University of Salford Centre for Disaster Resilience, United Kingdom

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The Centre initiated the ANDROID Disaster Resilience Network, which promotes cooperation among European institutions to increase resilience to disasters. ANDROID is an inter-disciplinary consortium of academic, industrial and government partners from 64 institutions across 28 countries in Europe, and three partners from Australia, Canada and Sri-Lanka. Within Sri Lanka, the Centre has developed partnerships to build capacity within municipal government and the construction sector in Eastern Sri Lanka to create and sustain more resilient buildings and infrastructure. The Centre’s work is underpinned by world class and inter-disciplinary research.

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