

# REGIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY AND RESILIENCE

Monthly Update – August 2015



School Drill by Myanmar Red Cross

## Regional Community Safety and Resilience Forum | 4 – 6 August 2015

*"[The Forum had] full participation of the National Societies and AHA Centre to commit to work together in order to achieve one action, one response, and also, we have worked on a very good road map."*

Dr. Sok Long, Director of Health Department, Cambodian Red Cross and Chair of Health technical working group.

The Regional Community Safety and Resilience Forum 2015 was hosted by Indonesia Red Cross Society (*Palang Merah Indonesia*), with the support of IFRC South-East Asia Regional Delegation, from 4-6 August 2015, in Jakarta, Indonesia. The Forum was held with the participation of 68 representatives and observers from 11 National Societies in the South East Asian Region.

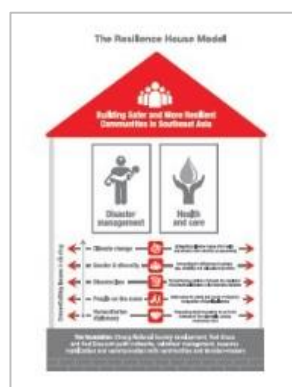
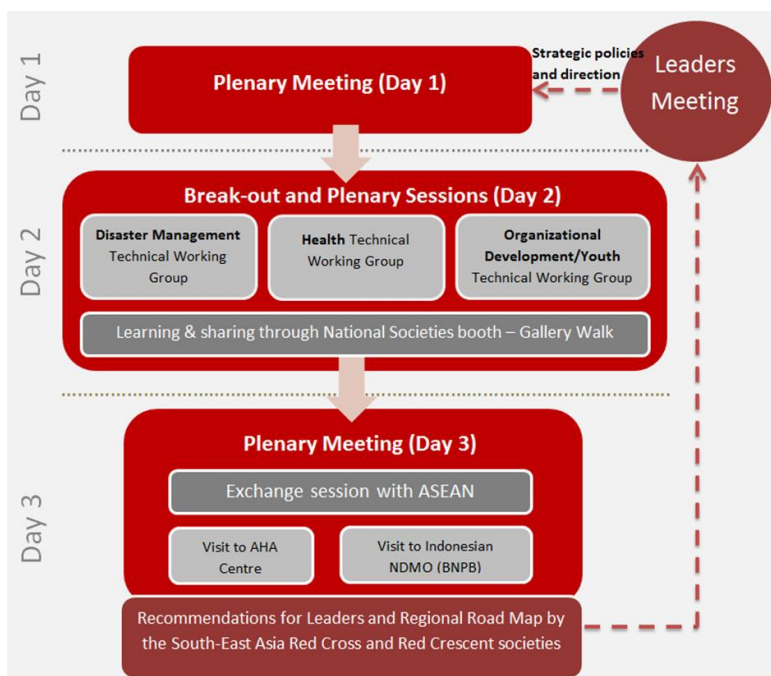
Different from previous years, the IFRC SEARD has prepared a National Society survey in order to capture the initiatives, capacities and interests of the NS to better design the forum meeting. The initial report of survey is available at South-East Asia National Societies [survey findings report](#). The Forum facilitated and offered opportunities to translate the results of the strategic policy and direction decisions of their respective National Societies Leaders into operational actions to promote safer and more resilient communities. The details report will share with next monthly update.

The key outcomes of the meeting along with several exchange learning sessions among National Societies through the gallery walk, presentations, case study presentation; group discussions, are:

- **Interest mapping to support peer to peer learning**
- **Revised Road map** to strengthen regional cooperation
- **Recommendations** for next SEA RCRC leadership meeting

The representatives from ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) has participated in the Forum and affirmed the importance of collaboration between the AHA Centre and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, and in light of the current collaboration, collectively exploring for opportunities for further collaboration. Mr. Said Faisal, the Executive Director of AHA Centre, has highlighted the start of implementation of the Joint Action Plan between AHA Centre and the Red Cross Red Crescent Societies finalized in December 2014, to showcase the productive collaboration, especially through the participation of PMI and IFRC in the flagship ACE program which was very appreciated by the Member States. He further emphasized on the importance of working together between AHA Centre and Red Cross in a unified manner. The visit to either AHA Centre or BNPB (Indonesian NDMO) for all the representatives from the National Societies was offered by PMI. The three days meeting was designed as illustrated below:

