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Regional Community Safety and Resilience Unit (CSRU)

Overview of Activities

RCRC Induction Training for Governments of ASEAN in AHA Centre Executive Programme

IFRC and PMI co-facilitated a Red Cross Red Crescent Induction training for governments of ASEAN as part of the AHA Centre Executive (ACE) Programme. The training was held at PMI training centre in Semarang, Central Java, for 16 representatives of National Disaster Management Offices from 8 ASEAN Member States, as well as 3 participants from the AHA centre. Following the training, 3 days of field visits allowed participants to learn about PMI programming in Solo and Yogyakarta as well as meeting with communities at risk living in the slope of Mount Merapi, one of the most active volcanoes in the world. This training is part of the 6-month AHA Centre Executive (ACE) Programme aiming at enhancing the capacities of the future DM managers of ASEAN.

The training included 6 modules and involved facilitators from PMI, Singapore Red Cross and IFRC (country delegations, SEARD and APZ DMU) :

- Overview of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement
- RCRC approach to emergency preparedness and response
- From Recovery to Resilience
- An inclusive approach (gender and diversity, youths)
- Disaster Law
- Communication and Advocacy

As shown by the feedback forms filled by participants at the end of the training, the course was highly appreciated, in particular the interaction with communities and sharing of experience from PMI and IFRC... The AHA Centre Director also mentioned during a debriefing the importance of exposing the participants to the realities of communities, showcasing their potential in reducing risks and fostering resilience. Knowledge about RCRC increased among participants and several of them indicated during informal discussions that they would contact their NS upon completion of the programme (next August) to enhance the collaboration.

One of the volunteer from PMI Central Java created a short video of the three-day training (not including the field visits yet), it can be viewed [here](#).

AHA Centre will be evaluating the overall ACE Programme early August with participants and a meeting will be held in Bangkok at the end of August with partners (UNOCHA, WFP, IFRC, UNDP, DHL, etc.) to feedback and plan ahead for the 2016 batch.



Group photo after opening session



Meeting with communities around the Merapi volcano in a community centre with a painting showing traditional / indigenous knowledge about the volcano.



Group work in which each country presents in a poster how they see their National Society. In the photos, the representatives from Indonesia (BNPB = NDMO) present PMI.



Meeting with communities in a traditional Javanese house with CBAT (Community Based Action Team) members.

Disaster Law



As part of the ongoing 'disaster law roadmap' developments in **Indonesia**, meetings were held April in Jakarta with the Indonesian Disaster Management Authorities (BNPB) and PMI to plan for the upcoming review of Indonesia's national disaster management law. It has been eight years since the law was adopted, and the parliament in Indonesia has called for a review of this existing legal framework. PMI and IFRC will be working together with BNPB and other civil society stakeholders to provide inputs into the law review, based largely on the recommendations of the [IDRL impact report](#) published in 2014. PMI and BNPB are also planning to undertake a project which will utilize the recently launched '[DRR Law Checklist](#)' as part of the DM law review process.

RDRT Deployment for Nepal Earthquake: CSRU Support

CSRU sent alert to RDRT colleagues after the earthquake hit Nepal, there was 24 RDRT from South-East Asia who responded on their availability: PMI 5, Philippine RC 14, Thai RC 2, CVTL 1, Viet Nam RC 1, Singapore RC 1; Myanmar 1.

CSRU deployed 3 RDRT members:

- Mr. Carlo Heathcote - Singapore Red Cross, in Katmandu PMER
- Mr. Taufik Jeremias -PMI, WATSAN ERU in Gorkha district, Nepal
- Ms. Andrea Paola Tobias -PRC, with ERU team in Sindhupalchok, Nepal

RDRT member from PMI and PRC departed directly from based country, arrived KTM on 1 May. An RDRT member from Singapore RC came to IFRC Bangkok office to collect the standard equipment and working advance, to arrive in Katmandu on 2 May.

