

Web-Share

“Local Governments in Asia and the Pacific in Facing the COVID-19”

Background

On 11 March 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared a global pandemic due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak as the number of confirmed cases surpassed 200,000 worldwide. The spread of COVID-19 has been affecting many of us, people and cities around the world. Local governments are in the front line and responsible for coordinating their community's response to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic. There are efforts to prevent the virus spread in Asia Pacific countries such as Australia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Nepal, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand, and Vietnam by imposing the national or local lock down, restricting travel, implementing social-physical distancing measures, providing stimulus packages to the most affected people, and many others.

Local governments in Asia Pacific have been responding to and making efforts in preventing the further spread of COVID-19. The first local lock down was implemented in City of Wuhan, China to combat the virus spread, impose people movement, and ban all the access into the city. In South Korea, city lock down was imposed in Daegu City as COVID-19 epicentre, which has more than 70 % number of reported cases. In the Philippines, national government implemented the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) in Luzon with limited access for citizen mobility. Cities in Indonesia and Japan have not applied the lock down system but more imposing the social distancing and work or study from home's approaches to their citizens.

To facilitate the immediate exchange of information regarding the outbreak, UCLG ASPAC prepared a brief guide on what local governments should know about the COVID-19, which compiled the practices from cities and regions, and made them available in its website, www.uclg-aspac.org. The identified lesson learnt are important for every city facing the COVID-19 outbreak. It helps identify different challenges and similar strategies and provide information on what city leaders have done and the steps they have taken in protecting the people's lives from the disease.

UCLG ASPAC, in cooperation with partners, organises a series of Web-Share sessions to spread the practices of local governments and to update the current local challenges and strategies in facing the global pandemic.

Objective

The series of Web-Share sessions aims to share the challenges, strategies, and actions at the local level during the COVID-19 pandemic. It covers various aspects of responses and mitigation measures implemented by local governments in related sectors.

Speakers

The speakers are mostly local government leaders and/or officials who deal with COVID-19, and other stakeholders that are working closely with local governments in facing the pandemic.

Programme

The programme or agenda including the name of speakers will be distributed a few days prior to the Web-Share.

Duration

Each Web-Share takes about 2 hours.

Language

Web-Share targeting national cases will be given in local language.

Web-Share beyond one country will be delivered in English.

No interpretation will be provided during the Web-Share.

Technical Connection

The Web-Share will use the Webex system. Link will be provided and included in each programme/agenda of the Web-Share.

Contact

For general questions, email drr.coordinator@uclg-aspac.org

For inquires related to webex's connection, email

Registration

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