

# APCSS: Real change via education, collaboration

**A**sia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS) programs directly facilitate real changes needed in partner-nation and U.S. Government security frameworks and whole-of-society security cooperation to positively affect regional security and stability.

The growing list of substantive outcomes and impacts from APCSS courses and workshops attests to this practical capacity-building, both at the individual and institutional levels.

Course “Fellow’s Projects” undertaken by either an individual Fellow or a country cohort that focus on overcoming barriers to security-based cooperation remain a significant mechanism for achieving this capacity-building.

These projects typically address issues of organization and communication within or between governmental departments. They also address, issues of domestic or foreign policy within a country or group of countries, and issues of organization, policy, practice, or communication between a government and the public.

APCSS workshops, designed to collaboratively address cutting edge security cooperation challenges in a format that facilitates discussion and problem solving, also contribute significantly to the body of substantive outcomes. Most notable are the bilateral and multilateral security sector development (SSD) workshops that foster the formation of SSD whole-of-society Core Groups

within countries to produce tangible recommendations for transforming elements of the public sector charged with the provision of external and internal security.

Other workshops, such as those that facilitate the development of information sharing models, have also produced security-enhancing outcomes.

*The highlighted outcomes listed below, and on Pages 21 to 23* deal predominantly with the development and implementation of legislative and policy frameworks defining security institution roles, relationships and strategies. These represent but a portion of the many successful efforts undertaken by APCSS course Fellows and workshop participants to help “change the world.”

Country	Year Begun	Workshop / Fellows Project	Status
Philippines	2010	Bayanihan Internal Peace and Security Plan & CT Strategy, merging kinetic & socio-econ responses	Implemented by President
Nepal	2013	Completed DDR program for Maoist integration in Army	Implemented
Papua New Guinea	2013	Developed first ever National Security Policy	Approved by Parliament; implementation underway
Mongolia	2010	Legislated updates to Constitutional Framework supporting National Security	Passed in parliament
Philippines	2009	National Security Policy	Finalized
Timor-Leste	2009	National Security Policy	Finalized
Indonesia	2011	Updated National Security Law	In parliamentary committee
Mongolia	2012	New Prioritized National Security Framework	Approved by President
Maldives	2009 & 2010, with DIRI	National Security Framework, including new National Security Council	Stand Up of new NSC underway
Bangladesh	2009, with DIRI	CT Framework Strategy, aligned with SAARC	Final Implementation underway
New Zealand	2010	NZ Police response following Christchurch earthquake	Effectively managed broad, international dimensions
New Zealand	2010	Developed CT training program for Rugby World Cup; basis for CT course used by Philippines National Police	Modeled across Customs Service
Nepal	2014	Earthquake preparedness program	In UNDP Annual Work Plan; being implemented
United States	2013	Activation of SOCPAC/SOCOM Multinational Engagement Operational Planning Team (MEOPT) engagement options	Pending funding; SOCPAC implemented modified form

# UN adopts APCSS Fellows Project in Nepal

## *Implements alumna's earthquake prep, recovery program*

**A** Nepal government and U.N. board have approved for implementation a Fellows Project engineered by an Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies alumnus; another example of the Center's world-changing executive education program.

Shortly after completing the APCSS Comprehensive Crisis Management Course 13-1, Chandra Hada presented her "Earthquake Preparedness and Recovery Awareness Program in Eastern Nepal" to officials with the U.N. Development Programme (UNDP). Hada is currently a project officer for Emergency Preparedness and Response and Early Recovery within UNDP's Comprehensive Disaster Risk Management Programme (CDRMP).

Her project goals were to create awareness of the importance of earthquake preparedness and increase capabilities of technicians trained in earthquake resistant design and construction.

She also desired to achieve earthquake resilient/resistant schools for a secure education environment in Nepal's Ilam and Taplejung districts. In September 2011, these



APCSS alumnus Chandra Hada takes part in an emergency preparedness event in Nepal (*top*). One objective of her earthquake preparation project is strengthening school structures in earthquake-vulnerable districts (*bottom*).

areas were hit hard by a 6.9 magnitude earthquake.

Nepal is vulnerable to earthquake damage due to

volatile tectonic processes impacting populated areas.

In April 2014, the Nepal government and UNDP

approved an Annual Work Plan that included Hada's Fellows Project. They will implement the program this year through 2015. Hada will work the project in Nepal's eastern region after testing training materials in Kathmandu.

The alumna's success brought her a return trip to APCSS in June this year to brief CCM 14-1 Fellows.

Hada attributed her success, in part, to an APCSS experience that offered "an opportunity to learn many new skills and simultaneously sharpen knowledge and understanding of various issues relevant in crisis management."

"I have been successfully applying some of the skills and knowledge learned in the training," Hada said.

These skills, she added, include negotiating, strategic development, and solving and framing complex problems.

Hada also noted her APCSS experience provided a "rare opportunity" to connect with professionals from different disciplines, countries and regions.

To gain more detail on Hada's project, please view associated documents at <http://www.errrp.org.np/document/publication/file/>.

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Items shown here represent the results of the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies' world-changing education and workshop programs. For more detail, see text and chart on page 20.

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Framework  
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Workshop  
Fellows Project  
Fellows Project/ Workshop Combination  
Other

New Zealand  
thquake Response &  
Training Program

United States  
SOCPAC MEOPT Concept

Mongolia  
tional Security Framework

Nepal  
UNDP Annual Work Plan  
for Earthquake Prep

urity Law

Nepal  
Maoist Integration in Army

Papua New Guinea  
National Security Policy

2012

2013

2014