

REGIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY AND RESILIENCE

Monthly Update – October 2015



Simulation exercise during International Day for Disaster Reduction by Viet Nam Red Cross

International Day for Disaster Reduction



Talk Show organized by Indonesian RC



DDPM (Department of Disaster Prevention) Simulation in Thailand



CVTL target communities presenting their risk maps for the Minister of Social Solidarity

International Day for Disaster Reduction, celebrated regionally as ASEAN Day for Disaster Management, was marked in October by National Societies across Southeast Asia, including Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Viet Nam. Activities were wide and varied, including disaster simulations, a launch of the World Disaster Report: focus on local actors (Viet Nam red Cross), film screenings (Myanmar Red Cross Society), photo exhibitions (Lao Red Cross), workshops on

disaster law (Cambodian Red Cross), the role of indigenous knowledge in disaster risk reduction (Philippine Red Cross) and even talk shows (Indonesian Red Cross). The day was a great opportunity to join hands with governments, partner organisations, schools and communities to promote the importance of disaster risk reduction, preparedness and resilience.

Southeast Asia Regional Gender and Diversity Training of Trainers



Group photo

Group discussion/debate Group activity and discussion

A Southeast Asia Regional Gender and Diversity Training of Trainers (TOT) was held between 5-8th October in Bangkok, Thailand. Twenty five participants attended from 10 National Societies in Southeast Asia, as well as representatives from five PNS in the region and IFRC representatives from the Pacific and Indonesia. The key outcomes of the training included:

1. Increased gender and diversity knowledge and understanding of key concepts and issues related with gender and diversity as well as IFRC's frameworks and approaches.
2. A reference pool of gender and diversity trainers in Southeast Asia is created within the region.
3. Increased awareness of gender and diversity tools and resources through the [gender and diversity for resilience resource library](#).



Field visit to Singburi Province to discuss and learn from the community members about their needs and priorities during disasters

The TOT was based on the standards outlined in the [IFRC's Minimum standard commitments to gender and diversity in emergency programming](#) and the comprised of interactive group activities highlighting the importance of gender and diversity and sessions to develop the skills required for training others. An importance was placed on violence prevention and [sexual and gender-based violence](#) with representatives from the Canadian Red Cross and United Nations holding training sessions on these topics. A field visit, organized with the Thai Red Cross, provided an opportunity to experience practically how gender and diversity can be integrated within community-based DRR programmes to increase overall community resilience to disasters. Participants had the opportunity to speak with community members about their needs and priorities during disasters and how these needs were met.

First Annual Southeast Asia Regional Gender and Diversity Network Meeting



On 9th October the Southeast Asia Gender and Diversity Network held their first annual meeting. The meeting was attended by 11 gender and diversity focal points/representatives; 10 from SEA National Societies as well as a representative from the Pacific. The SEA Gender and Diversity Network has been gaining momentum over the past year having been endorsed by the leadership of SEA National Societies between May and August. This meeting was the first time focal points met face-to-face and it provided the opportunity to discuss expectations from the network as well as create a plan of action for the coming months.

Group photo for the meeting attached: apologies to Khun Chamnong, Thai Red Cross Gender and Diversity Focal Point who does not appear but was in attendance earlier in the meeting

ASEAN Safe Schools Initiative (ASSI)

A [Regional Consultation Workshop](#) on the “ASEAN Common Framework for Comprehensive School Safety, School Disaster Risk Management Guideline and School HVCA Tools” was held on 22-23 October 2015, in Vientiane, Lao PDR. This event was jointly-led by the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) and the Senior Officials Meeting on Education (SOM-ED), and hosted by the Government of Lao PDR, Co-Chair for the ACDM Prevention & Mitigation Working Group, and Chair for the SOM-ED.

Representatives from Lao Red Cross and IFRC attended this two-day regional consultation workshop gathering key actors and stakeholders on school safety in the ASEAN region to review and provide feedback for the enhancement of the ASSI regional resources/tools. The workshop was also a great venue for discussion, updating, and knowledge sharing among the ASEAN stakeholders on the ways forward for school safety efforts in the region vis-a-vis new regional and global developments on disaster risk reduction. The next step for ASSI at the regional level will be held in Phnom Penh in December with potentially the endorsement of the framework and tools by ASEAN Member States.