*“When you move, the whole world moves. That is Red Cross. [...] To achieve One ASEAN One Response, we need your hands, Red Cross, friends of ASEAN, to walk together on this long journey.”* Mr. Said Faisal, executive director of AHA Centre



Resilience House Graphic

The report of the Forum, interest mapping, road map for regional collaboration and recommendations for SEA RCRC leadership meeting will be shared as soon as they are made available. See also the [agenda](#), [participant list](#) and [link to all the presentations in online library](#).

**South-East Asia Youth Network (SEAYN) update:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> SEAYN annual meeting has been held in Jakarta, Indonesia, hosted by the SEAYN Chair PMI (Indonesia Red Cross Society). In the meeting, the members provided a review of 2014-2015 activities, updates, and global upcoming events. The members also addressed the specific agenda “School-based DRR” as a key main

agenda through the presentations of Regional CSR unit. The Coordination Team members had been elected, with the Chair of SEAYN being Malaysian RC, Deputy Chair being Philippine RC and officer being Singapore RC, and a successful handover from their predecessors was carried out with the aim to represent the SEAYN as a whole and assume greater leadership and ownership of the Network. SEAYN developed 2015- 2016 action plan looking at issues of Youth in each NS programming and by considering each NSs’ expectations and commitment to SEAYN for their youth engagement and development. The youth members affirmed a commitment to contribute to the CSR effectively and also requested the support from the CSR through a consultation.



Regional CSR Forum 2015 Group photo



Opening ceremony

## IFRC WASH Support for ASEAN Youth Volunteer Programme | 12 – 16 August 2015

The ASEAN with the funding support of the USAID, developed Youth Volunteer programme for ASEAN Countries. The execution of this programme has been assigned to the University Kebangsaan Malaysia (The National University of Malaysia -UKM), who acts as the AYVP secretariat, leading the implementation. The AYVP aims to develop and support the ASEAN Youth volunteerism for innovative solutions to the social, cultural, economic and environmental challenges facing communities across ASEAN.

IFRC supported the aims of ASEAN Youth Volunteer Program (AYVP) and conducted on-site intensive PHAST (Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation transformation) training on 12-13 August 2015, and Hygiene promotion awareness at school and community levels with support of Cambodian Red Cross Society on 14-15 August 2015. The training structure covers WASH essential, on-site PHAST orientation training, and Hygiene Promotion activity for the schools and Household level living on- land and water at Karaker village. The PHAST orientation covers step wise approach with case study for wash service development, methods for community empowerment and how to mainstream gender in WASH.



*Activities in Karaker village, Cambodia*

## Gender and Diversity Awareness Training with Cruz Vermelha de Timor-Leste

Between August 10-15<sup>th</sup> Christina Haneef, SEA Regional Gender and Diversity Officer was invited to Cruz Vermelha de Timor-Leste to conduct awareness raising training on gender and diversity. A total of 76 participants were trained over three one-day sessions, including CVTL HQ staff members, Branch Directors, National Governing Board Members, IFRC staff, AVID volunteers and youth leaders. Participants were introduced to the basic concepts of gender and diversity, as well as some key risks and considerations with regards to disaster management and health programming. [Key IFRC frameworks and tools for gender and diversity](#), including the [Minimum Standard Commitments to Gender and Diversity in emergency programming](#) were presented to the groups. Group activities were conducted throughout the training to address gender stereotypes, vulnerabilities associated with gender and diversity and to identify what makes a programme gender and diversity sensitive. Participants fed back that the training provided them with some practical knowledge to implement gender and diversity in their work and many said that it would be important to disseminate the lessons learnt to family, friends and at the community level. It was a great opportunity to work with CVTL and IFRC country office team and to have some though provoking and stimulating discussions around the topics of gender and diversity.



