanitarian personnel and well-coordinated disaster management teams. As part of its mandate to prepare for and respond to situations

of forced migration and displacement, UNHCR sought to enhance the operational capacity of international agencies, Government departments and NGOs in the Asia Pacific region.

## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

With the aim to develop the skills and capacities of those responding to and preparing for emergencies in complex environments, the project established a regional emergency training centre, the eCentre. This platform offered training activities, provided resources, and maintained a network of trained personnel who could share

their knowledge and combine their expertise. Training activities included workshops and seminars, as well as distance learning modules covering subjects, such as, general planning for emergency response, security risk management, emergency needs assessment and contingency planning.

### BENEFICIARIES

During the period that the eCentre received funding from the UNTFHS, the training programme served around 800 participants from a variety of organisations and institutions. The beneficiaries included staff members from NGOs, Government departments and international

organisations who improved their skills through the training activities and other resources available at the eCenter. However, with better emergency preparedness and response, the project's ultimate beneficiaries are refugees and other populations of concern to UNHCR.