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Regional Community Safety and Resilience Unit (CSRU)

Overview of Activities

SEA RCRC Leadership meeting, 25-27 February, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Chairman of the Regional Community Safety and Resilience Forum (RCSRF) has shared the annual achievements of the forum during SEA RCRC leadership meeting during last week of February in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Revised version of Resilience model has been shared to SEA RCRC leadership. National Societies of the region have identified



Health and DM as pillars of the resilience house and National Society Development (NSD) as the foundation of house. The model of resilience house and elements of pillars and foundation is given below. National Societies has developed the regional Road Map and has been working to translate that road map into country plan.

DM -Pillar	Health-Pillar	NSD- Foundation
DP/Response and Recovery, (Institutional Preparedness like: NDRT, RDRT, Contingency plan, Business continuity plan, Simulation exercise)	CBHFA and WATSAN (Integrated NCD, climate sensitive disease)	Advocacy, Partnerships, Networking
CCA/EWEA (Climate smart activities, linkage with Department of Meteorology and Hydrology for EW message, early warning system, evacuation place)	Emergency Health and PSP (Pandemic Preparedness and emergency PSP)	Volunteer and Youth
DMIS/ Knowledge Sharing	Blood Services and HIV/AIDS	Resource Mobilization
RFL/Migration	Health Care Services (Social welfare)	Integrated Assessment and Planning
Cross- cutting issues: Gender and diversity; Climate change; People with disability; Children , Disaster Law, HD etc.		

Advocacy: On the Road to Sendai – Success Stories



With the close collaboration of National Societies in the South-East Asia region, twenty four success stories, spotlighting National Society efforts in disaster risk reduction, were submitted to the UNISDR-led 'Road to Sendai' campaign. This online campaign is being conducted in the lead up to the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) in Sendai, Japan March 14-18 2015. In conjunction with this, a social media package (including suggested posts and images) is being finalized and will be shared with National Societies in the first week of March.

A screenshot from <http://www.roadtosendai.net/successes>, on the success story from Philippines Red Cross.

The [Road to Sendai website on success stories](http://www.roadtosendai.net/successes) has uploaded the stories from Philippines RC (Typhoon Bopha: How Communication Saved Lives in the Philippines) and from Viet Nam RC (Preparing for Climate Change in Viet Nam).

Below is the list of the success stories and the link leading to the stories:

No	Success Stories
1	When First Aid Training Becomes Personal - Singapore Red Cross
2	Befriending Mr. De Silva - Singapore Red Cross
3	Community Ownership in the Flow of Water - Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia)
4	Planting Mitigation, Harvesting Coffee - Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia)
5	Debunking Myths, Preventing Malaria - Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia)
6	Building A Fortress of Mutual Assistance against Disaster - Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia)
7	Avian Influenza Awareness Campaign - Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia)
8	"Begins with Me"- Integrating DRR into School Education - Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia)
9	Transitional Shelter - Bamboo Houses - Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia)
10	Integrating Women into Community-Based Risk Reduction Projects in Indonesia - Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia)
11	Mangrove Plantation in Viet Nam - Measuring Impact and Cost Benefit by Viet Nam Red Cross
12	Viet Nam Red Cross - Cash Transfer Programming in Emergencies
13	Viet Nam Red Cross Preparing for Climate Change in Viet Nam
14	The Impact of Disaster Risk Reduction Field Sessions by Myanmar Red Cross Society
15	Myanmar Red Cross Society Reaching Out to the New Generation
16	Myanmar Red Cross - Reducing Risks and Mobilising Government Support

17	Myanmar Red Cross - Women Firefighters Help Build Safer Communities
18	Myanmar Red Cross - Classroom Learning Empowers Students and Community
19	Youth Volunteers Champion Road Safety - Cambodian Red Cross
20	Lao Red Cross: Working in Partnership with People Living with HIV
21	Philippines Red Cross - How Communication can Save Lives in the Aftermath of Typhoon Bopha
22	Malaysian Red Crescent Society - Practice Makes Perfect
23	Cruz Vermelha de Timor-Leste - Recovery and Risk Reduction through Livelihood Support
24	Thai Red Cross Society - Resilience and Solidarity in Thailand's 2011 Floods

Regional Resilience Workshop 2015 , 3 – 5 February 2015



Participants Group Photo



Mock stakeholder panel, consisting of a community member, donor representative and NGO to quiz participants on their plans of action



Cambodian RC and Myanmar RC discussing

Conducted in Bangkok, February 3-5, the workshop brought together focal points in disaster risk reduction, disaster law and humanitarian diplomacy/communications from National Societies across South-East Asia, including Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Philippines, Indonesia, Myanmar and Viet Nam. National Societies were also invited to bring a member of their National Disaster Management Agency, which a number were able to arrange.

