



# Disaster Law

## South East Asia Snapshot

What have National Societies been doing in Disaster Law?

### Technical assistance

- Influenced the development of laws and regulations drawing from the IDRL Guidelines in Indonesia and Vietnam (laws adopted); Cambodia and Philippines (laws drafted) and Lao PDR (developing new law).
- Contributing to the review and development of disaster management rules and regulations in Indonesia and Myanmar.
- Undertaking IDRL projects in cooperation with governments and other partners in Philippines, Indonesia (published July 2014) and soon in Myanmar.



PMI and IFRC have been working closely with the NDMO (BNPB), the UN and other partners to promote IDRL and revise existing DM guidelines in Indonesia.

### Capacity building

- Participated in training, sensitization and advocacy workshops with National Society staff, volunteers, governments, NGOs and UN partners. Dedicated events have been held in Indonesia, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Thailand in 2013-2014.
- Contributed to disaster law sessions at internal and external events, including a side event at the 6th Asian Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) in 2014 and disaster response simulation exercises in Indonesia, Thailand and Myanmar.

### New initiatives

- Contributed to a country case study in Vietnam on how law supports disaster risk reduction (published in May 2014).
- Planning for a project in the Philippines which addresses IDRL, Law and DRR and regulatory barriers to emergency shelter.
- Lao RC and Vietnam RC participated in a 'south to south cooperation' study tour with government partners to examine good practice in developing disaster management legislation.



National Societies and governments in Lao PDR and Vietnam participated in a study exchange tour to discuss the development of their national disaster management laws.

### Advocacy and partnerships

- Influenced the inclusion of disaster law programme messages in outcome documents of high-level multi-lateral forums (AMCDRR and ASEAN Regional Forum Disaster Relief Exercise).
- Strengthening partnerships with different regional and international organisations through legislative advocacy (e.g. UNDP, UN OCHA, ASEAN Secretariat and the AHA Centre).

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## Snapshot of national legislation, rules and regulations in South East Asia

Country	Year	Status	Incorporates IDRL	Focus on DRR
Cambodia (law)	2014	●	*√	
Indonesia (law)	2007	●	√	√
Indonesia (reg.)	2008	●	√	
Indonesia (guideline)	2010	●	*√	
Lao PDR (law)	2013	●	*	*
Myanmar (law)	2013	●		√
Myanmar (rules)	2013/14	●	*√	*√
Philippines (DM law)	2010	●	√	√
Philippines (bill on international assistance)	2012/13	●	*√	
Vietnam (law)	2013	●	√	√

### Key:

- Adopted ●
  - Drafting and / or finalising ●
  - Revising ●
- \* denotes that IFRC/NS is currently engaged in providing input and advice

## Impact of disaster law in South East Asia



Thai Red Cross held a national IDRL workshop in November 2014, together with IFRC, the Department for Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM), and UN OCHA.



Myanmar Red Cross have been actively involved in the development of the DM rules, promoting IDRL and building their capacity in disaster law.



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