WHO WE ARE?

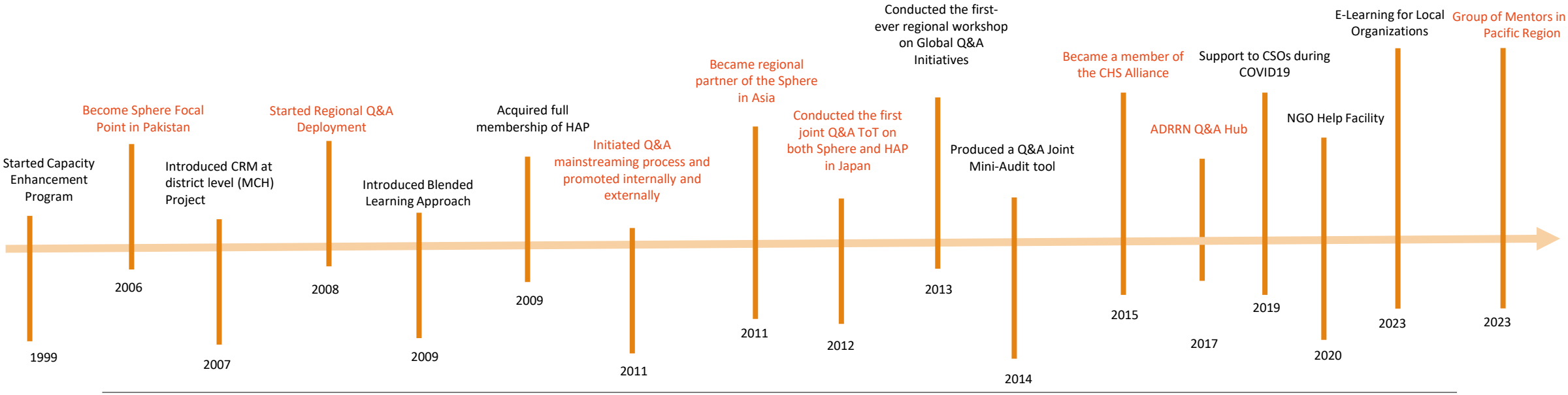
community WORLD service ASIA
peace resilience dignity

Sphere REGIONAL PARTNER

Strategic Priorities on Quality & Accountability

- **Strengthening Accountable Practices -** Targeted learning and development initiatives
- **Nurturing Inclusive Partnerships to Create a Localized Ecosystem -** Create a collaborative ecosystem for QAS
- **Influencing Global Discourse on QAS –** Use evidence to advocate for policy and system-level changes
- **Creating Resilient and Self-Sustaining Communities –** Promote community-centered approaches

CWSA Journey on Quality & Accountability



Deployments: **5** International deployments in Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Japan, Philippines and Nepal

