

# Participation of persons with disabilities in climate related to disaster in Vietnam

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- BA in Economics (Vietnam)
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# Background

-Population: 96,208,984 (50.2% women and 49.8% men)  
(GSO, 2019)

The urban population accounts for 34.4% of the total population

-Persons with disabilities (PWD): Survey 2016 (VDS)

7.06% of population aged 2 and over are PWDs

Total: 6,225,519 PWDs

⇒ The incidence of disability tends to increase,  
the disability rate for females is higher than males

⇒ The prevalence rate for rural area is almost  
1.5 times higher than in urban areas.



# Context

- ▶ Vietnam is seriously affected by climate change
- ▶ Viet Nam faces several challenges with regard to natural disasters
  - +Typhoons: due to tropical cyclones, also known as typhoons, and averages roughly 5 storms per year. Typhoon season varies across the country. In 2020, several storms within just a few weeks, causing destruction, death, and the worst flooding that Vietnam had seen in decades.
  - +Floods: The torrential rains, often caused by tropical storms, can sometimes last for long periods, creating devastating floods and landslides. The heavy rainfall can aggressively take over many towns and villages, sweeping away people and livestock to their deaths.
  - +Hailstorms: often occur in the northern of Vietnam. When they happen, the hail can be incredibly damaging, especially to houses and crops, as they've been known to destroy fields of corn and several fruit trees
  - +Tornados: Storms with high and robust winds can happen in Vietnam, creating a raging tornado among heavy rainfall.
  - +Earthquakes don't happen too often in Vietnam, but they do show up on rare occasion.
- ▶ PWD faces physical, infrastructural, and cultural barriers to equity in water access



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Hanoi Association Of People With Disabilities



# Brief about Hanoi Association of People with Disabilities (DP Hanoi)

- ▶ Established in 2006
  - An umbrella organization of 48 organization members, more than 16.000 individual members (PWDs) with all types of disabilities
  - Areas of work: capacity building, awareness raising, vocational training and employment, inclusive education, health and rehabilitation, and advocacy for the rights of PWDs

<http://dphanoi.org.vn>

<https://tuoitre.vn/ha-noi-mua-lon-moi-sang-som-nhieu-tuyen-pho-thanh-song-20220812064514956.htm>



# Policies related to PWDs within DRR context

- ▶ Law on Disability
- ▶ VN ratified UNCRPD
- ▶ National Action Plan to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals by GoV
- ▶ National strategy for natural disaster prevention and control to 2030 with a vision to 2050 by GoV

## Challenges:

74% PWDs don't know a disaster risk management plan in the community

69% PWDs don't participate in disaster risk management planning and decision-making

