Asia Pacific Disaster Resilience Center (APDRC) is an regional reference center of the IFRC. It was established to fulfill the mission of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement of protecting lives and alleviating human suffering.

It dreams of a world where all human beings live in a safe, healthy and dignified environment.
APDRC aims for a community resilience platform where all individuals and organizations work collectively and unite around the 38 Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in the Asia Pacific Region. It trains the individual experts and provides organizations with technical support to strengthen overall resilience capacity in the AP region.

What is a Resilient Society?

Resilience: The ability of a system, community or society exposed to hazards to resist, absorb, accommodate to and recover from the impacts of a hazard in a timely and efficient manner, through the preservation and restoration of its essential basic structures and functions.

Source: UNISDR Terminology and DRR, UNDRR, 2009

The Power of Community

APDRC focuses on knowledge sharing, practical capacity building and all-round cooperation to build up resilient communities that can quickly absorb and adapt to damages in a disaster situation.

Environment and Natural Resources - Available natural resources are essential and the natural environment should be preserved.

Economic Opportunities - There are economic opportunities and potentials.

Basic Needs (Shelter, food and water, etc.) - The basic needs for a safe and healthy life must be met.

Solidarity - Communities are needed to be integrated and connected systemically.

Knowledge - Basic knowledge for community risk and the mitigation strategies are needed.

Social Infrastructure - Accessible and systematically operated social infrastructures and services are needed.

Source: Framework for Community Resilience, IFRC, 2014