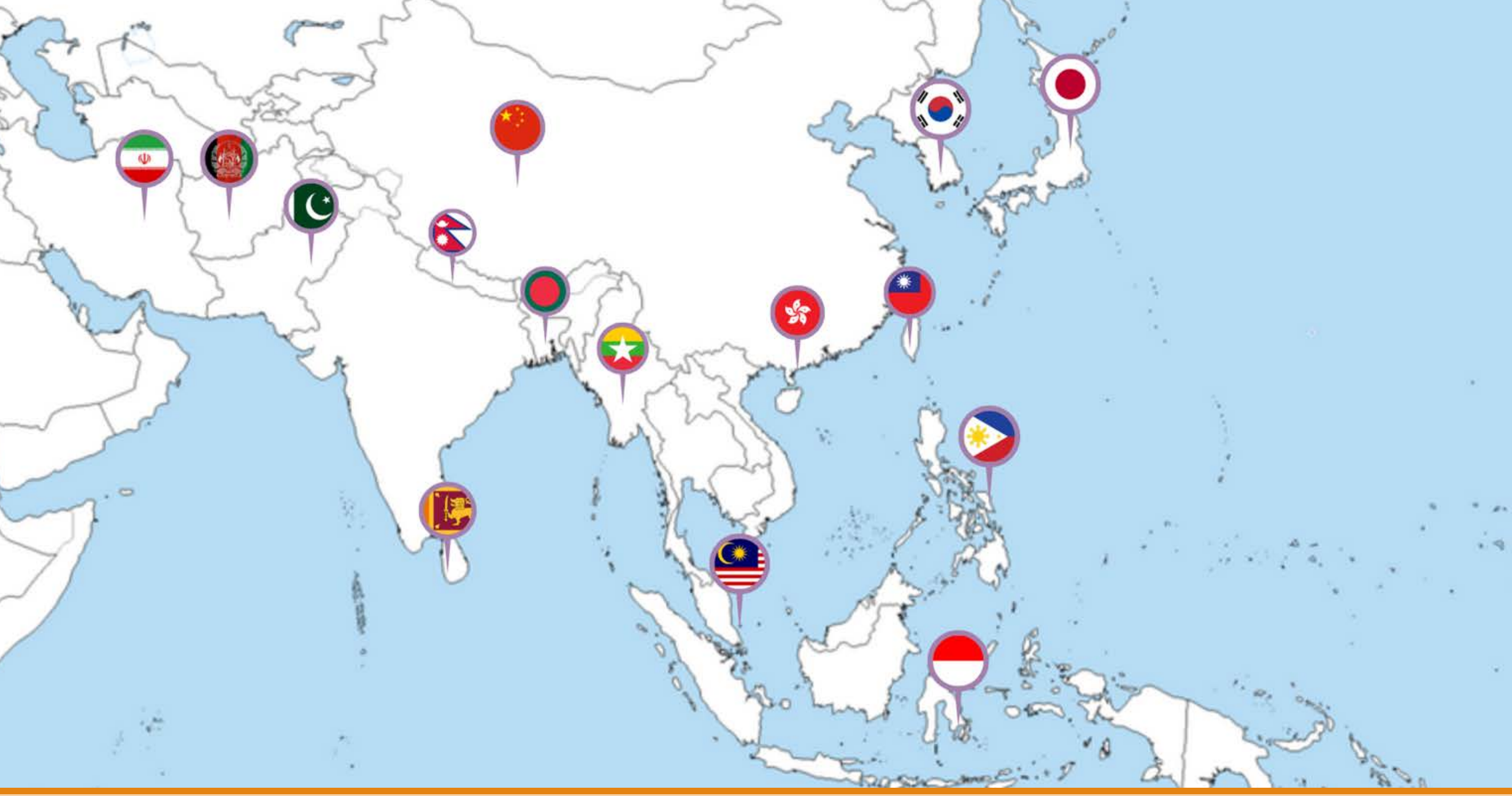
Myanmar: Cyclone Nargis Response 2008

Sri Lanka: Recovery and Rehabilitation in response to Northern province conflict 2009

