

REGIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY AND RESILIENCE

Monthly Update – September 2015



ASEAN Youth Volunteer Program with IFRC support in Cambodia

Engaging in the ASEAN School Safety Initiative | 3 – 4 September 2015



On 3-4 September, the Prevention and Mitigation Working Group under the ASEAN Committee for Disaster Management (ACDM) held its meeting in Bangkok, chaired by Thailand. The two-day event consisted of both closed door meetings for ASEAN Member States representatives and open sessions with partners. IFRC prepared a short document highlighting the Red Cross Red Crescent contribution to the ASEAN School Safety Initiative (ASSI), calling governments to strengthen their existing partnerships with National Societies on this important topic, as well as pledging to continue aligning our tools and approaches with other partners. See the document [here](#). IFRC was also present at the event and showcased the RCRC tools to meeting participants through a booth. To read more about RCRC engagement in ASSI, visit [SEA RCRC online library](#).

Meeting with AHA Centre to review the Red Cross Red Crescent contribution to the AHA Centre Executive (ACE) Programme

On 16 September, the Bangkok office received the visit of three AHA Centre colleagues who provided feedback to IFRC on the [RCRC Induction held in Semarang \(Indonesia\) in April 2015](#) as well as the subsequent field visits organized in Solo, Yogyakarta and Padang for the participants coming from 8 National Disaster Management Offices throughout ASEAN. The feedback was very positive and PMI was thanked for hosting the activities. It was agreed that the collaboration was to be continued in 2016 or the next batch of the ACE Programme, planned to start in March 2016. This will include both organizing an RCRC induction course for participants (comprising in-class sessions and field visits) and welcoming RCRC participants in some key modules of the ACE Programme. IFRC will be planning involvement and providing an initial concept to the AHA Centre by end of 2015.

Technical Working Group for the Regional Resilience Initiative (RRI)

On 22 September, the Technical Working Group was held in Bangkok with the presence of Canadian Red Cross as well as all technical focal points of the office. The meeting is organized quarterly to review the implementation of the RRI in the past months and plan ahead of the next months. Representatives from PMI and AHA Centre joined the meeting through phone calls to highlight some key successes under the initiative, such as the collaboration with AHA Centre and the recent deployment of a PMI colleague to Myanmar as an ASEAN Emergency Rapid Assessment Team (ERAT) member.

Risk Communications for Public Health Emergencies: Bridging the National Mechanism with Healthcare Workers, 2 – 4 September 2015 | Langkawi, Malaysia



The Asia-Europe Foundation organized a multi-country risk communications workshop comprised of representatives from the Asian and European Region. A total of 53 senior representatives from several countries attended the workshop. One of the aims of the ASEF is to provide continued support for capacity building in the area of risk communications, as one of the essential IHR (2005) core capacities. This workshop is a product of ongoing efforts of the Asia-Europe Foundation's Public Health Network (PHN), supported by the Government of Japan and hosted by the Ministry of Health Malaysia. The goal was to empower and support countries in the Asian and European regions to effectively manage and respond to public health emergencies, while bridging the gap between national mechanisms and the healthcare workers who operate within them.

Objectives of the workshop were:

- To identify the core elements that facilitate and/or hinder reflecting the voices from healthcare workers in national risk communications strategies
- To develop recommendations for strengthening national risk communication strategies that incorporate needs from both national authorities and healthcare workers



The outcomes and recommendations for strengthening national risk communication strategies:

Risk Management Transparency Priorities

- Rapid approval of warnings and advisories
- Adherence to decision making principles—in a regulation, policy or guideline

Communication Coordination Priorities

- Identification/engagement of focal points
- Communication coordination structure
- Sharing risk communication messages and strategies during a serious public health event

Listening and Dialogue Priorities

- Gathering/processing the views and perceptions of individuals, partners and communities affected

-Adapting communication strategies based on findings
-Reflecting community perspectives back into emergency management decision making

Communication Evaluation Priorities

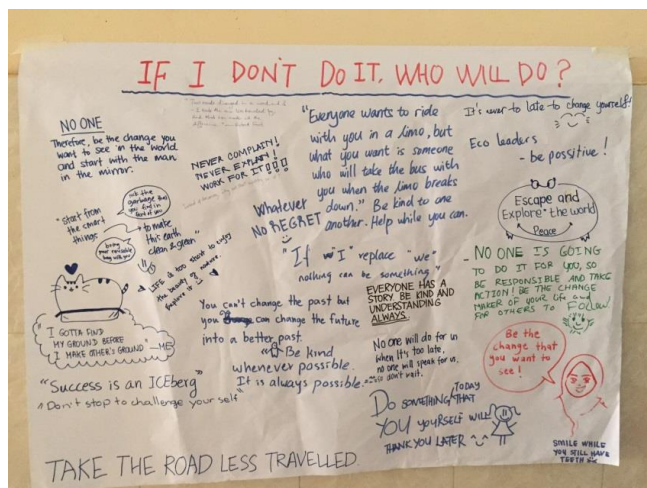
-Establishing clear risk communication objectives
-Monitoring system (e.g. media/social media)
-Integration into preparedness strategies