76 % of PWDs face difficulties in evacuation



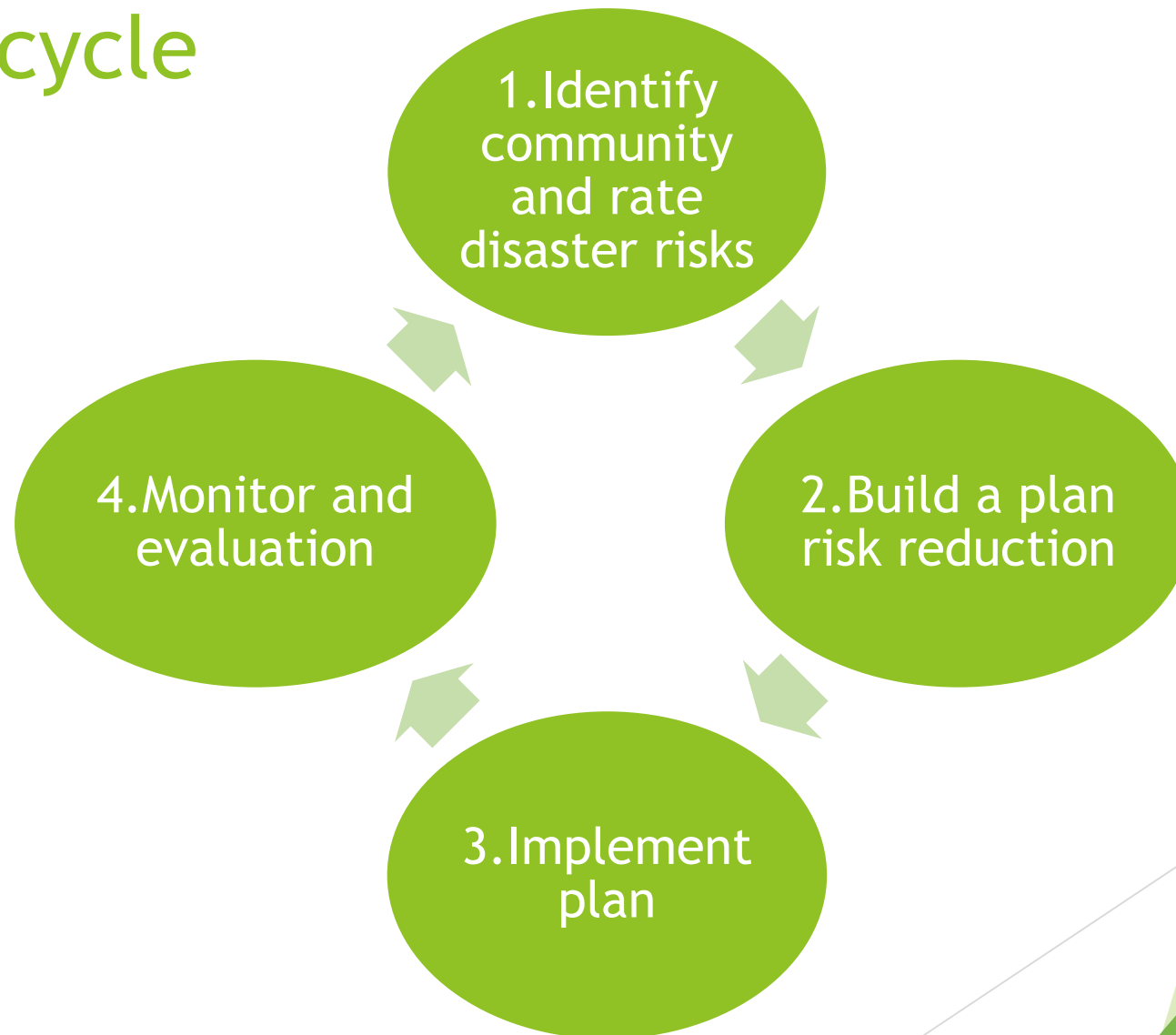
# Risks and barriers faced by PWDs in DRR

- ▶ **Before:** Information is not given in an accessible format. For instance, sound alerts from early warning systems may not be useful for persons who are deaf; Persons with physical disabilities may not be able to move out of harm's way and thus might be swept away by floods or be trapped inside buildings;
- ▶ **During:** Emergency shelters and transit points can be inaccessible or hard to find, including inaccessible WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) and health facilities;
- ▶ **After:** Displacement often takes place between two climate-vulnerable areas, thus climate-related vulnerability does not stop after displacement: Environmental and climate risks may cause additional needs in hosting areas, particularly for persons with disabilities.

# Promote participation of PWDs in responding to DRR

- ▶ Why community-based disaster risk management should integrate PWDs?
- ▶ How should Community-Based Disaster Risk Management integrate disability?
- ▶ Roles of stakeholders, especially representatives of persons with disabilities(OPDs) at different levels in community-based disaster risk management?

# The Community Based Disaster Risk Management cycle





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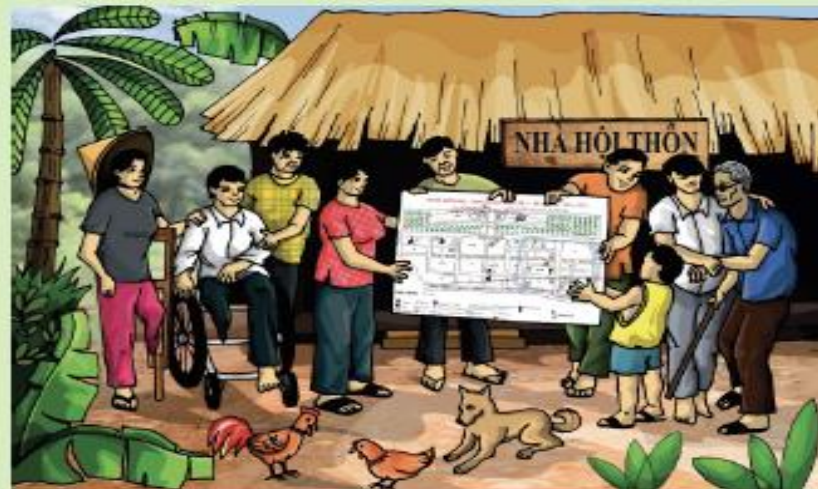
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