

## CV of Mr Aloysius (Loy) Rego

Loy Rego is an experienced **senior executive and** practitioner **with leadership, program management experience and technical specialization with almost 40 years' experience** in organizational **leadership, program development and implementation** on **humanitarian, disaster risk reduction (DRR) and resilience in development** sectors in **India, Thailand, US, Myanmar and Egypt, the Asian region, Arab states, Africa and globally**. He served for the last 8 years as an experienced international consultant and also volunteers part time as a key facilitator of the MARS Practitioners Network. His **specializations** over the last **25 years** include multi hazard disaster preparedness, risk reduction, recovery; early warning systems and risk assessment, climate risk management, DRR and CCA mainstreaming in several sectors including education, health, housing and infrastructure; comprehensive school safety; community safety and resilience building, **knowledge management**, conflict prevention and peace building, **implementation of Global agendas** especially HFA, SFDRR, SDGs and Climate Change, and **earlier for 13 years** in public/occupational safety and health and chemical emergency prevention and preparedness. He has **worked with Governments (national, provincial, city and local), international** organizations including **World Bank, GFDRR, the UN** including UNDP, UNISDR, UNESCO, UNOCHA and their regional offices, **regional organizations** including ADB, ASEAN, SAARC, ADPC, ADRC, LAS and AU; **partnerships** including the ISDR Asia Partnership founded by ISDR, UNDP, ADRC and ADPC in 2003; **development partners** including EU, USAID, DFID, GIZ and DFAT Australia and **civil society organizations** and their networks including IFRC, GNDR, ADRRN and Duryog Nivaran.

He is currently **based in Cairo** since August 2018 working as a volunteer/consultant to UNDRR, ACT Alliance, UN Biodiversity Convention, ICLEI, Plan, Save, BLESS, **RAED** and the **Egyptian Red Crescent Society**.

He worked at the **Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC), Bangkok** from **1996 to 2011**, a regional intergovernmental organization established in 1986 by 3 UN Agencies, most recently as its **Deputy Executive Director** since 2008 and Deputy Secretary to the ADPC Board of Trustees, and its Steering Committee, member of the ADPC Executive Committee and Head of Secretariat of the Regional Consultative Committee for DRR (comprising NDMOs of 26 Asian countries) from 2000 to 2010, and technical director of the RCC program on Mainstreaming DRR into Development planning and implementation from 2004 to 2011. He advised Governments at national and local level, UN agencies, regional organizations and INGOs, implementing regional programs on disaster risk reduction in over 20 Asian and Pacific countries and led development of national action plans for DRR in Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Myanmar and support to implementation in these countries as well as Bangladesh, Lao PDR, Philippines and Thailand. He supported the Government of Myanmar in developing the Myanmar Action Plan on DRR through a multi stakeholder task force in 2008-2010 and implemented UNDP programs on DM institution strengthening in Cambodia, Sri Lanka & ADB programs in India. From 1996 to 2002, he worked on **Urban Risk Reduction** under ADPC's **Asian Urban Disaster Mitigation Program in 10 countries** covering 20 cities in Asia. His focus was on the Training, Resource Materials and Continuing Education component of the program. The national action plans for DRR that were developed for Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Myanmar and supported implementation in these countries, as well as for Bangladesh, Lao PDR, Philippines and Thailand, had risk communication to at-risk communities and sectors as an important focus area. He also led the implementation by ADPC of UNDP programmes on DRM institutional strengthening in Cambodia, Sri Lanka and for ADB-supported programmes in India. Earlier he had also **worked in Myanmar between 2006 to 2010** representing ADPC through frequent visits from Bangkok, and contributed from 2008 to 2010 in supporting the Government of Myanmar in developing the Myanmar Action Plan on DRR (MAPDRR) through a multi stakeholder task force and as part of the Myanmar ADPC country office developed guidelines for mainstreaming DRR into post disaster recovery programs in **Myanmar** after Cyclone Nargis, in partnership with UN and ASEAN, covering Education, Health and Shelter, working with RRD and respective Ministries. He served as knowledge manager and learning facilitator on Community Based DRR, and CBDRR network facilitator in several Asian countries. He led implementation of the EU funded regional program on Partnerships for Disaster Reduction in South East Asia on institutionalization of CBDRM and NGO and Government partnerships, led the RCC initiative on implementing national CBDRM programs of building community resilience and guided CBDRM tool development: the 'Field Practitioners handbook', 'Critical Guidelines for CBDRM' & national reviews of CBDRM

in Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines and Vietnam. He has worked closely with the Mekong River Commission on a GIZ program on Flood Management and Mitigation from 2003 to 2010. He steered the **UNESCO** funded programs at ADPC on **School Education** and with UNESCO IOC on **Tsunami Early Warning Systems**. He is an **experienced** consultant who has worked on doing evaluation of global, regional and national programs in DRR, including the evaluation of the Global Risk Identification Program (GRIP) for UNDP in 2012, the regional Program of ADRRN (including India) in 2013-2016, the UN country program on DRR covering 14 states in India in 2008-09, and the Start Network SEPS project in Myanmar implemented by Christian Aid in 2018.

He worked with the **UNISDR system partners** at Global and regional level to advance DRR in Asian countries. He served as member of the UN Inter Agency Task Force on Disaster Reduction –**UNIATF** (2002 to 2006) along with **ADRC** and 3 others, and thematic platforms (TPKE, PEDRR, IRP) Contributed to organising specific sessions at the **World Conference on Disaster Reduction**, 2005 and the **Global Platforms** of 2007, 2009 and 2011. Worked with **Provention Consortium** as member of Steering Committee and partner, and organiser of Provention Forums ( 2001 to 2009) and Global Facility for DRR (**GFDRR**) as partner since 2006. Worked on the organising and conduct of **four Asian Ministerial Conferences** on Disaster Risk Reduction : Beijing ( 2005) Delhi (2007) Kuala Lumpur (2008) and Incheon(2010) and in **developing Road maps** for implementing the conference outcomes. Founder member of the **ISDR Asia Partnership (IAP)** along with **ADRC, UNISDR and UNDP** in 2003 and active member of the Regional Task Forces on Education and DRR, Urban Risk Reduction, and Disaster and Environment Working Group Asia. Led the team developing the IAP **DRR Project Portal** and development of a DRR Project **Partnership Marketplace** (DPPM). Led the **IAP review** of global, regional and national initiatives on hazard, vulnerability and risk assessment in Asia covering a period from 2005 to 2009 under the IAP initiative on Regional Stocktaking and Mapping.

He worked with **regional organisations** including Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), South Asian Association for Regional cooperation (SAARC) and Mekong River Commission (MRC) and **Asian Disaster Reduction Center**, Japan on regional programs). Supported development of the **ASEAN Regional Program on Disaster Management (ARPD)** 2004 -2010, and Prevention and Mitigation component of the Work Program ( 2010 to 2015) on ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER). Involved in reviewing implementation of **MRC Flood Management and Mitigation Program** and implementation of Component 4 on Flood Emergency Management Strengthening. Involved in the development of the **SAARC Roadmap for implementing CBDRM** in South Asia and Guideline to mainstream DRR into development. Worked with **SOPAC** on a joint course on CBDRM and the DRR project portal.

In **New York from 2011 to 2013** he undertook **global consultancy assignments** as facilitator of the first **UNISDR online dialogue** on the **post 2015 DRR Framework** (Aug 2012 to Jan 2013), co-author of the Mayors handbook developed by the **UNISDR Resilient Cities** campaign (April to Nov 2011) , and consultant for the **UNISDR GETI UN Habitat** Collaborative Learning Initiative for Cities (**CLIC**) under the **Making Cities Resilient Campaign** (home based, part time July 2013 to July 2014), as well as an evaluation of the **UNDP** organized multi-stakeholder **Global Risk Identification Program (GRIP)** (May 2012- Jan 2013,part time). During this time he also served as voluntary advisor to Global Call for Action against Poverty (GCAP) on MDG-SDG linkages in the post 2015 development agenda, member of **Beyond 2015 GCAP UN Working Group** in their advocacy with the **Open Working Group on the SDGs**, the HLP on Post 2015 and the UNGA, an International Advisory Board member of the **Stakeholder Forum** international **network of National Sustainable Development Councils**. In 2012, helped the Government of Sri Lanka organised side event at Rio+20 conference that launched the “AP Partnership of National Apex Bodies to accelerate implementation of National SD Strategies”.