Japan: Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Response 2011

Philippines: Typhoon Haiyan Response 2013

Nepal: Earthquake Response 2015



Sphere Country Focal Points in Asia Pacific

Regional Partner Role

Support & assist Sphere Country Focal Points

Raise awareness & understanding of Sphere Standards, HSP & CHS

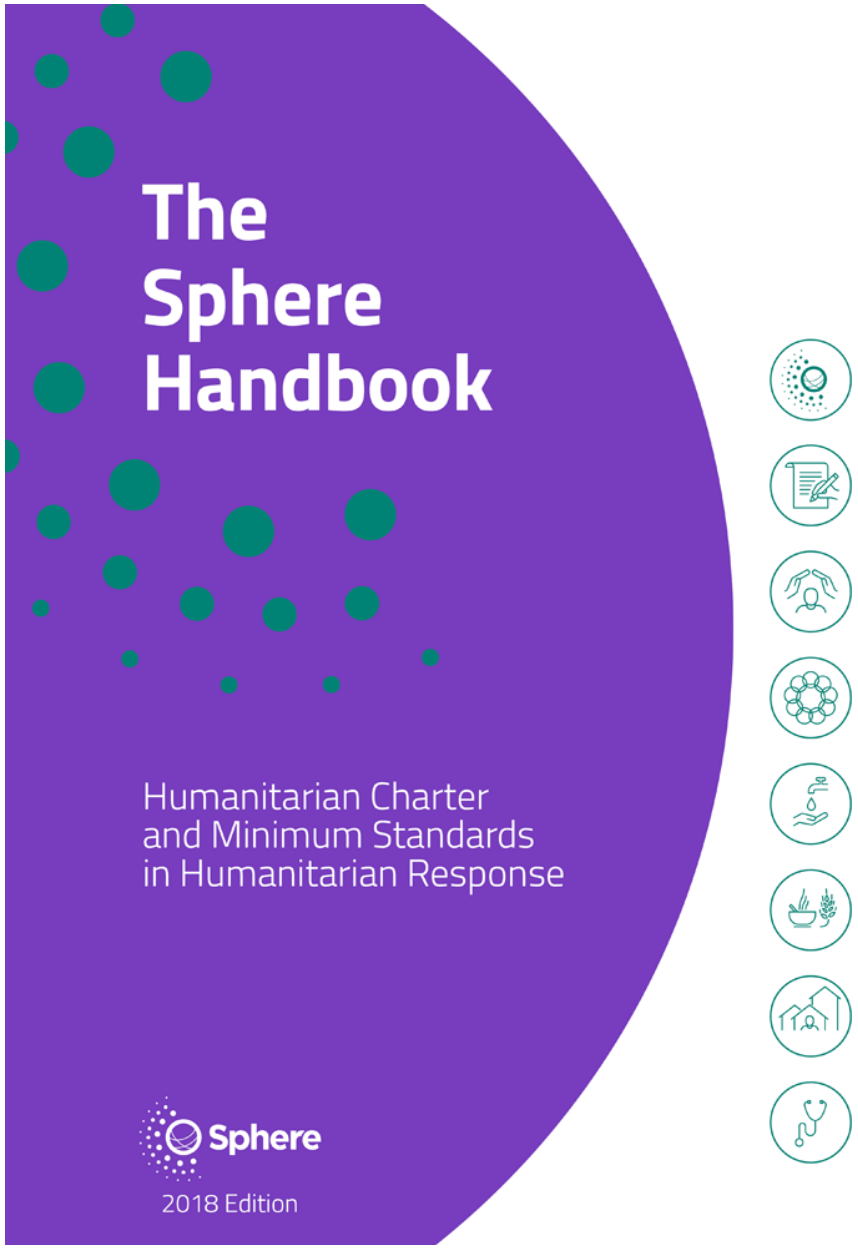
Support FPs in advocacy with national & local authorities

Strengthen regional resource and promote peer learning

Contextualizing Sphere's initiatives and materials

Making the Focal Point System a Success!

- Leadership & Ownership
- Individual FP Needs vs Collective Needs as a Community of Practice
- Opportunities for Capacity Strengthening
- Filling the Gaps
- Consistency in Communication & Engagement
- Collaboration



Sphere Is Not Static — It's Local, Adaptive, and Growing

In Japan, Sphere contextualization is now based on case studies from domestic disasters, supported by university partners and government actors.

Indonesia has built disability-inclusive trainings and used Sphere in DRR, PSEAH, and military engagement dialogues.

Nepal, Bangladesh, and Pakistan have embedded Sphere into youth engagement, community events, and training of trainers.