The key importance of risk communications in public health emergencies highlighted above were another example of collaboration among multi-stakeholders and senior experts from other partners. The workshop pays attention especially to the relations between national authorities and health workers. It is absolutely necessary that all players working in the field of medical care, especially healthcare workers, who are next to patients suffering from infectious diseases and have a risk of secondary infection, receive adequate information (completed information and quality of information) and proper guidance from national authorities.

IFRC WASH Support for ASEAN Youth Volunteer Programme | 2-29 August 2015

This activity has been reported in the last monthly report, without the outcomes. Thus, here are the outcomes:

- 47 Youths were motivated by the sessions and gained knowledge about volunteerism, community engagement and WASH.
- In Krakor village, they installed ceramic water filters in Community and conducted hygiene promotion in each individual houses and school.
- In Youth empowerment forum, following IFRC design and facilitation, all 47 youths proposed their specific individual issues and identified priority issues facing ASEAN youths and prioritized into 6 agenda as follows by extending one more half day for a discussion; ASEAN Youth issues, Opportunities, Youth funding, Youth Leadership and commitment, Volunteer Safety and security and, Measurable impact of the programme
- They debated and discussed real problems, root causes, and finally solutions how to change into a positive actions.(pls find annex 3; Outcome of youth forum)
- Impact of youth forum is that they committed fully by themselves to be agents of change for better and resilient society.
- Following the promotion, they prepared WASH awareness campaign divided by 5 groups – Music, Dance, Sports, Visual Arts, Theatre:
 - Music group theme: Clean water Use
 - Dance group theme: Hand washing
 - Visual arts theme: Water borne diseases and personal hygiene
 - Sport group theme: Clean environment and waste management
 - Theatre theme: Importance of ceramic filter and hygiene kit
- And they held a campaign in the community hall and around 300 community people gathered in the hall.
- They measured impact of the awareness raising campaign through questionnaire and 75% of community people gained knowledge about the WASH in a correct and clear way and changed attitude.
- After the Krakor programme, all the youths joined the programme management workshop and gained knowledge how to plan, monitor, evaluate and report with a good project proposal.



For more information, see the [report](#) and [the updates in the online library at Youth and Volunteer page](#).

South-East Asia Regional Gender and Diversity Network

The Southeast Asia Regional Gender and Diversity Network held their first teleconference meeting on the 10th September. The core members of the Gender and Diversity Network are the ten National Society Gender and Diversity Focal Points from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

In addition many other members from National Societies, Partner National Societies and IFRC work to support the core members to mainstream gender and diversity within their work. During the teleconference we had representatives from seven countries in the region including 6 Gender and Diversity Focal persons, as well as members of PNSs and IFRC. The meeting began with a round table of introductions as well as an overview of the current and planned activities of gender and diversity within the region. There is a great diversity in the initiatives that are taking place from integrating gender and diversity into disaster risk reduction and disaster management, to research on sexual and gender based violence as well as working on policies and tools development. This was followed by an overview of how the network came to be, some key developments and upcoming events – such as the Regional Gender and Diversity Training of Trainers 5-8th October. The teleconference was a valuable opportunity to bring the network together for the first time and pave the way for greater collaboration in the future.

The overall aim of the Southeast Asia Regional Gender and Diversity Network is to build the capacity within the region, to share resources, best practices and lessons learnt which will ultimately strengthen communities' resilience to natural disasters in Southeast Asia. Gender and Diversity Focal points from the region will next meet face to face in Bangkok for the first annual network meeting on 9th October.

Post Emergency – Flood Preparedness Programme

■ Field collecting data - Evaluation of Post Emergency – Flood Preparedness Programme

A IFRC representative, Thai Red Cross (Thai RC) staffs and a consultant conducted the data collection for evaluation process of the Post Emergency preparedness project, from 8-10 September 2015, in Phang Nga province, where the Thai RC implements the CBDRR program. The consultant interviewed people from 2 communities: 6 people (1 female - 5 males) from Thapakwaeng community and 10 people (3 females – 7 males) from Koh mai pai community.