*Gender and Diversity Training*

## Thai Red Cross demonstrating the importance of integrating Gender and Diversity into programs



IFRC's South East Regional Delegation has been working with Thai Red Cross to observe and learn further about their inclusive approach to programming through the incorporation of gender and diversity. The Thai Red Cross ensures their commitment to incorporate gender and diversity into disaster risk reduction and first aid and health care. The Thai Red Cross First Aid and Health Care Training Center organized a meeting on 19 August to discuss the training centers 'Care of the Elderly' and 'Elderly Care' training programme, which have been running since 2011.



Understanding that Thailand has an increasing aging population, the Thai Red Cross Training Center are focused on ensuring that their first aid and health care initiatives improve the quality of life for the elderly, as well as caregivers and volunteers looking after the elderly. The programme also focuses on how to work with and help elderly people who have disabilities. IFRC SEARD is working with Thai Red Cross respective programme managers to integrate gender and diversity while designing and conducting the training for elderly. SEARD observed a **simulation activity being organized by Thai Red Cross in a flood prone area of Singburi province** on 31 August. The activity was conducted under the Thai Red Cross Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction programme which has been running since 2005 in collaboration with the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM- The focal government department for Disaster Risk Reduction and response in Thailand), Ministry of Interior. The programme **has a clear focus on the inclusion of the elderly**. Senior citizens in the community play key roles in the village committee which is responsible for preparing and responding to disasters. It was evident also that both men and women participated in the committees and have significant roles and responsibilities in times of disaster in areas of early warning, evacuation, security, first aid and rescue. Both events provided an opportunity for IFRC to emphasize gender and diversity as integral part of any development and humanitarian response initiative. SEARD also shared some of the experiences and lesson learnt on gender and diversity from the region.



## Deployment in Myanmar to Provide Advice on IDRL Issues



*IFRC and MRCS working together with government and humanitarian partners at the Myanmar Floods emergency operations centre in Nay Pyi Taw*

At the request of the Myanmar Ministry of Social Welfare Relief and Resettlement (MSWRR), the regional disaster law delegate was deployed to Nay Pyi Taw to provide advice on IDRL issues to the Relief and Resettlement Department (RRD) and Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), as part of the Myanmar Floods operation. This included **advice regarding ad hoc procedures to process travel authorization for humanitarian personnel operating in Myanmar, expedited customs procedures, and issuance of visas for relief/humanitarian staff entering Myanmar**. The IFRC's disaster law programme has already been working with MRCS, the RRD and other humanitarian partners such as UN OCHA and UNDP for the past two years to support the government of the Union of Myanmar to strengthen their legal procedures for facilitating and regulating international assistance, and as such was requested to provide support to this operation. A draft guideline on international assistance was prepared during this deployment, after discussions with the RRD and the Ministry of

Foreign Affairs. Work will continue to support the development of this guideline, together with an IDRL technical assistance project that will be conducted jointly by MRCS, the RRD and IFRC over the coming months.

## Roundtable Meeting on Migrants and Healthcare

The meeting was organized by the [Asia-Europe Foundation](#) (ASEF) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), as the Secretariat of the Joint UN Initiative on Migration and Health in Asia (JUNIMA) on 11 August 2015. The meeting discussed the socio-economic benefits of investing in migrants' health, and how strengthening multi-sectoral partnerships at national, regional and global levels helps to advocate for policies that support migrants' access to health. The meeting presented the findings from a comparative study commissioned by ASEF, [Migrants and Healthcare: Social and Economic Approaches](#), analyzing the economic and social costs of exclusion from healthcare systems. Whilst recognizing the need for a multi-sectoral approach in addressing international migration effectively, the meeting emphasized the benefits of collaboration with civil-society in order to advance access to health for migrants and to improve migrant health outcomes at national, regional and global levels.



The meeting provided an opportunity to present IFRC work on migration, health, community safety and resilience and to outline the importance of triangulating these areas for durable and sustainable efforts. IFRC also underlined that in times of emergencies health-related vulnerability of migrants exacerbate by legal and cultural factors and thus their inclusion in community based initiatives should remain a priority.

