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Introduction

- The **Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)** is a global humanitarian organization with a mission to work with people in poverty and distress to create just and positive change. ADRA Vietnam belongs to the worldwide **ADRA network**, comprised of **120** supporting and implementing country offices.
- **Established 1989**
- Our Purpose: To serve humanity so that all may live as God intended
- **Our Motto: Justice. Compassion. Love.**
- Our Values: Connected. Courageous. Compassionate

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ADRA's core sectors

- ADRA's five core sectors include Food Security; Health; Economic Growth; Education; and Emergency Management. ADRA Vietnam has developed its expertise in these sectors and in various subsectors, specifically in;
- WASH
- Agriculture
- Climate Change Adaptation
- Education
- Emergency Management
- Disaster Risk Reduction

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Technical Expertise

WASH

- People living in Bao Lac district, Cao Bang Province have used **water from springs** nearby home in their daily life for a long time. ADRA Vietnam tested random water samples and results were all **positive with coliform and e coli bacteria**.

- ADRA Vietnam started to develop water filter program from 2015, using available materials like sand, gravels and water tanks. The water filter method was very easy for local people to do and maintain. After filtered, the **water samples all met the standard** of clean water issued by the Vietnamese Water Management Center.

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Climate Change Adaptation

- Vietnam is one of the countries affected seriously by climate change. Global warming, sea water level rising, more storms, more flood and land slide are dangerous to human life and damage agricultural productions.
- ADRA Vietnam supports people in Bao Lac district to prepare for the worst situation and adapt with climate change. ADRA Vietnam coached the local people to use renewable energy, environmentally friendly practices; changed the method of planting trees and raising husbandry. The activities included:
  - Small scale renewable energy models such as: bio-gas, small hydropower plants, solar energy plant, energy efficient cooking stoves
  - Climate resilient agriculture: reforestation, sloping agricultural land techniques (SALT), bio-fertilizer and animal waste management, plant diversity, and smart chicken farming.
  - Water and sanitation: water purification system.
  - Capacity building for the community for climate change adaptation.

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The Climate Resilient Agriculture and Renewable Energy for Sustainable Livelihood Improvement II Project (abbreviated as CARE II) takes place in 36-month-period, starting from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2020.

ACHIEVED RESULT

- Fuel efficient wood stove business established.
- Sericulture (silk) industry supported and expanded for environmentally sustainable livelihoods.
- Organic vegetable production demonstrated.
- Sloping land stabilized and erosion prevented with tree plantation program.

