

Regional Community Safety and Resilience Unit (CSRU)

Overview of activities for the month of January 2015

Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on HIV and AIDS

The Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on HIV and AIDS was convened by ESCAP, in cooperation with UNAIDS, UNDP and other relevant United Nations entities, from 28 to 30 January 2015 at the United Nations Conference Center in Bangkok. Representative of SEARD attended this three days conference. The Meeting was convened in pursuance of the 2011 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS: Intensifying Our Efforts to Eliminate HIV and AIDS, which mandates the regional commissions to conduct periodic, inclusive reviews of national efforts and progress to combat HIV, and in accordance with the ESCAP Roadmap to 2015 endorsed by the 2012 Asia-Pacific High-Level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Assessment of Progress against Commitments in the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS and the Millennium Development Goals. Following were key objectives of the meeting:

- To assess national progress and to exchange multi-sectoral experiences in meeting the commitments contained in the 2011 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS and in ESCAP resolutions 66/10 and 67/9;
- To evaluate the outcomes of national reviews of policy and legal barriers to universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support in pursuance of ESCAP resolution 67/9 and consider enhancing regional cooperation; and
- To review measures to enhance the financial sustainability and effectiveness of HIV and AIDS responses.

Regional Resilience Workshop



Much preparation was made in the course of this month for 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. To enhance our message, the National Societies invited their respective counterparts in the National Disaster Management Agencies, and collectively discussed how we

can better engage with ASEAN. Click to view the [concept note](#), [agenda](#) of the workshop.

School Based Disaster Risk Reduction(SBDRR)

CSRU organized the Orientation Workshop on module & tools for National Societies: Enhancing Basic Skills on Implementation of School Based Disaster Risk Reduction Program on 26-27 January 2015 in Ubon Ratchathani, Thailand.



Participants' photo of the SBDRR Orientation Workshop



School Visit



The objectives of workshop were:

- to develop an understanding on the basic process of Implementing School Based Disaster Risk Reduction,
- to understand the roles and responsibilities of the key stakeholders under school safety program,
- to help participants understand the importance of teaching and non-teaching aids in the school safety and
- to help participants develop their road map to school safety.

In total there were 20 participants: 1 from Lao RC , 1 from CRC, 4 from Myanmar RC, 7 from TRC (5 from TRC National Office and 2 from Ubon Ratchathani Health Station), 3 from IFRC, 1 from VNRC, 1 from CVTL, 1 from PRC, and 1 from PMI.

The workshop was conducted in a discussion format with a simulation (part of the exercise carried out in an actual school site), so that participants gained hands-on experience of some of the tools in the school environment and understand the key challenges faced during the implementation of school safety programme. The expected outcome of the workshop was that the participants have a clear picture of how to implement the SBDRR project and which stakeholder should be involved, also the important role of RCRC to work with school.

Click to view the [Agenda of the workshop](#), [concept note](#) and [Draft of Tools and Methodologies for School Safety](#), and [more information and presentations in the workshop](#).

Regional Cooperation

One RDRT of WATSAN has mobilized to support Malaysian Red Crescent Society flood operation. RDRT member has been seconded by Indonesia Red Cross Society. There could be an opportunity to mobilize additional RDRT- Health in coming days to support Malaysian Red Crescent Society.

Post-Emergency Preparedness Operation 2012-2015

The extension of post emergency preparedness operation has been completed in January with Thai Red Cross Society. The new agreement will be effective till end of December, 2015. The scopes of the agreement focus in institutional preparedness as well as community resilience.

SPHERE Book Translation and Printing

Thai RC and IFRC are working with professional editor and translator on the translation of SPHERE document-2011 from English to Thai. Most of the work has been completed (80 per cent), except a few section to be edited before the proof-reading phase, final feedback from other in country stakeholders before the guidelines could be printed.

Tsunami Residual Fund

Thai RC Relief and Community Health Bureau is preparing Command Post Exercise (CPX), Integrated Mock Exercise preparation meeting and the TRC College of Nursing is preparing a workshop on Experience Sharing among Community Leaders which will be conducted during the first quarter of 2015. The venue and agenda are to be finalized.

Documentation of our contributions

The documentation process on the contribution of NSs to the HFA and AADMER is also ongoing:

- In Myanmar, the reporting process is under finalization and a coordination meeting was held with the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) in Bangkok on 8 January to discuss the final steps of the process. Recommendations were provided to the country team and the final meeting should be held in Bangkok to agree on last formatting requirements.
- In Thailand, the consultant presented the final drafts to the TRCS team in both English and Thai. The documents are now pending endorsement by the Thai Red Cross before graphic design and printing.
- In Indonesia, the recruitment process for the consultant was finalized in January and the data collection process is due to start early February.
- Philippines should also be launching the process in the coming weeks.

Printing of Technical Documents

CSRU has reprinted many documents that are available to NSs upon request. The following is the list of the reprinted documents:

1. Disaster Risk Reduction – A Global Advocacy Guide, IFRC, Geneva, 2012
2. IFRC Framework for Community Resilience, IFRC, Geneva, 2014
3. Infographic: What is a community?
4. Infographic: Resilience
5. Infographic: Resilience at multiple levels
6. Infographic: What is a resilient community?
7. Disaster Law – South-East Asia Snapshot, IFRC, Bangkok, 2015
8. Introduction to the Guidelines for the domestic facilitation and regulation of international disaster relief and initial recovery assistance
9. Effective law and regulation for disaster risk reduction: a multi-country report – Summary, UNDP and IFRC, 2014
10. International Disaster Response Law (IDRL) in Indonesia – An analysis of the impact and implementation of Indonesia's legal framework for international disaster assistance, IFRC, Geneva, 2014
11. Viet Nam: Country Case Study Report – How Law and Regulation Support Disaster Risk Reduction, IFRC, Geneva, 2014
12. IFRC Strategy on Violence Prevention, Mitigation and Response – Fact Sheet
13. IFRC Strategy on Violence Prevention, Mitigation and Response – Questions + Answers



14. A Guide for Parliamentarians to the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, IFRC, Geneva, 2012



Knowledge Information Management (KIM)



The online library at

<https://sites.google.com/site/drrtoolsinsoutheastasia/home>
is being updated, especially on the pages of:

- § [ASEAN](#) containing information on AHA Centre, ARDEX (ASEAN Regional Disaster Emergency Response Simulation Exercise), ASEAN Disaster Info Network, ASEAN Regional Forum, ASEAN Regional Forum Disaster Relief Exercise (ARF DiREx), ERAT and SASOP.
- § [ASEAN School Safety Initiative](#) (ASSI) containing ASSI Workshop and its presentations
- § [RDRT](#) containing the update from the last RDRT Technical Working Group from October 2014
- § [IEC materials](#): containing the latest publications such as: 1. Comic booklets in pdf entitled 'Preparing for Disasters' in many disaster situations: Typhoon and Cyclones, Drought, Earthquakes, Fire, Flood, Hygiene Promotion, Tsunami and Malaria Prevention in Khmer, Lao, Burmese, Tetum, Vietnamese and Thai, and English and 2. Mr. Radar video in English and Thai.

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Upcoming Events for February and March 2015

3-5 February 2015	Regional Resilience Workshop	Bangkok
19-20 Feb	Consultative process with regional stakeholders in BKK on school safety modules and tools	Bangkok
23 March	Consultative process with country stakeholders in Yangon on school safety modules and tools	Yangon



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