## Regional Workshop on Migrants' Health



The workshop was held in Bangkok on 27-28 August and saw the attendance of IFRC SEARD representatives along with stakeholders from 23 countries from Asia, Europe, Americas, and Australia, including international development partners and civil societies to raise and address salient issues related to migration and their health challenges.

The meeting took stock of developments and identified challenges in the area of migrants' health among participating countries, especially on policies, mechanisms and services available for migrants. Further the event provided a platform for exchange of experiences and best practices, including effective frameworks to ensure access to health care and sustainable financing of migrants' health system. The meeting agreed that, amongst many factors, the status of migrants poses the major challenge for adequate access to health services and thus health challenges surrounding migrants should be tackled in a pragmatic manner at national, regional and national levels. Further, participants note that regular dialogues are needed to promote better understanding and strengthen collaboration on migrant health issues.

The key outcome of the meeting is the regional contribution to the discussion of protection of the rights of migrants at the 8<sup>th</sup> [Global Forum on Migration and Development](#) (14 - 16 October 2015 in Istanbul, Turkey).



## First Aid Training of Trainers (TOT) | Brunei Darussalam | 26 – 27 August 2015

During 26-27 August 2015, IFRC SEARD Supported Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society in organizing First Aid TOT Workshop for Senior First Aid Instructors from the support of Singapore Red Cross Society. This marked the beginning of recognition by The Minister of Health of Brunei Darussalam. A total of 18 Senior First Aid Instructors improved and increased their skills and knowledge, hence were well-prepared to provide First Aid Services in the community and to train more volunteers in First Aid. The TOT was successfully conducted and reached the set objectives which would install and gear up the basic for BDRC to provide First Aid services and training the near future and in the long run. See [Agenda of the TOT](#).

## Thai Red Cross- Disaster Database and IT system (GIS)

From the support of IFRC; Thai Red Cross is implementing "Development of Disaster Databases and GIS for Disaster Relief Operation" project in alliance with several government and public organizations.

The main objective is to:

- develop a GIS (Geographical Information System) and integrated disaster databases including potential locations and/or areas of disasters, disaster risk areas, disaster situation, help requests, and disaster relief responses mechanism. This Information will be shown on the GIS map with information of the numbers of household member in the affected areas.
- -develop a GIS and integrated disaster database which makes use of a base map and a satellite image map of Thailand, so that the users can track disaster situation using the maps in real time.
- develop a GIS and integrated disaster databases will improve collaboration between TRC, the government and public organizations of the Alliance Network, so that they can exchange, share and management disaster and relief information using the GIS jointly
- reduce dissemination of unclear information, lack of information, work redundancies, and ineffectiveness of the relief operations.
- develop and integrate an information system and disaster databases for disaster management, test the system in a pilot area.

This is big project and Thai Red Cross cannot manage alone. Interested partners created an alliance network including Thai Red Cross. The Alliance Network members are: The Thai Red Cross Society, Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, Bangkok Metropolitan Administration, Ministry of Public Health, National Health Commission Office of Thailand, National Institute for Emergency Medicine, Royal Thai Survey Department, Metropolitan Electricity Authority, Provincial Electricity Authority, Geo-Informatics and Space Technology Development Agency (Public Organization), Land Development Department, The Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives and King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang. An agreement has been signed among the alliance network. The following activities has been accomplished so far:

- Completed the work of phase 2 which is included GIS infrastructure (Base map and GIS tools)
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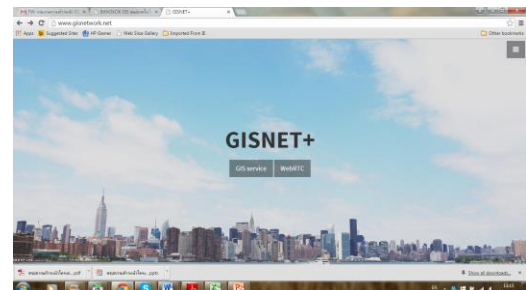
#### Base Maps

- The vector maps from Metropolitan Electricity Authority (MEA) and Provincial Electricity Authority (PEA).
- Aerial maps provided by MEA and the Land Development Department (LDD).