In **Yangon from October 2013 to March 2018**, he provided technical support to various Ministries and departments of the **Government of Myanmar**, including **RRD, DMH, GAD, MNPED, MoE, MoECA, MoHA, Na Ta La, MoST** and some regional and state governments and at the township level, done through the modality of global, regional and national consulting with **UNISDR, UNESCO/IOC,GNDR, ADPC, Malteser International, OXFAM, SDC, Plan International, World Vision, A-PAD and Peace Winds Japan** and some volunteer work with the Govt. **His work with Plan** on School Safety involved working with the Plan Country Office and the Ministry of Education and produced an output report and strengthened Plan’s ongoing program of work with MoE and with the

DPRE WG of the Education Technical Working Group with MoE (co-chaired by Plan and UNESCO), which continues today. Earlier in 2015, he served as consultant to develop a Child Centered Climate Change Adaptation Toolkit for Myanmar under contract with Lanthit Foundation under the Myanmar component of Plan International's regional 4CA project funded by DFAT Australia. His assignment for United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization - International Oceanographic Commission (UNESCO IOC) from August to October 2014 was on "Development of Policy recommendations on Myanmar Tsunami Preparedness and Risk Reduction Programme 2015-2020" and Government of Myanmar DMH/RRD Guideline on "How to Plan, Prepare for, Conduct and Evaluate national and local Tsunami Exercises to Improve Tsunami Preparedness in Myanmar". He also served as part time **Volunteer Technical Advisor (TA) to Myanmar Red Cross Society, Technical Advisory Group Member of Red Cross Global Disaster Preparedness Center, a member of DRR Working Group of Myanmar and its Steering Committee, the VERVE Volunteer Program in Myanmar, the UNOCHA convened ERPP WG under the HCT,** while continuing his engagement with global advocacy on resilience and the SDGs.

**Mr. Rego** has been **active** as a **volunteer** and learning **practitioner since 2010 in policy and programming for sustainable development, poverty reduction and nurturing peace;** in context of planning and implementation of Rio+20 and the post 2015 development agenda, the SDGs. For the last 7 years he has served **as independent DRR and SD practitioner** doing **pro bono volunteer work**, involved in starting up and steering the Rio+21 initiative, the Mainstreaming Adaptation, Resilience and Sustainability into development and daily life (MARS) Practitioners Network, and its VERVE Volunteers program. He remains a **pro-active member of the global to local DRR and SD system**, respectful of need for DRR and development to be inclusive and is experienced in **partnership building, advocacy, resource mobilization**, with a special interest in **action at sub-national, city and community levels**. He led **two voluntary commitments (VCs) at Sendai**, one each **for India and Myanmar**, which were **among the 28 reaffirmed** in a new structure **at GPDRR 2019**.

His earlier jobs included working in **India's National Safety Council** (a tripartite membership based autonomous body under the Ministry of Labour, Government of India, with member organisations from Government, industry and trade unions; that promotes occupational safety, health and environment and chemical disaster preparedness in India) for 10 years since **1986 till 1996** as its Joint Director where he led national programs on occupational and community safety and health, and chemical emergency preparedness. He began his career in the private sector working for five years (**1981 to 1986**) in India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer **Tata Motors** as a Safety Engineer since 1983, after joining as a Graduate Engineer and working for 2 years in Production and Maintenance Departments. He graduated from India's IIT (**Indian Institute of Technology, Powai, Mumbai**) in **1981**.