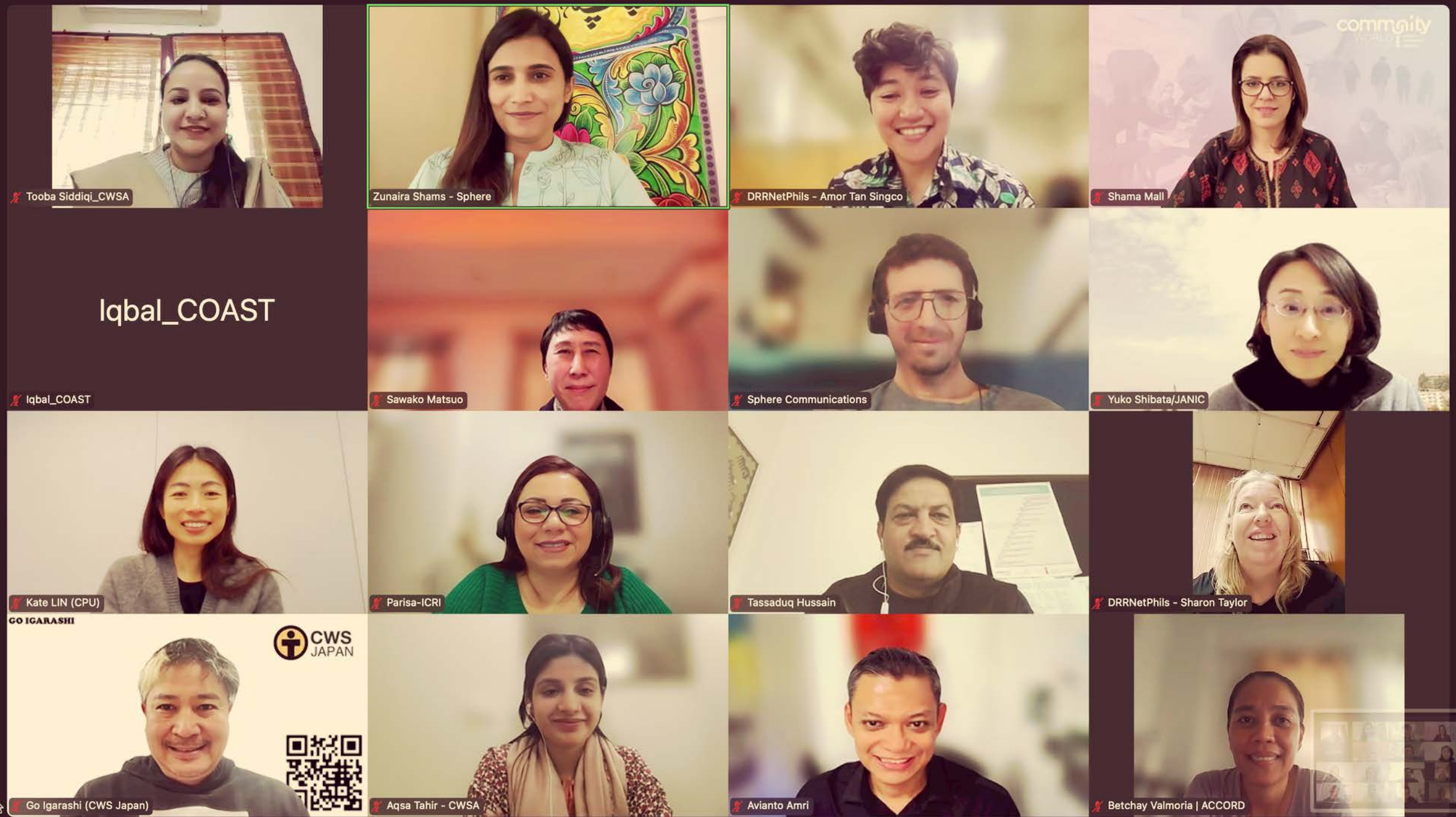
The value lies in seeing how others adapt Sphere to work in local cultures and systems.

What Makes These Meetings Valuable?

ASPECT	VALUE FOR ASIAN FOCAL POINTS
Learning	Immediate access to tested training formats, translation strategies, and outreach models.
Connection	A safe, horizontal space to speak freely about challenges (e.g., political constraints, burnout).
Inspiration	Real stories of change — from local DRR youth groups in Nepal to Sphere trainings in Iran humanitarian corridors.
Momentum	Keeps national and regional efforts aligned with global Sphere vision and CHS evolution.
Visibility	FPs gain confidence to share their achievements, sometimes influencing global resource development.

Challenges of Focal Point System

- Financial Resources
- Language Barriers
- Apprehensions of potential new FPs
- Keeping FP system active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