Rights of the Migrants in Action: Information Session and Call for Proposals | 15 October 2015, Bangkok

IFRC Southeast Asia Regional Delegation (SEARD) organized an Information Session on the *Rights of Migrants in Action* project that coincided with the launch of the Call for Proposals for Civil Society Organizations (CSO). The objective of the meeting was two-fold, to brief attendees about the Rights of Migrants in Action project and to provide technical assistance to civil society organizations prior to the launch of the Call for Proposals. (*Meeting report is available upon request*) With this in mind, the morning session was focused on briefing participants on the objectives of the Rights of Migrants in Action project whereas in the afternoon participants were invited to attend the capacity building session on Project Planning Process and Proposal Writing delivered by PMER Advisor from Swedish Red Cross.

A total of 22 participants, including 14 females and 8 males, attended the meeting and had an opportunity to learn about the DEVCO-cofounded project and ask questions relating to the Call for Proposals. Organizations present included IFRC, Thai Red Cross Society, Civil Society Organizations, research experts, regional networks and UN agencies. In the welcoming remarks delivered by Ms Anne E. Leclerc, Head of IFRC Southeast Asia Regional Delegation an importance of

teaming up with local actors, including civil society organizations, when addressing multi-faceted challenges surrounding migration was emphasized. Ms Leclerc also placed a special focus on the convening role of National Societies of Red Cross Red Crescent particularly with regards to promoting collaboration amongst local actors to ensure greater complementarity of efforts. Further Ms. Leclerc explained the added value of the cluster approach that has been selected for the project in Thailand and explained its modus operandi. Namely, Thailand, given its role as a regional hub and a major migrant receiving country in the region, is identified as a central country of the cluster with Cambodia, Lao and Viet Nam as invited countries.



The Right of Migrants in Action project aims to promote and protect the human rights of migrants in targeted countries, migration corridors and regions through a globally coordinated civil society action, focusing on migrant domestic workers and victims of human trafficking. To learn more please visit www.ifrc.org



Information Session on the Rights of Migrants in Action project launched the Call for Proposals for Civil Society Organizations.

All information related to the DEVCO project, Call for Proposals, meeting documents, including the DEVCO promotional video and presentations can be accessed at the [Online Library](#) of IFRC SEARD.

Post Emergency – Flood Preparedness Programme

Lesson learnt workshop



The Post Emergency preparedness program has reached to the end of project. Thai Red Cross conducted lesson learnt workshop from 15 – 16 October 2016. The objective of this lesson learnt workshop was to learn from experiences of project implementers and strengthen the project management knowledge of Thai RC. There were 60 participants, representatives of each bureau (who implement the project) of TRC, beneficiaries from communities and youth volunteers, and representatives of IFRC.

By the end of workshop participants were able to anticipate the project's success and its problems, obstacles and being able to find the solutions, to speculate how to implement projects in the future with more creatively and quality, to share negative and positive experience from project implementations and to understand the cooperation between IFRC and TRC. In addition, TRC has increased their skill and competency to deal with difficult challenges for project implementation.

The lesson learnt workshop report will be completed by the beginning of November. The following is overall summary of the key findings:

What went well under the program:

TRC's staff have:

- Increased capacity and confidence through various trainings
- Enhanced the program management of staffs, such as planning, budgeting, and reporting.
- Increased the understanding of international operation standards.
- Built the relationship among TRC's staff (different bureaus). Thai RC is a big organization and has many bureaus this project bring the implementers together to solve problems, especially for procurement and financial issue under this project.
- Enhanced responsibility capacity through leadership development within TRCS to coordinate large scale response and stronger engagement of all TRCs bureaus in preparedness and response efforts
- Increased the engagement and commitment of leadership

Beneficiaries/Volunteers have:

- Increased the engagement of Youth volunteers in communities
- Increased peer-to-peer learning among youth in education sectors
- Enhanced responsibility of community members and community committees to undertake the DRR programme in their communities.
- Strengthened relationship between communities and local governments agencies