As part of the Regional Resilience Initiative, the overall aim of the workshop was to build skills in conducting advocacy for disaster risk reduction – at a country and regional level – and also evaluate how the Red Cross Red Crescent can continue its engagement from AMCDRR to Sendai and the International Conference in 2015. This work continues.

Annual Planning for the Regional Resilience Initiative 2015

This planning was the focus activity in February, in preparation for the Steering Committee Meeting to be held on 2 March 2015. As of end February, eight National Societies submitted their plans of action with priority activities to be supported for each of the four components of the initiative (CSR, Humanitarian Diplomacy / Communications, Gender and Diversity as well as Disaster law). The team held a series of internal meetings to review all proposed activities against the overall plan of the RRI and assess its overall feasibility. A draft Annual Work Plan was formulated, it will be discussed at the Steering Committee Meeting (involving Canadian Red Cross and the Canadian

Government). Feedback will be provided to each National Society in March, with in some cases a need for further clarification to be provided on the proposed activities.



PMI meeting on RRI planning (DM, Health, OD, Communications, training unit, and planning bureau, with IFRC country delegation colleagues)

Opening Ceremony of ACE Programme Second Batch - 16 February 2015



AHA Centre Executive (ACE) Programme Second Batch 2015



Opening ceremony the Programme

Following the Joint Action Plan aiming to enhance the collaboration between Red Cross Red Crescent and the AHA Centre to build resilience in Southeast Asia, IFRC, as a resource organization, was invited to witness the *Opening Ceremony of ACE Programme Second Batch 2015* conducted on 16 February 2015 in Jakarta. 3 colleagues from IFRC Indonesia delegation and IFRC SEARD attended this symbolic event.

The AHA Centre Executive (ACE) Programme aims to provide capacity building for professionals from National Disaster Management Offices (NDMOs) of ASEAN Member States who wish to pursue a career in disaster management. 16 NDMOs from Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam are participating in the second batch of the 6-month Programme, considered the most intensive disaster management training in the region.

'Broadening Our Social Media Engagement' Webinar 26 February 2015



Co-facilitated with IFRC Geneva, this webinar was hosted by IFRC Asia-Pacific Zone Delegation. The goal is to encourage more staff and volunteers to individually engage with Twitter. This social media platform allows National Societies to show the work that is being done (particularly via updates from the field), to share/demonstrate knowledge and expertise and to raise the voice of the community (at certain times, if done strategically, to really bring that voice to the attention of decision-makers and influencers). Around 35 participants from Asia Pacific zone participated, from South Asia IFRC Regional Delegation, Maldives RC, Bangladesh RC, Indonesia RC and Nepal RC.

The next Twitter Webinar is scheduled for Thursday March 26, 2015, and will be a practical training on setting up a Twitter account, learning what and how to tweet, as well as other mysteries such as hashtags (#).

Participation on WMO/ESCAP Joint Session of Panel on Tropical Cyclones and Typhoon Committee



Opening of the conference



Participants from Thailand and Malaysia, with the latter holding IFRC Community Resilience Framework

The Conference was held from 9 – 13 February 2015 in Bangkok. Both Panel on Tropical Cyclones (PTC) and Typhoon Committee (TC) are intergovernmental organization established under the auspices of ESCAP and WMO. TC is composed of 14 Members: Cambodia; China; Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Hong Kong, China; Japan; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Macao, China; Malaysia; the Philippines; Republic of Korea; Singapore; Thailand;

Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the United States of America. While the PTC is composed of eight Members: Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Myanmar, Oman, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

Both of the organizations are regional bodies consisting of three main components (and thus working groups): METEOROLOGY, HYDROLOGY and DRR, with the main aim to coordinate measures to reduce loss of lives and properties.

Potential areas of collaboration identified between IFRC and the Panel of Tropical Cyclone and Typhoon Committee includes permanent attendance in the PTC annual session and inclusion of IFRC in Working Group on Disaster Risk Reduction, distribution of Information and Communication (IEC) materials and reviving the Working Group on Disaster Risk Reduction of Panel on Tropical Cyclones.

