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Red Cross / Red Crescent engagement in School Safety *a focus on Southeast Asia*



Presence in Southeast Asia



- **11 RC/RC National Societies** in South-East Asia (incl. Timor Leste) with country wide networks
- **1 Million Volunteers** and **4 million Youths**
- **Auxiliaries** to national governments (cooperation with NDMOs and Education authorities)
- **From local to global:** the IFRC Secretariat is supporting and representing National Societies



Global and Regional Commitments

■ Global



Hyogo Framework for Action 2005 - 2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters

Every year, more than 200 million people are affected by droughts, floods, cyclones, earthquakes, wildfires, and other hazards. Increased population densities, environmental degradation, and global warming adding to poverty make the impacts of natural hazards worse.

The past few years have reminded us that natural hazards can affect anyone, anywhere. From the Indian Ocean tsunami to the South Asia earthquake, from the devastation caused by hurricanes and cyclones in the United States, the Caribbean and the Pacific, to heavy flooding across Europe and Asia, hundreds of thousands of people have lost their lives, and millions their livelihoods, to disasters caused by natural hazards.

While many know the human misery and crippling economic losses resulting from disasters, what few realize is that this devastation can be prevented through disaster risk reduction initiatives.

Governments around the world have committed to take action to reduce disaster risk, and have adopted a guideline to reduce vulnerability to natural hazards, called the Hyogo Framework for Action (Hyogo Framework). The Hyogo Framework assists the efforts of nations and communities to become more resilient to, and cope better with the hazards that threaten their development gains.

Collaboration is at the heart of the Hyogo Framework: disasters can affect everyone, and are therefore everybody's business. Disaster risk reduction should be part of every-day decision-making: from how people educate their children to how they plan their cities. Each decision can make us either more vulnerable, or more resilient.

"Time is running out. We have less than 8 years left to achieve the goal set in the Hyogo Framework for Action. While some progress has been made, the cruel reality is that - helped by short sighted policies and practices - the vulnerability of our societies continues to grow. I urge all Governments, and regional and local authorities, to make disaster risk reduction a real priority and to accelerate practical steps to make communities safer from disasters. This will mean the investment of human and financial resources - safety comes at a price. But what better investment could there be for our future? The cost of not preventing our communities will be much more terrible."

John Holmes, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator

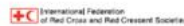
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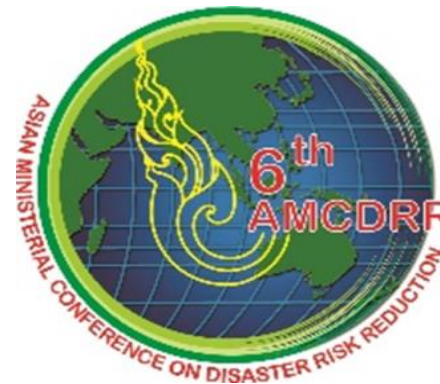


IFRC Framework for Community Resilience


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• Regional



9th Asia Pacific Regional Conference
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Global Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction & Resilience in the Education Sector



Asia Pacific Coalition for School Safety

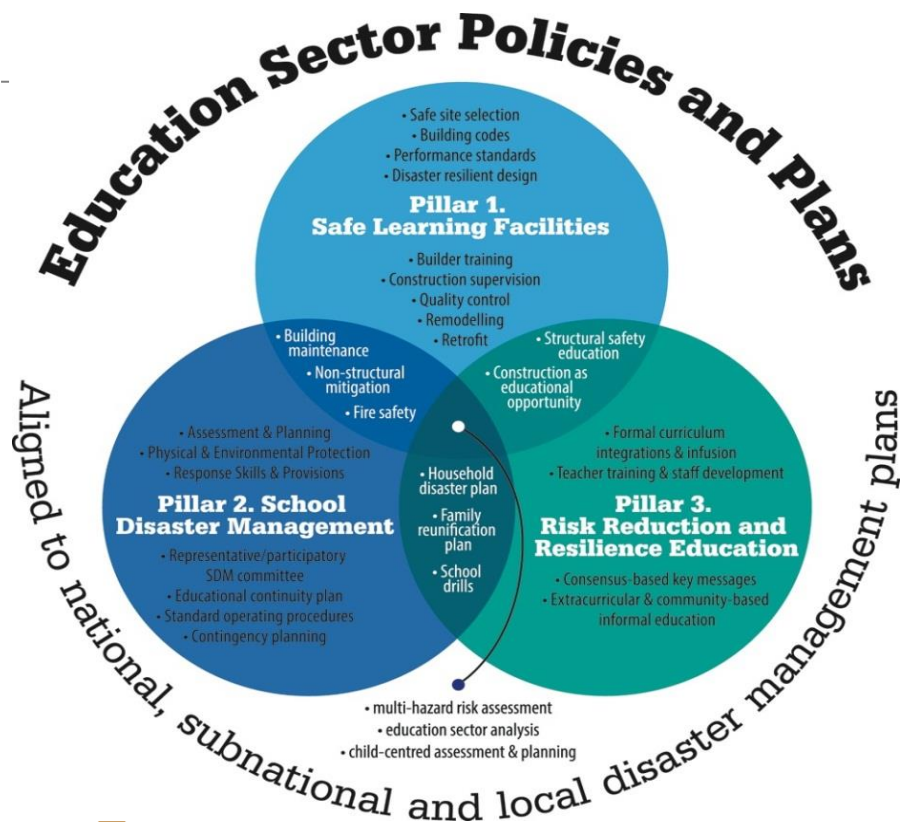


Comprehensive School Safety

A global framework in support of
 The Global Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience in the Education Sector
 and The Worldwide Initiative for Safe Schools,
 in preparation for the 3rd U.N. World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, 2015



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Engagements and Challenges in SS/SBDRR programming so far...



- **Engagement:** RCRC is/has been involved for many years in various SS/SBDRR activities in Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Philippines, Laos, Timor Leste, Myanmar and other countries in AP (sectorial approach)



- **Activities** include disaster risk reduction, first aid, hygiene promotion, health promotion, road safety, water and sanitation, promotion of non-violence and peace....



Recent progress

- Various **IEC materials** supplemented with awareness/education sessions (Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Lao, Timor Leste, Myanmar, Philippines) – including 3D animation
- **Public Awareness and Public Education (PAPE) for DRR:** guide and key messages (2011). Ongoing adaptation by various stakeholders.
- **SEA toolkit** for risk reduction in schools
- Exploring ways to **scale up engagement of RCRC Youth and Volunteers in Programming / School Safety**
- **Systematic** knowledge management: gathering tools in our online library (see last slide)



Public awareness and public education for disaster risk reduction: key messages



Handbook for a School-based Risk Reduction Initiative



Summary – Red Cross Red Crescent contribution beyond 2015

- Continue **implementing** joint activities with ASEAN Member States and partners, building on the auxiliary role of National Societies and the community-based network of youth and volunteers, to strengthen the School Safety Initiative in ASEAN.
- Build more **formal partnerships** with governments and other key stakeholders
- Contribute to **harmonization** of tools, models, frameworks as the key for long term systematic approach to building resilience in education
- Enhance the **documentation** of the Red Cross Red Crescent contribution to school safety in ASEAN



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