Tsunami Residual Fund (TRF)

Command Post Exercise (CPX) which is a core activity of Integrated Mock Exercise was conducted on 8 April 2015. Relevant stakeholders such as Provincial DDPM offices, Provincial Red Cross Chapters and Red Cross Health Station in southern tsunami affected provinces, National Disaster Warning Centre and several Thai Red Cross bureaux participated in this activity. The aim is to practice and improve effective communication during disaster mainly through website EOC and other channels such as social network services. Each of the stakeholders was based at its own stationed. When given disaster scenario they had to share information and request for assistance through website EOC and SNS. After the completion of CPX, a meeting was conducted to evaluate the exercise and to gather comments and recommendations for lesson learned and improvement.

Post Emergency – Flood Preparedness Programme

Activity 1.15 Improve and upgrade Disaster Database and IT system (GIS)

- TRC sent the official specifications for GIS computer server and equipment to IFRC. The procurement of purchasing GIS web server is on process by IFRC., the timeline for delivery is around end of May. The GIS team is scheduled for pilot test of the program in Ayutthaya's 3 districts (Sena, Bangban, and Pakhai) in August 2015.

Activity 2015-6.1 The Developing of Thai Red Cross volunteer Information System, Gathering Well Train Volunteers data for disaster preparedness

- The Volunteer bureau has completed "The Developing of Thai Red Cross volunteer Information System" tender opening process together with IFRC logistic officer. TRC set up tender committee and announced to the public to invite qualified supplier to submit the document and take part in the tender process. Interested supplier picked up the tender document during 20-29 April 2015. The proposal for tender was submitted on 30 April 2015 at 9:00-9:30 hrs. TRC and IFRC's procurement officer conduct the opening sealed envelope on 30 April 2015 at 9:30 hrs. The lowest bidder is THB 1.6 million (approximately CHF 46,326.25 as of 30 April 2015). The TOR will be sent to KL office for input and suggestions. TRC will sign the contract with supplier after get the confirmation from IFRC.

Activity 2015-3.2 CPR and Chocking training for youth network

- Youth Bureau organized the event on 24 May at 9:00-12:00 at TRC to sign the collaboration MoU between Youth Bureau and the Director of office of the non-formal and informal education (ONIE), Bangkok. A total of 198 people from ONIE, press TRC staff and IFRC attending this event. During the event, the host gave cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and choking demonstration to participants, signed the collaboration MoU with BKK ONIE, gave CPR dummies to the 50 ONIE-BKK districts (one CPR dummy per a district). The youth bureau also conducted the meeting with ONIE's 50 districts representatives to schedule the roll out sessions to 5,000 youths during May-September 2015. A total of 100 volunteers per district will be trained on First Aid, CPR and Choking by the trainers.



Group photo after the distribution of dummies



CPR demonstration



Opening of the event



CPR dummy distribution (one dummy per district)

School Based Disaster Risk Reduction Pilot Project in Myanmar

- Myanmar RC translated the School Based Disaster Risk Reduction (SBDRR) Module 4 and tools, during March and April 2015 through the assignment of a consultant of the primary school curriculum development, mainly responsible for disaster reduction education component in life skills subject.
- Myanmar RC visited the two non-selected schools in Yangon Region, Kyauktan and Tharketa Townships, discussed with the school principals and teachers about the prevention measures, damages during Nargis, maintenance of the school buildings and participation of the parents and communities.
- Myanmar RC visited the Yangon Regional Education office and explained about the implementation of the SBDRR initiatives in nine project schools in Yangon Region, and requested one school inspection officer to accompany with consultant while monitoring visits to project schools, received the reply letter for agreement on 29th April 2015.
- Myanmar RC attended the meetings and workshops held in CESR office, organized for the formulation of National Education Sector Plan (NESP) including basic education sector reforms, curriculum development, teacher education, preschool education, non-formal education, sector coordination and management etc. And find ways and means for integrating SBDRR into basic education system.

THAILAND

Campaign on Blood Donation and Safe Driving

On April 7, 2015, The National Blood Centre of Thai Red Cross Society launched the Campaign 'Give Blood This Summer to Save Lives!', 'No Alcohol Safe Driving reduces blood use' during Songkran holidays from 7-15 April 2015. The stock of blood supply is considerably low during this period while the demand is high mostly for victims of road accidents. NSD Coordinator (Umesh) and The Health Officer took part in this campaign. Umesh has also provided the key note speech on behalf of IFRC concerning about the road safety policy and highlighting about "Consciousness, discipline, spirit, safety and culture" to raise awareness among road users to reduce accidents during Songkran Festival 2015.