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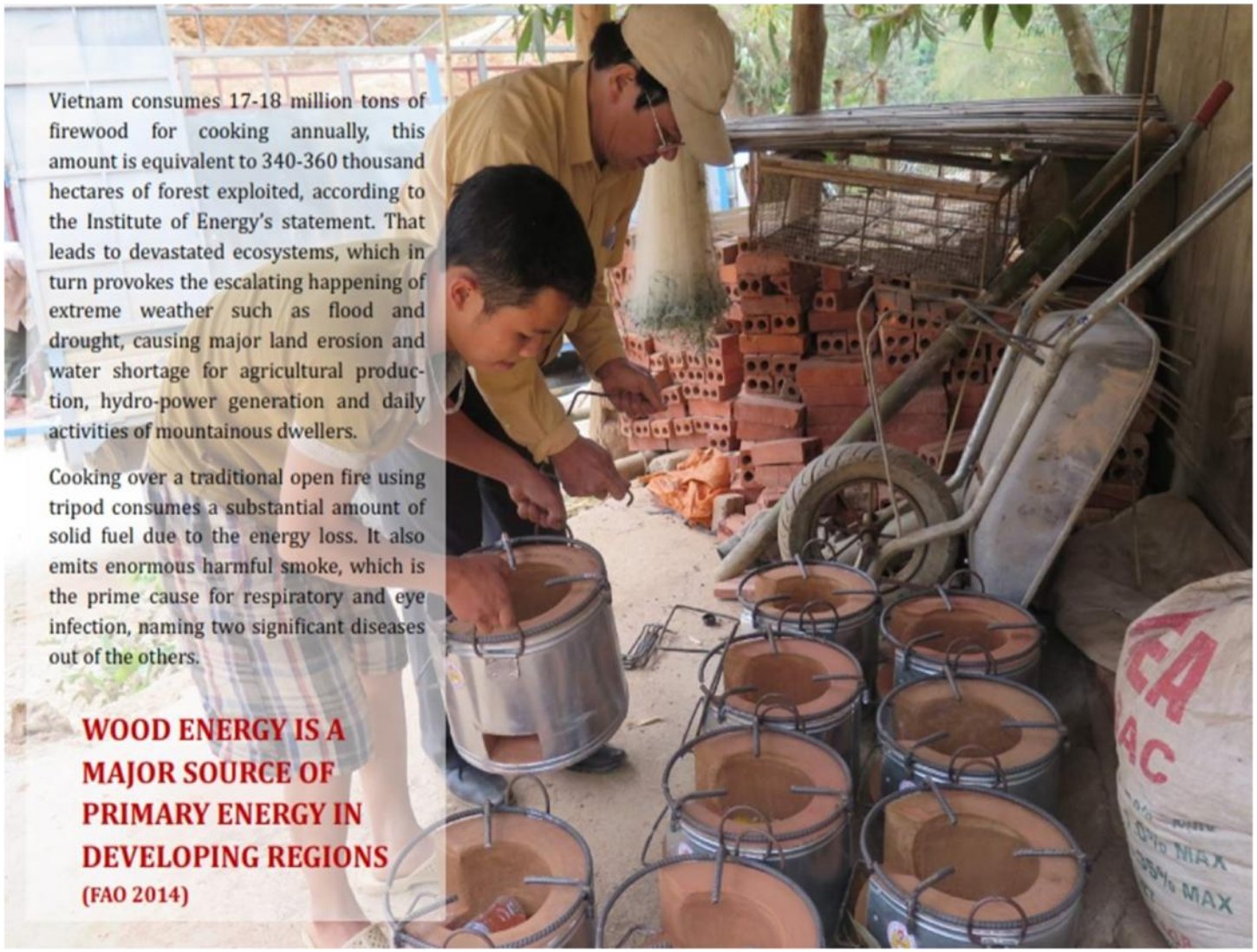

Vietnam consumes 17-18 million tons of firewood for cooking annually, this amount is equivalent to 340-360 thousand hectares of forest exploited, according to the Institute of Energy's statement. That leads to devastated ecosystems, which in turn provokes the escalating happening of extreme weather such as flood and drought, causing major land erosion and water shortage for agricultural production, hydro-power generation and daily activities of mountainous dwellers.

Cooking over a traditional open fire using tripod consumes a substantial amount of solid fuel due to the energy loss. It also emits enormous harmful smoke, which is the prime cause for respiratory and eye infection, naming two significant diseases out of the others.

WOOD ENERGY IS A MAJOR SOURCE OF PRIMARY ENERGY IN DEVELOPING REGIONS
(FAO 2014)

Education

- ADRA Vietnam goal in education is to **empower youth**, especially **girls** and young **women**, by strengthening their skills and voices for economic self-reliance to take a leadership role in poverty alleviation initiatives in Vietnam.
- The young women and some young men were trained with **vocational skills and life skills** from professional trainers. They were more confident and had **more opportunity to get a job**, some even could start-up their own business.

- Picture: garment professional class from YES project

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Income Generation

- ADRA Vietnam has many years of experience in implementing income generation project. Started with Cow Bank model, ADRA Vietnam has **helped thousands of households** to **improve livelihood sustainability**.
- Recently, ADRA Vietnam piloted Goat Bank model which provided goats for the households to raise and breed goats. The goats then can be sold at local market to increase their income.

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Disaster Response

- For **more than 30 years**, ADRA Vietnam has been responded to numerous disasters in Vietnam. With support from our **Regional Office** and **International Headquarters** Emergency Management teams.

- For 2020, ADRA Vietnam responded with;
  - Food packages for people impacted by **COVID-19** in Hanoi and Cao Bang,
  - Cash for **flood/storm** affected people in Hue and Ha Tinh Provinces
  - Water tanks for households affected by **drought and salinity** in Vinh Long

- ADRA Vietnam is among about 20 international organizations to immediately join the **UN Joint Assessment** after the disasters and coordinate with local authorities (such as **Red Cross**) to plan for the relief distribution.