Institution:

- Increased visibility of Thai RC in Thailand and region
- Strengthened institutional readiness through acquiring cutting edge systems such as GIS, Warehouse, Communication:
- Created a collective responsibility for disaster resilience (social capital) in community through activities like creating brochures, IEC materials, CBDRR, community reporters, and youth development
- Achieved stronger partnership and networking with various government agencies

Psychosocial Training for Community Leaders | Community Preparedness Program Phang-Nga



Thai RC conducted a Psychosocial Support (PSS) training for community leaders under community preparedness program in Phang Nga province. The training objective was to train basic PSS skills to the communities member under the program eg. first aid division, community leaders, and locals authorities in the communities. There were 25 participants from 5 communities of Phrathong Island, Panyee Island, Baan Hin Rhom, Baan Tha Pak Wang and Baan Kao Pi Lai.

The selection of key contents for the training were Crisis and psychosocial supports, Stress and how to handle stress, Loss and grief, Psychosocial supports at community level and Psychological First Aid and human support (communication).

Search and Rescue Training | Community Preparedness Program - Phang-Nga



TRC and Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation(DDPM) conducted search and rescue training for community committee and members. The objective of this training was to teach committee members from search and rescue division on how to use equipment with speed and safety. There were only 13 participants from 3 communities attended the training (targeted number was 30 participants from 5 communities)

Coordination/meeting with Stakeholders

Thailand Safe school Network conducted the meeting on 2nd October 2015, at UNICEF office. The meeting was to update program from members in order to collaboration/coordination for school based program from each member. UNICEF and Save the Children were the main focal person to coordinate directly with Office of the Basic Education commission, Ministry of Education in Thailand

IFRC representative attended in this meeting and shared the information about [School Safety Handbook](#) and School Based Pilot Project in Myanmar. For Thailand, Thai RC has not started the pilot project, however there is a possibility to implement in 2016. The member of Thailand safe school network are UNICEF, Save the Children, Raks Thai, Right to Play, Plan International, ADPC, DDPM, Thai RC and IFRC.

Tsunami Residual Fund

Final evaluation for Tsunami Residual Fund Project is on process. The data collection in selected 12 implemented sites in Bangkok, Trang and Phuket were done during 24-29 September 2015. The selected sites represent outcomes of 4 objectives of the project; 1) Communities at risk have increased their response capacity; 2) The level of institutional disaster response preparedness of TRCS has increased; 3) The level of disaster response preparedness at community level has increased and; 4) TRCS has increased its capacity in PMER through trained staff. The presentation of data collection findings was conducted on 13 October 2015, chaired by Mr. Sawanit Kongsiri, Thai Red Cross Assistant to Secretary General for External Relations, with participation from IFRC CSRU and 7 Thai Red Cross implementing bureaus for data verification and feedback. The final report is expected by end of November 2015.



Presentation of data collection findings on 13 October 2015



Data collection in implemented sites 24-29 September 2015

Vietnam

Raise Awareness of Disaster Risk Reduction Practitioners in Vietnam on Red Cross contribution to Disaster Management



Participants at the workshop uphold the ASEAN motto: "One Vision, One Identity, One Community."

As part of the DIPECHO 9 project, on 31 October 2015, in Hue, Vietnam, the Viet Nam Red Cross Society, in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the German Red Cross and the Spanish Red Cross, organized the regional workshops for Central and Highland provinces to introduce the draft regulation to implement the government community-based disaster risk management (CBDRM) programme and the results of the amended vulnerability and capacity assessment (VCA), and on enhancing the effectiveness of the provincial disaster response teams (PDRTs).

At the event, the Disaster Management Centre provided an overview of the five-year implementation of the CBDRM programme and the plan for the last phase of the project, 2016 to 2020. The Japanese International Cooperation Agency shared the CBDRM project which is implemented in collaboration with the Disaster Management Centre in four Central provinces of Vietnam. The Viet Nam Red Cross Society also provided an overview of its support to the government CBDRM programme and the amended VCA tools and guidelines. It also shared an overview of its disaster preparedness and response mechanism at the headquarters and branch levels, as well as the global mechanism of the IFRC.

