

## Regional Community Safety and Resilience Unit (CSRU)

### Overview of activities for the month of December 2014

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#### Preparation of the Upcoming Regional Resilience Workshop

CSRU and Communication Unit of SEARD are preparing the Regional Resilience Workshop, scheduled to take place in Bangkok, 3-5 February 2015). Invitations were sent to all NSs of the region in December and a draft agenda was prepared, to be shared in January with participants.

As part of the regional resilience initiative, the overall aim of the workshop is to build skills in conducting advocacy for disaster risk reduction at a country and regional level, and also evaluate how we can continue our engagement from AMCDRR to Sendai and the International Conference in 2015. Our goal is to bring together disaster risk reduction, disaster law and HD/communications focal points in the 11 National Societies of our region as the primary target audience. We will also give National Societies an opportunity to invite their respective counterparts in the National Disaster Management Agencies, and address how we can better engage with ASEAN.

#### Next Tsunami Zero Lost

"We will not forget and will learn and share the knowledge to the public and medical society to prevent the next life lost" with this message, the two days conference on "Next Tsunami Zero Lost" was concluded in Phuket, Thailand. The conference was organized by the National Institute for Emergency Medicine, Thailand and JICA almost 10 years after the tsunami hit the Phuket from 10-11, December, 2014. Member of CSRU attended the conference. The two-day event was about learning from the past to better prepare ahead.



#### Global Volunteer Forum

The Global Volunteer Forum, held in Bangkok, 1-4 December, is a global event aiming to provide a space for volunteers to share experiences, learn from each other and to think collaboratively about innovation and solutions to challenges. The forum saw the participation of more than 200 participants coming from around the world.

CSRU supported to bring representative of 9 Southeast Asia NS.



## PMER Training

CSRU and Support Service Unit of SEARD facilitated a PMER training for all SEARD staff (21 participants including facilitators) on 15 December 2014. The overall objective of the training is to increase the capacity of the South-East Asia regional delegation staff to plan and monitor their work based on their respective responsibility, thus contributing to improved quality of the regional programming. The training covered basic results-based management, logical framework, defining outputs/outcomes, indicators, overall DOP process and basic monitoring and evaluation.



## DRRI Partnership and Lessons Learned Forum

CSRU representatives attended the DRRI Partnership and Lessons Learned Forum from 1-3 Dec 2014 in Malaysia. This Forum was conducted for sharing working experience among NSs who implemented CBDRR project, supported by Canadian Red Cross.



One of lessons learned materials presented by CSRU



Participants photo

## Thailand

### Tsunami Residual Fund

As of December 2014, 19 project activities under Tsunami Residual Fund have been completed, yet 6 of them still need to complete finance clearance. Only 2 activities – Integrated Mock Exercise and Follow up on the communities implemented by TRC Nursing College funded by Tsunami Funds 2004 – will be carried forward to year 2015 and are expected to be completed by quarter 2 of 2015.

## Laos

### Lao Visit (17 -20 December, 2014)

Following up the November meeting in Lao, the team member of CSRU supported Lao Red Cross in developing expression of interest (Eoi) for HIV/AIDS global fund call. The goal for this project is to “contribute to end the transmission of HIV and alleviate the impact of AIDS in Lao PDR” through increasing coverage of ARV treatment, care and support for People Living with HIV (PLHIV) in Luang Namtha – 5 districts and Bokeo – 5 districts.

This proposal seeks support to undertake/strengthen activities under the following objectives:

- Objective 1: Improve treatment adherence among people who need them by improving awareness and access to ARV treatment and regular follow up.
- Objective 2: Strengthen community-based support mechanisms and psychosocial services for PLHIV and creating enabling environment.

Lao Red Cross and other community-based organizations have agreed on the objective and proposed activities as Lao RC is taking a lead to enhance capacity of other community based organization in Lao.

The outcome of the Eoi is most likely to be in mid or late January, 2015. If Lao RC is successful, it may require SEARD technical assistance for putting together a quality proposal.

## Viet Nam

### Viet Nam Visit (9 -12 December, 2014)

Viet Nam Red Cross with support from IFRC country delegation is developing Contingency plan framework for emergencies health applied for common epidemics in Vietnam. Team member of CSRU attended the Contingency plan workshop 10 -11 December. The workshop was attended by health and DM staff from VNRC, WHO representative and representative from government.