Both maps cover the entire area of Thailand and are accessible via a web map service protocol.

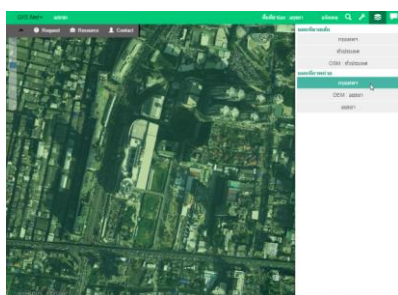
#### GIS Tools

- A map viewer for zooming in/out a map and panning a map
- An overlay tool
- A distance and area measurement tool
- A tool for locating a current location of the user
- A map printing tool
- A tool for pin-pointing a location on the map
- A tool for drawing a coverage area on a map

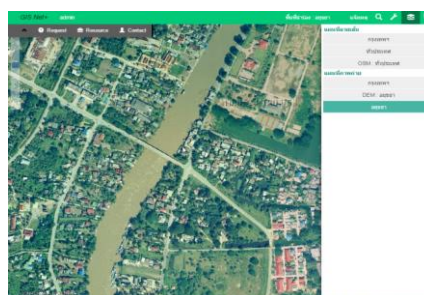


- Completed Map Data which is a part of other map layers that can be added into the GIS, it contains of at least the following layers:
  - A map showing disaster areas using satellite photos taken from an satellite of Geo-Informatics and Space Technology Development Agency (GISTDA)
  - A map showing disaster areas reported by users
  - A map showing disaster areas reported through electronic sensor devices
  - A map showing disaster risk areas provided by the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation
  - An aerial image map of a province (which is a pilot site of this project) provided by GISTDA
  - A Digital Elevation Model (DEM) Contour map provided by the Land Development Department
- Completed Map Services and GIS application programming interface (API)
  - Map image service or map information service through a web service
  - Utility functions that can be reused to many services, i.e. search, marking locations using pins, file upload, etc.

Once developed the GIS for disaster relief operation will serve as web based application running on a web server – hosted by the Thai Red cross. There will be an option for upgrades in the future and/or connection to another system in TRC. The users will be able to access the system through a web browser on a PC, a smart phone, and/or a tablet, (with internet connection). It will support at least 50 users using the system at the same time.



Aerial map MEA



Aerial map PEA

### **Community Disaster Preparedness program in Phang-nga Province**

- Baan Thar Pak Wang community completed the capacity building and mitigation plan/disaster adaptation plan. Capacity building was included Brainstorming to analyze problem, recommend solutions and use Mind Mapping for problem analysis, Provide solutions to reduce impact from Tsunami, analyze the need on capacity building and mitigation for the community and prioritize the capacity building activities and mitigation.



*Review problems and impacts from situation analysis, brainstorming for solutions to reduce the impact from Tsunami, prioritize capacity building and mitigation activities*

- Baan Kao-pi-lai and Koh Mai Phai communities have completed – review the roles and responsibilities of community committees, table top exercise (scenario: there is an earthquake, then tsunami hits the coastal area of Pang Nga province and Andaman provinces)
- Baan Hin Rhom community together with TRC and local government agency, school teacher and school students joined the Mangrove planting Activity. There were 700 mangrove planted on 11 August and 200 people join this activity.



*Mangrove planting activity*

### **First Aid Youth Volunteer Network**

First Aid Training of Youth Bureau of Thai RC provided the first aid training to locals and educational institutions such as Vocational Training And Development Centre For Thai People Along The Border Areas – Mukdaharn, Trang municipality community, Wasanawet Social Welfare Development Center for Older Persons, Mae Moh District Community from June to

August 2015. This activity is to strengthen communities to reduce loss of lives, to teach youth volunteers, students, elderly and disadvantaged group the correct first aid skills based on TRC standards and to encourage volunteer spirit and good character for youth volunteer, helping out others who need help.