Tsunami Residual Fund (TRF)- Thailand

The Thai Red Cross is busy with the *Preparation Meeting for Command Post Exercise (CPX) which is setting during 23-24; March 2015 at Boat Lagoon Hotel and Resort, Phuket. Participants of the meeting will come from relevant TRC bureaux, DDPM Provincial Offices and Provincial Red Cross Chapter in 6 Andaman coastal provinces, and National Disaster Warning Center.*

Post Emergency – Flood Preparedness Programme



Warehouse/storage location for water purification units and flat-bottomed boats

Activity - Community Safety and Resilience(CSR) Pilot Project

- § The Thai Red Cross(TRC) conducted the orientation workshop on baseline survey questionnaire for CSR Pilot project in Chachengsao province. The participants were from the health volunteer of each village.
- § The baseline survey was conducted by health volunteers of each village in 16 communities. This baseline aims to analysis the capacity and vulnerability of each village, then TRC will implement the project based on the information from this baseline survey and from vulnerability capacity assessment (VCA).

Activity 1.6 Build Warehouse/Storage Location for Water Purification Units and Flat-bottomed boats

- § The construction of Warehouse/storage for Water Purification vehicles and flat bottomed boats is already completed. This warehouse is a place where the technicians can perform the repair and maintenance services, both flat bottomed boats and water purification vehicles are in ready to use condition. In additional TRC, will use this place as a training place.

Activity 1.7.3 Purchase Warehouse Equipment to support the Relief Assistance Operations

- § The equipment (for example: Hydraulic stacker, Plastic Pallet , Manual Lift Table, etc) to support the relief assistance operation was supplied in the Warehouse. Then RCHB will disseminate the equipment to respective Health Stations afterward.

Activity 4.1 Flood Disaster Preparedness Volunteer Network for University and College Level Students

- § The Thai Red Cross, Nursing college together with 10 Universities(including Colleges) in Bangkok promoted the preparedness for flooding disasters by providing the training to volunteers students from universities. Then the Volunteers network students implemented flood preparedness program at their own universities or communities.
- § The knowledge sharing forum for students from different universities was conducted to exchange the ideas and share success stories from flood disaster preparedness volunteer network program.

IFRC support TRC to translate the Community-based Psychosocial Support Participants' guidebook and trainer guidebook. The selection of translator is already done by February. The final Thai Version will be ready in May 2015. TRC will use this manual to train TRC staff.

Participation in Technical Consultation of Comprehensive School Safety

IFRC Representative participated in Technical Consultation of Comprehensive School Safety (CSS) meeting from 19-20 February 2015 in Bangkok. The meeting conducted by Save the Children together with Global Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction & Resilience in the Education Sector. The objective of this meeting is to have inputs and to develop consensus in order to finalize a concept note with road map for establishing global targets and indicators for CSS for adaptation at regional and national levels and for data collection at the school level.

IFRC provided the comment for the draft key target and indicators especially for Pillars 1 and 2 on national/sub national level. This draft will be shared at the World Conference Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) in Sendai.

Knowledge and Information Management



The online library at <https://sites.google.com/site/drrtoolsinsoutheastasia/home> is work in progress with constant updating. Similarly, inventory of SEARD office library (hard copy) .

The month of February has seen some change in the staffing structure. Process to replace Regional Health Officer has been completed. The new person will join team from 1st April. Similarly the recruitment of Gender Focal Person has been successful, and the newly recruited will be on board starting from 1st March 2015.

Publication

- § Epidemic Control for Volunteers (ECV) Case Studies from Myanmar and Indonesia are underway and completed during second quarter of 2015..
- § Social Capital Infographic is underway to develop understanding of NS middle manager on the concept of Social capital. This publication can be reached to NS by end of second quarter.
- § Thai RC and IFRC are working with professional editor and translator on the translation of SPHERE document of 2011 from English to Thai. The draft version has been proof-read from the editor and translator. The final draft has been shared to in-country stakeholders before printing for their feedback.

Upcoming Events for March and April 2015

2-3 March 2015	Steering Committee of Regional Resilience Initiative	Bangkok
14 – 16 March 2015	Climate Change Adaptation Training for Malaysian Red	Kuching, Sarawak

	Crescent Staff	
13 March 2015	Media Relations Training	Online
23 March 2015	Consultative Process with country stakeholders on school safety modules and tools	Yangon
30 March-31 March	RDRT Task force meeting	KL
26 March 2015	Webinar on practical training of using Twitter	Online
Tbc	Photo Tour to Laos to Capture Activities in DRR (TBC)	Laos
TBC	Regional Community Safety and Resilience Forum meeting	TBC
3- 4 , June	Regional Disaster Law Workshop	Bangkok

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