Psychosocial Support

For the PSS (Psychosocial support) activity, Thai Red Cross requested the technical support from health sector to review the PSS Thai version that was being translated. Moreover, the PSS workshop for Thai volunteers will be organized during 8-12 June 2015 in Khao Yai, Nakornratchasima.

LAOS

Health Unit is working on the proposal from Lao Red Cross which requested funding of around 6,000 USD for organizing the campaign on World Blood Donation Day in Lao PRD on 14 June 2015. The E-contract agreement was drafted with the support from The Service Support Team and now is on the process for reviewing by the legal team in KL. This review and approval process will be take time about 1-2 weeks.

Training/workshop/meeting

Preparation of AP Zone Led Community Health Workshop

Community Health Workshop scheduled to be held from 1 – 5 June 2015, Bangkok, aims to facilitate knowledge sharing of good practices and lessons learned on evidence-based community health programming – which will ultimately contribute to the enhancement of capacity of NS health managers and coordinators to design, implement and manage these programmes.

Training on Social Media Awareness of CVTL

The event and publication officer conducted a full-day training on social media awareness with Timor-Leste Red Cross (CVTL) headquarters in Dili, Timor Leste. Members of all units attended. Topics included: an introduction to social media; the benefits of using social media to promote a National Society's work, raise awareness of health issues and disaster risk reduction, fundraise and so on; designing a social media strategy; and reputational risk in social media.



Participation on UN-APCICT Social Media for Disaster Management

The event and publication officer attended an Expert Working Group with UN-APCICT and ADPC on 'Social Media for Disaster Management' in Incheon, Korea, to contribute Red Cross expertise and experience in the area of social media and ICT (including mobile phones) for disaster risk reduction and emergency response. For more information on the working group, click [here](#).

Preparation for CSR Forum 2015

To prepare for the CSR Forum, the CSRU has prepared for a questionnaire for National Societies in South East Asia, to better capture and understand the interests of South East Asia National Societies, with the aim to achieve a more effective forum. The questionnaire will be rolled out in May 2015, and the result of this questionnaire will be shared with all the participating National Societies. The next CSR Forum will be held on 4 to 6 August.

Knowledge and Information Management

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Red Cross Red Crescent Societies save thousands of lives with exceptional results every year. This is because of the network of volunteers who prepare for and respond to disasters. However, preparing for and responding to disasters is essential but not enough. Every year, droughts, floods, cyclones, earthquakes, landslides and other hazards affect over 267 million people around the world. Climate variability is expected to increase the frequency and severity of natural hazards, and will heighten the vulnerability of communities to cope with the devastating impact of disasters. So, there is a need to invest in strengthening the resilience of vulnerable people and communities in order to remove underlying causes of vulnerability. And resilience is the ability of individuals and communities to: reduce, cope with, and recover from catastrophes without compromising long term prospects.

On these pages, you will find a collection of resilience items on: disaster risk reduction, and health and care response tools, climate change references, and so on for sharing. Some of these items have been in the IFRC's Southeast Asia Regional Office's archives, and others have recently been collected from all the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in the Southeast Asia Region, from: [Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society](#), [Cambodia Red Cross](#), [Palang Merah Indonesia](#), [Lao Red Cross](#), [Malaysian Red Crescent](#), [Myanmar Red Cross](#), [Philippine Red Cross](#), [Singapore Red Cross](#), [Thai Red Cross](#), [Cruz Vermelha de Timor-Leste](#) and [Viet Nam Red Cross](#). These are not complete as yet but we are moving toward that direction.

We are currently overhauling and updating this online library and we apologize for any resulting inconvenience. However, the pages and documents will remain readable and upload-able. We hope to see you soon in our newly updated online library!