The workshop also provided the platform for representatives from relevant provincial authorities to share the disaster preparedness and response mechanism in their locality, as well as their challenges and concerns in implementing the CBDRM programme.

Exchange visit between Nepal Red Cross Society to Viet Nam Red Cross Society

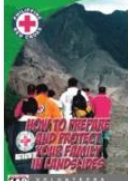
Between 27 and 29 October, four delegates from the Nepal Red Cross Society disaster management department visited the Viet Nam Red Cross Society for a study tour to share the disaster management activities and mechanisms of the two National Societies. The Nepal delegation paid a visit to Nam Dinh province, where the Red Cross Chapter is implementing the Mangrove Plantation – Disaster Risk Reduction project as well as the Vietnam Forest and Delta project supported by the American Red Cross. During the trip, the delegation visited mangrove sites and other related community activities including disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation education for school children.


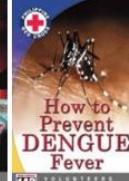




Knowledge and Information Management






- Early Warning
- Well Prepared National Societies (WPNS)
- ▼ School Based Risk Reduction
 - ASEAN Safe School Initiative (ASSI)
- Events
- ▼ Gender and Diversity
 - Regional Gender and Diversity Training of Trainers 2015
 - ▼ Welcome to the Gender and Diversity for Resilience Resource library!
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 - Community Engagement and Accountability
 - Frameworks and Policies
 - Human Resources
 - ▼ National Society Assessments
 - Gender Audit Handbook
 - Gender Capacity Assessment Matrix
 - Organisational Gender Assessment Tool
 - Violence against Women Self-Assessment Tool
 - Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting
 - Training
- Global Road Safety Program
- Health
- ▼ Migration
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 - Regional Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue | Jan 2015
 - ▼ Rights of Migrants in Action
 - About the project
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- Sitemap

Volunteers Toolkit Series:











- [How to Prepare and Protect Your Family in Landslides](#)
- [How to Survive Flash Floods](#)
- [How to Protect Yourself from Fire and its Hazards](#)
- [How to Prevent Dengue Fever](#)
- [How to Prevent Malaria in Your Community](#)
- [How to Prevent Diarrhea in Your Community](#)

- [How to Build Your Own Family Survival Kit](#)
- [How to Prevent Accidents at Home](#)
- [How to Promote Voluntary Blood Donation in Your Community](#)
- [How to Organize a Red Cross Dissemination Session in Your Community](#)
- [Volunteers Guide on How to Use the Toolkits](#)

School Based Resources:



Workbook – Primary Students | Workbook – Intermediate Students | Flipcharts – Teachers | Flipcharts – Volunteers

A snapshot of Online Library on Philippine Red Cross page at <https://sites.google.com/site/drrtoolsinsoutheastasia/countries/philippines>

The SEA RCRC societies online library at <https://sites.google.com/site/drrtoolsinsoutheastasia> will be improved with more participatory and user-friendly features, including crowdsourcing, different levels of accessibility allowing contributors, mobile device compatibility, embedding disaster alert and automatic translation tool.

The new domain address will be announced at the training and launching. For this purpose, the Bangkok office has worked closely with Geneva office web expert.

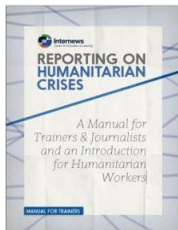
The library is work in progress with constant updating. There is an increase of number of users visiting the library, now reaching 440 users and 2,747 page views during the month of October, with the most viewed pages:

- [Devco call for proposals](#),
- [Gender and Diversity for Resilience Resource Library](#),
- [Regional Gender and Diversity Training of Trainers](#).

And most viewed from audiences/practitioners from Thailand, Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia and United States.