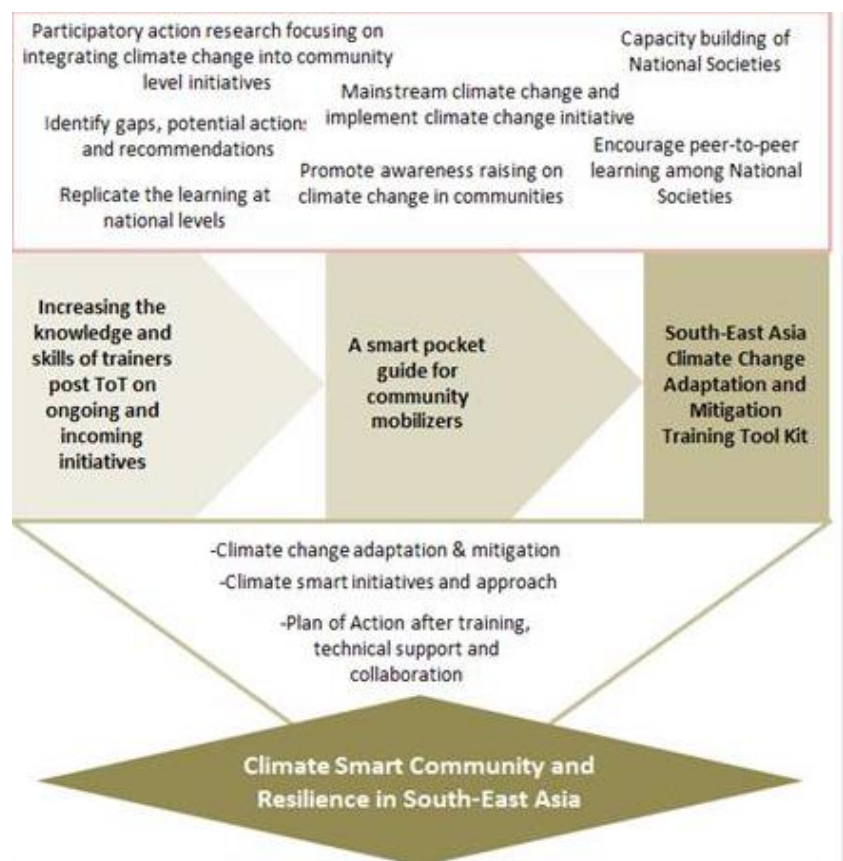
TRC trained First Aid to participants

## Project towards Climate Smart Community for Resilience 2015

IFRC SEARD is working on **project towards climate smart for resilience 2015**, with the financial support from Finnish Red Cross, expected to start soon, spanning from 4 to 6 months. The project will be implemented in collaboration with Red Cross Climate Centre.

The project covers three main components:

- **A participatory action research** focusing on existing capacity, challenges and opportunities in community based programs in terms of integration of climate risk/ climate change consideration into assessment, planning and action in practice in a real program situation.
- Based on the findings above, the team is to produce a **smart pocket guide** on climate change for the use of middle managers or community mobilizers in the National Societies within the Mekong region. The pocket guide will also outline the possible actions and steps to be considered in order to make community level initiatives more climate smart in key messages that are practical, hands on and easy to understand.
- Following the draft of the pocket guide, and the existing initial draft of regional climate change adaptation and mitigation, a **more comprehensive training tool kit** is to be finalized by taking into consideration the testing of the materials in the training conducted in Malaysia. The training tool kit will aim to be practical and ready-to-use format with complete session plans, that is adjustable to the needs of respective NS in the region. The implementation framework of the project is illustrated here along with.



## School-based Disaster Risk Reduction (SBDRR) Project in Myanmar

Myanmar Red Cross completed the SBDRR training in two schools of Kyauktan township, the component of SBDRR training are Basic knowledge awareness on DRR and Health for the children, school VCA with the students (1-days), formed Task Force (Committee), and child leading drill exercise.