[Pertinent Documents](#)

[Resilience Unit Concept Note](#)

The online library at <https://sites.google.com/site/drrtoolsinsoutheastasia/home> is work in progress with constant updating. There is an increase of number of users visiting the library, now reaching 298 users during the month of April. Latest addition to the library includes:

- [Climate change adaptation training](#)
- [AHA Centre and ACE Programme](#)
- [Adam's Love Campaign](#)
- [Testimonies from the Field and success stories](#)

Additionally, the office hard copy/CD library (including books/guides/manuals/overview booklets) **inventory list** is now available to help users to search through our office library [here](#).

Discussion has been held with IFRC Geneva office to host the online library with better functionalities to better accommodate the sharing of information and knowledge among National Societies in South-East Asia. Work towards this direction is in progress.

Publication

[Social Capital Study](#)

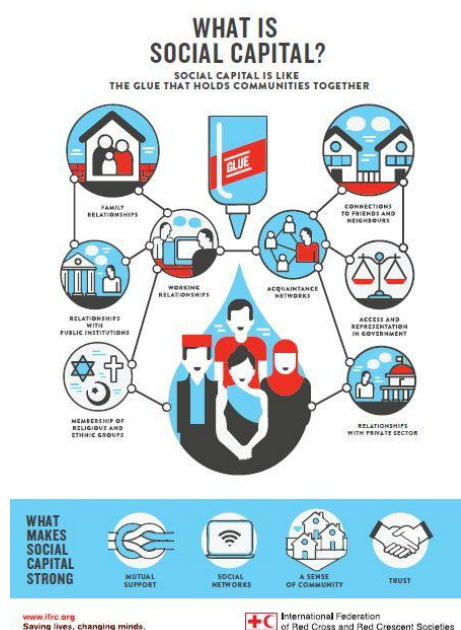


Now the translated **Sphere Handbook** text in Thai has been sent to the printing company for designing the layout. The layout of each page has been sent back to us for proof reading. This process may take some time.

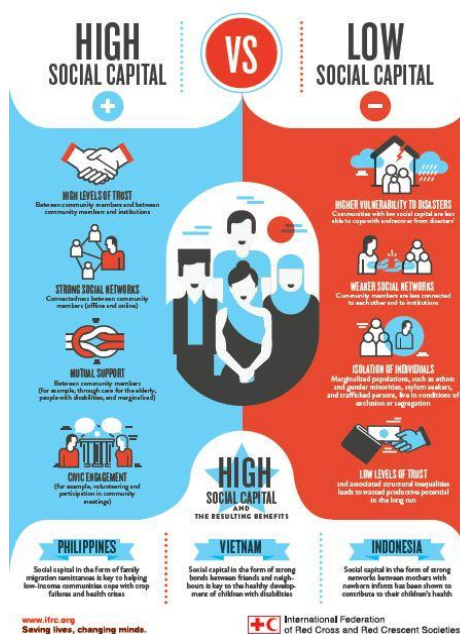
Case studies on epidemic control of volunteers (ECV) in Myanmar and Indonesia are in progress, to be published next month.

Both the [Gender and Diversity for Urban Resilience: An Analysis](#) and [Gender and Diversity Snapshot](#) have been published (see the pictures on the opposite).

Social capital infographics: A series of three infographics is being developed to explain the concept of social capital (see [Report of Social Capital of Thailand](#)) and its importance to the work of the Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies. The first two of the series (below) are completed with the third in development. Once the full series is complete they will be made widely available.



Infographic 1: What is Social Capital?



Infographic 2: High and Low Social Capital

Southeast Asia RCRC Regional E-Newsletter **New!**



First edition has been issued in first week of April, and the quarterly newsletter promotes the work of NS in the region, news from around the network and spotlighting colleagues and partners which could be accessed from [here](#).

To add your name to the email list – or to nominate story ideas or give feedback – please contact Kate Roux and Kate Smith in the email below.

Upcoming Events for May and June 2015

24 – 28 May 2015	ARF DIREx – simulation exercise	Malaysia
1 – 5 June 2015	AP CBHFA workshop Community Health Workshop	Bangkok
5 – 6 June 2015	Knowledge & Experience Sharing of Community Leaders Meeting	Krabi
10 – 11 June 2015	Regional Disaster Law Forum	Bangkok

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