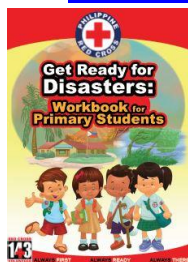
New additions include:

- More resources on [Community Engagement](#)



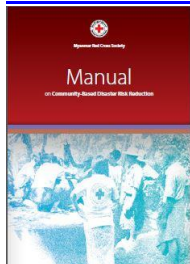
1. [Reporting on Humanitarian Crises: A Manual for Trainers & Journalists and an Introduction for Humanitarian Workers](#)
2. [Conflict Sensitive Reporting: A Toolbox for Journalists](#)
3. [Reporting Atrocities: A Toolbox for Journalists Covering Violent Conflict and Atrocities](#)
4. [Starting a Local Radio Station: A Manual for Afghanistan](#)
5. [Teaching Radio Journalists to Report on HIV: A Manual for Trainers](#)

- More [IEC materials from Philippine RC](#) (on this page you will find all related documents of the paragraph below) :



1. **Get Ready for Disasters series** (Workbook for Primary Students, Workbook for Intermediate Students, Flipcharts for Teachers, Flipcharts for Volunteers)
2. **Risk Land Board Game** and Rules
3. **Disaster Preparedness Posters in Filipino** (on Mangrove, Trees, Typhoon, Earthquake, Fire, Flood) and **Disaster Preparedness Comic**.
4. **Volunteers Toolkit series** (Landslides, floods, fire, dengue, malaria, diarrhea, building family survival kit, prevent accidents, promote blood donation, organize dissemination session, and how to use the toolkits).

- [CBDRR resources from Myanmar RC](#) (on this page you will find all related documents of the paragraph below)



1. **Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction (CBDRR) Manual**, Step-by-step Methodology, Facilitator Guide, Participants Handbook
2. **Case Studies** on CBDRR Practice,
3. Power point **presentations** on CBDRR

- More [IEC materials from Myanmar RC](#) (on this page you will find all related documents) :



1. [Water storage - save water while you can](#)
2. [Steps to safe drinking water](#)
3. [Save and reuse water](#)
4. [Value and maintaining water sources](#)

Thank you for providing us with resources which we could share in the online library from the National Societies and other partners. To reach us, please contact angeline.tandiono@ifrc.org

Publications



[Brief Report of the Regional Community Safety and Resilience Forum 2015](#), with:

Annex 1 – Agenda and participant list

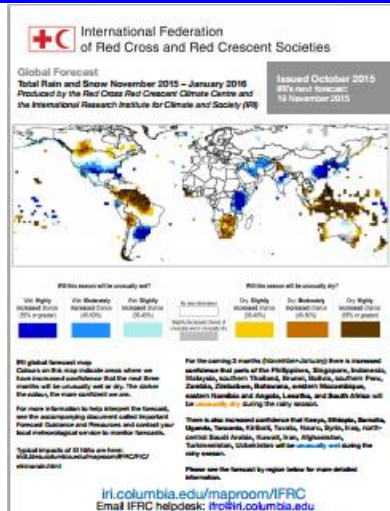
Annex 2 – Interest map for regional learning and sharing

Annex 3 – Road map for regional collaboration

To read about the Regional Community Safety and Resilience Forum 2015, go to this [link](#).

Weather Forecast

IFRC IRI's Forecast for November 2015 to January 2016



Indonesia | Malaysia | Philippines | Brunei | Increased chance of **unusually dry** conditions during the rainy season.

Parts of **Philippines | Indonesia | Malaysia** | Brunei | southern Thailand | will be **unusually dry** during the rainy season this November-January.

*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](#)

Upcoming Events for November and December 2015

9-12 November	DRR Introduction to Resilience	Hua Hin, Thailand
23-25 November	8 th DRR Practitioners workshop	Thailand
24-26 November	Social Media Learning Exchange	Indonesia
24-27 November	Asia-Pacific DM and Resilience Reference Group meeting	Bangkok
30 November	TBC – DRR lessons learning workshop in Hanoi	Hanoi
01 December	DIPECHO 17-years Review Workshop	Hanoi
16-17 December	ASEAN Regional Conference on School Safety	Phnom Penh
December	TBC - TOT on Climate Change	Hanoi



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