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Regional Disaster Response Capacity

- ADRA's capacity is also based on a regional network with Emergency Response Team leaders and members across our offices in Asia to assist with;
- Surge capacity,
- Simulation trainings
- Compliance of ADRA Emergency Management Standards
- Online planning and management tools

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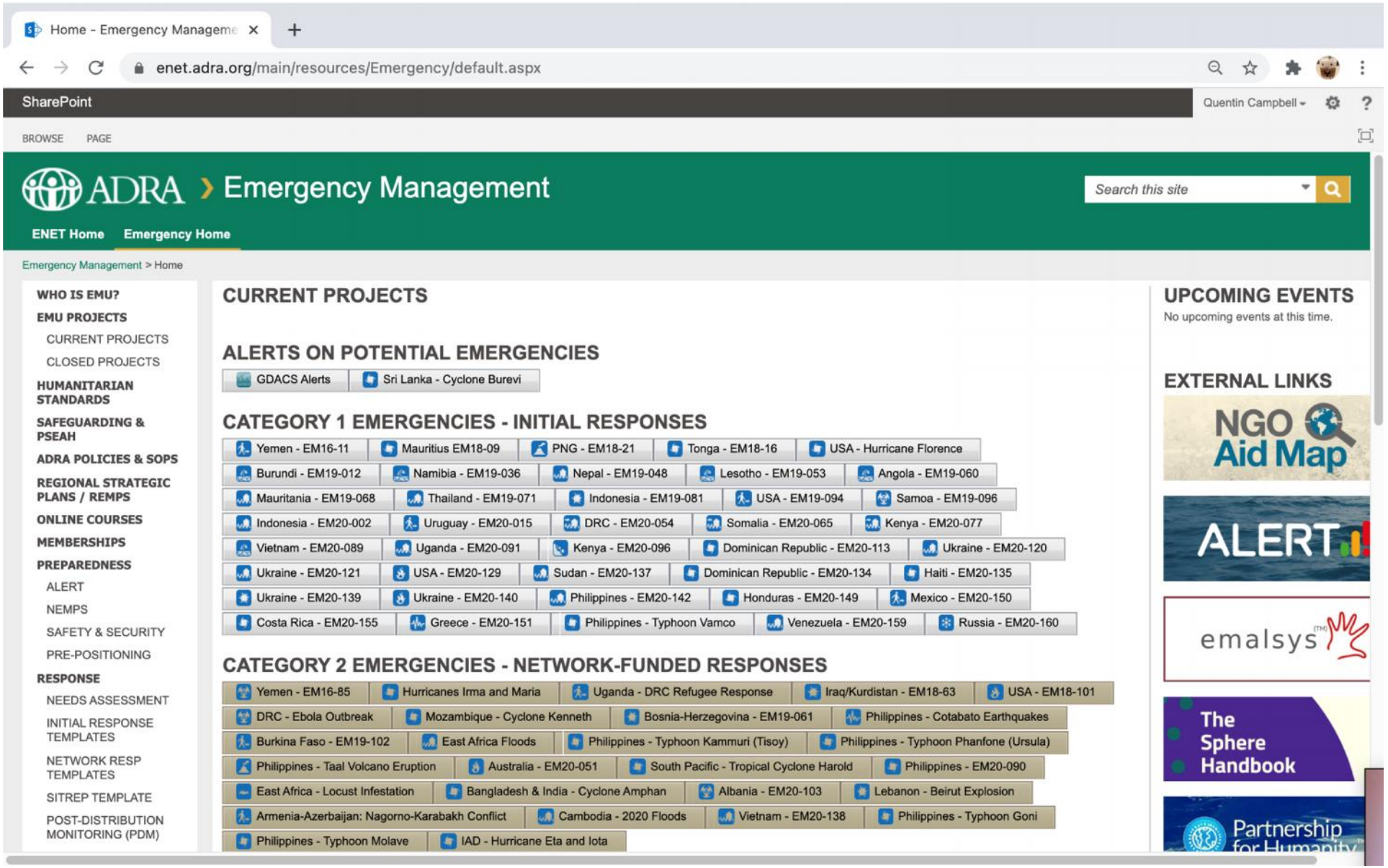
ADRA Network Emergency Management



Partnership Wish

- **Better collaboration** - with other members
- **Improved responsiveness** - in times of emergency
- **Contribute** – as an active member

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