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Participants collecting and evacuating objects during the flood simulation exercise © UNESCO

Training on ‘Building Disaster Resilience for Cultural Heritage’ (2019)

A national workshop on ‘Building Disaster Resilience for Cultural Heritage’ was organized by UNESCO and ICCROM in Hanoi, Vietnam, from 10 to 12 July 2019. The workshop sought to implement the four priorities for action outlined in the *Sendai Framework*. Supported by the HEF, the aim of the workshop was to bring together representatives from the different cultural authorities and institutions of Vietnam to raise awareness and understanding of the impacts of disasters on national cultural heritage. The workshop resulted in the reinforcement of the capacities of 37 representatives (including 21 women) of government entities – including the Ministry of Culture, Sport and Tourism (MOCST) – cultural institutions, museums, and World Heritage properties. Those who took part in the workshop were given the tools to help with the identification and implementation of coordination mechanisms for disaster preparedness and response for cultural heritage. With the aim of monitoring progress following the workshop, UNESCO organized a subsequent workshop in Hanoi on 14 November 2019, to review progress and share experiences and lessons learned. The workshop was attended by 33 people (including 13 women).