## Knowledge and Information Management

**Navigation**

**Regional Community Safety and Resilience Forum**

- A. Community Safety and Resilience Framework
- B. Regional Community Safety and Resilience Forum (RCSR) 2014
- C. Community Safety and Resilience Unit (CSRU)
- D. Regional Disaster Management Committee (RDMC)

**About and how to use**

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**Regional Community Safety and Resilience Forum**

The Southeast Asia Red Cross Red Crescent members consist of **11 National Societies**, namely: Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent, Cambodian Red Cross, Indonesian Red Cross, Lao Red Cross, Malaysia Red Crescent, Myanmar Red Cross, Philippines Red Cross, Singapore Red Cross, Thai Red Cross, Timor-Leste Red Cross and Viet Nam Red Cross.

South-East Asia Red Cross Red Crescent members

The Red Cross Red Crescent societies in South-East Asia convene annually in the **Regional Community Safety and Resilience Forum (RCSR)** to enhance regional integration, coordination, communication and cooperation among them, with the facilitation of IFRC South-East Asia Regional Delegation. The **RCSR** is responsible for escorting the Community Safety and Resilience agenda in accordance with *IFRC Strategy 2020*, *IFRC Community Resilience Framework* and other relevant agendas including *Hyoogo Framework for Action* and the subsequent *Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction*, and *Millennium Development Goals* and *Sustainable Development Goals*.

The SEA RCRC societies online library at <https://sites.google.com/site/drrtoolsinsoutheastasia/regional-csr-forum> is work in progress with constant updating. There is an increase of number of users visiting the library, now reaching 239 users and 831 page views during the month of August.

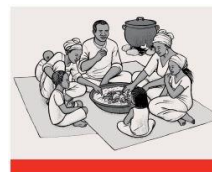
New addition include:

- [Regional Community Safety and Resilience Forum 2015](#)
- [Resources - Infographics](#)



**Community Early Warning Systems (CEWS)**  
Training Toolkit – Field Guide

[Community early warning systems training toolkit – field guide](#) (IFRC, 2014), accessible from the online library: [Early Warning](#)

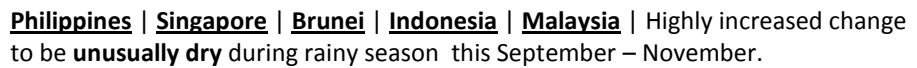


**Nutrition guidelines**

[Nutrition Guidelines](#) (IFRC, 2012), accessible from the online library: [Health](#)

## Weather Forecast

Forecast for July until September 2015 ([IFRC IRI's Forecast for September to November 2015](#))



Parts of **Thailand** | **Cambodia** | **Vietnam** | Moderately increased chance to be **unusually dry** during the rainy season this September - November.

\*Highly increased chance: probability is 55% or greater

\*Moderately increased chance: probability is 45-50%

Meteorological agency in the respective South-East Asian countries:

[Brunei Darussalam](#) | [Cambodia](#) | [Indonesia](#) | [Laos](#) | [Malaysia](#) | [Myanmar](#) | [Philippines](#) | [Singapore](#) | [Thailand](#) | [Timor-Leste](#) | [Vietnam](#)

17 September	Meeting with AHA Center to Review Implementation of 2015 and Plan for Collaboration in 2016	Bangkok
21-22 September	Visit of Canadian RC / RRI Technical Working Group Meeting	Bangkok
23-25 September	Planning Meeting (Mekong Countries) tbc	Bangkok
September (date tbc)	Training on social media and radio programme in Lao PDR	tbc
September (date tbc)	First workshop on the formulation of the Lao Red Cross 2016-2020 Strategy for the advancement of women	Laos
5-9 October	TOT on Gender and Diversity	tbc
13 October	DRR Day	All countries
19-20 October	DRR Lessons Learnt Workshop	Vietnam
November	Climate change training	Vietnam, Laos and Myanmar
November	DRR Field School, integrating climate change and gender and diversity	Thailand
23-25 November	DRR Practitioners workshop	Thailand

Two funding opportunities were sent to National Societies including:

- Funding for publication, through which National Societies can request support for advocacy publications related to community resilience.
- Funding for the celebration of Disaster Risk Reduction Day in October 2015. For more details, please see the [concept note for ASEAN Day of Disaster Management \(ADDM\) 2015](#) and concept note for International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction UNISDR.

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