The aim of the contingency plan is to outline the mechanisms, processes, procedures and tools that will enable the VNRC at headquarters, chapters and branches to respond effectively and efficiently in an event of an emergency resulting from disease outbreaks. The contingency plan will focus on major 5 communicable disease experienced in Viet Nam – Malaria, dengue, avian influenza, HFMD and cholera. The draft version of the contingency plan will be ready by end of January, 2015 and will be sent to AP zone and SEARO for feedback. This contingency plan is also in-line with November Pandemic and public health emergency workshop recommendation.



## Cambodia

### World AIDS Day

CSRU supported Cambodian Red Cross (CRC) to observe World AIDS Day. World AIDS Day event was designed by the Cambodian RC Youths, YABC peer educators in Siem Reap branch. Health Department from CRC has supported technically to this team to address the exact theme of 2014 for HIV/AIDS. All Youths designed the banner with the theme of “Zero New HIV infection, Zero Discrimination, Zero AIDS related death, AIDS Free Generation.”

YABC trained 20 youth designed the draft activities on the occasion of World AIDS Day Events. The event targeted 150 Students of Siam Reap high school, and community members from Stueng Thmey Village, Siem Reap. Youth performed Theatre Drama “Discrimination against people living with HIV/AIDS” and Musical Performances with an aim to reduce discrimination for people living with HIV/AIDS.

This event was jointly supported by National Society Development Unit (NSDU) and CSRU of SEARD.

### Coordination and Networking with Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Team member of CSRU from SEARD attended Conference on Measuring and Achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) with ICT in Asia and the Pacific on 2–3 December 2014 in Manila. The conference, gathered around 200 key government officials from health, social protection, finance agencies, academic institutions, and development organizations from over 25 countries. It was co-hosted by ADB, the World Health Organization, and the Asia e-Health Information Network.

ADB aims to boost its annual financing of health-related projects roughly doubling its health assistance of recent years. It is also developing an Operational Plan for Health, with universal health coverage as the overarching goal. ICT will play a big role in the plan.

There can be good opportunity for SEA NSs to promote various technology used by the NSs to reach more vulnerable people. Discussion need to be continued with ADB on pandemic preparedness and public health emergency concept note.

### Publication

A malaria infographic was completed in English language. The graphic was produced to help raise awareness of malaria risk and prevention in communities in the region of Southeast Asia (*screenshot on the right*).

Coverage of regional NS stories in latest edition of AP Voices (Including stories on PMI’s launch of ‘Mobile Rapid Response’ emergency reporting mobile app; a summary of International Day for Disaster Reduction events by Southeast Asia national societies; the success and expansion of the Thai Red Cross’ Adam’s Love HIV/AIDS campaign; and Laos’ Warm for Winter campaign)

A malaria comic was completed in English language, with translations into Laos, Khmer, Vietnamese and Burmese. The comic is targeted at children and raise awareness of malaria risk and prevention in Southeast Asia (*screenshot below*).





### SEA Climate Change training kit

The training materials are being finalized pending approval to create a standardized climate change training pack to be sent to requesting NSs as a training tool that could be tailored differently in accordance to the need aimed for climate smart DRR programming across the region.

The climate change materials consist of 12 sessions, covering basic terminologies; basic science and facts; roles, position and RCRC engagements; health and climate change; climate change adaptation (CCA) and mainstreaming CCA; climate change mitigation; climate finance; early warning early action; miscellaneous: International Research Institute (IRI) and El Nino; gender and climate change; public awareness public education (PAPE); national risk assessment (NRA) and national adaptation plans (NAP); and community risk assessment and mainstreaming. Each of the session typically consists of power point presentation, session plan (describing objective, activity breakdown, materials and duration required), and resources/reference materials as well as group works/exercises.

The methodologies employed in this training include interactive games, mock presentation sessions, and developing of plan of action (on personal and country level along with the support needed).

### Knowledge Information Management (KIM)

The organization of office library was kick-started by cleaning day in which the whole CSRU unit participated in, in order to group documents and share useful documents for collective use. The next step in January is to start the inventory of the documents.

As for the online library at <https://sites.google.com/site/drrtoolsinsoutheastasia/home>, many of the broken links have been reactivated, and the KIM officer is gathering documents for this purpose. T drive could now be accessed as a collaborative tool and the CSRU can now use it to facilitate its professional collaboration.

### Upcoming Events for January and February 2015

Date	Events	Venue
26-27 Jan	Orientation Workshop for School-Based Disaster Risk Reduction	TBC

3-5 February 2015	Regional Resilience Workshop	Bangkok
27 Feb	Consultative process with regional stakeholders in BKK on school safety modules and tools	Bangkok

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