The challenge of implementing CBDRR project in every community is time allocation from the members of community, as they are more concerned more about their regular daily activities. This transpires into less participation from community members in each meeting/training conducted by Thai RC.

The consultant also interviewed TRC's staff from the national office, who implemented the Post Emergency preparedness project both from senior level and implementer, as well as the project management team. The main challenge of this project is the complication of IFRC's procurement, including the confusion of following either Thai RC or IFRC procedure.



■ Opening Ceremony of Warehouse for water purification units and flat bottomed boats

Thai Red Cross chapter, local government, and 2 IFRC Representatives participated in the open ceremony of Warehouse for Water Purification Units and Flat-bottomed boats in Angthong province on 24 September 2015. The TRC received a number of donated boats and water purification units for its disaster relief operations mission. Currently TRC has 42 flat-bottomed boats and 8 water purification vehicles available for relief operation. This warehouse/storage is for the storage of water purification mobile units and flat-bottomed boats at the Thai RC center in Angthong Province, as the center has large space with easy access and easy to reach disaster areas in time of need. The warehouse can be used as training center for regional WASH training as well.



■ Activity 1.15 Improve and upgrade Disaster Database and IT system (GIS)

The GIS Project team has developed communication tools using web RTC for real time communication. The communication tools mainly comprise of user directory, video phone, video conference and live meeting. This tool will be linked with telephone network provider such as TRUE, DTAC and AIS. The project team is still working on the linkage between GIS communication tool and telephone network, and it should be completed by October 2015.

■ IEC material printing

Relief Community and Health bureau(RCHB) of TRC has printed 500 pcs of the CBDRR handbook in Thai language.

The contents are as follow:

1. Fundamental Principle of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement
2. Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction
3. Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction Process 8 steps
4. Assessment Criteria for Setting Up a “Model” Community for CBDRR. Program that based on the standard of The Thai Red Cross Society



■ Activity 2015-1.7 Community Disaster Preparedness program in Phang Nga Province

TRC under RCHB-Health station together with 3 communities; 1) Moo 2 Baan Hin Rom, Klongkien, Takuathong, 2) Moo 11 Baan Thar Pak-Wang, 3) Moo 3, Koh Mai Phai, Koh Pan-ye, conducted table top exercise. The scenario of Table Top Exercise were earthquake and Tsunami. The disaster committees from 3 communities were aware of their roles and responsibilities (80% achievement) and performed their roles almost completely correct (80% achievement).



■ Activity 2015-1.3 Develop and Improve communication system at Sirindhorn Red Cross Health Station-Phang Nga

The installation of Communication system at Sirindhorn Red Cross health station in Pang Nga is completed and handover to Phang Nga health station. This radio communication system will help Phang Nga health station to communicate and updates information with local government, local private organization, and allied network. This is to gain access for information with the coverage includes provinces located on the shore of Andaman sea and on the gulf of Thailand.

■ Activity 2015-6.1 The Developing of Thai Red Cross volunteer Information

Volunteer bureau of TRC developed the information system, this VTRIS project is to gather database, integrate volunteers database with other TRC Bureau for disaster preparedness.

Fundamentals of System in Conclusion.

- Stress on linking Data with other units and develop Working Processes
- Increase devices of Volunteer Data Collecting from the other units in different forms such as Online Form, Excel Import/Export, Office Form.
- Able to Import/Export Volunteers' data from the other units i.e. Red Cross Youth Bureau and Thai Red Cross Provincial Chapters.
- Improve Analysis-report System in order to work with data of volunteers from the other units.
- Build Conclusion-report System for Administer Team, Do the Dashboard for Online Conclusive Data.
- Allow the other units with Volunteers' Data to login the System to check data and see Data Analysis of their units.
- Integrate data from the other units, to make it easier and more convenient for further development.

World First Aid Day 2015

The First Aid and Health Care Training Center, Thai Red Cross Society has organized the World First Aid Day 2015 (WFAD2015) on 12 September 2015 at Tawana Hotel Bangkok with the same slogan as last year: Be a Hero. Save lives. First aid is for everyone, which remains relevant to this year's theme with the underlying message that older people can be heroes and support their peers, their grandchildren and other people in many ways. The key message of "First Aid and Aging Population" was the theme to highlight and raising awareness to the public for this year 2015. There were about 400 elderly people (Smart & Active Ageing Population) actively took part in the event. The Bangkok office representative attended and participated in the WFAD 2015. To see more about the activities and photos, visit [Thai Red Cross website](#)



Vietnam

Disaster Management Mangrove Plantation and Disaster Risk Reduction Project

- **Sharing of experience:** From 4-7 August, IFRC supported VNRC HQ and Nam Dinh chapter to share experience with a delegation of two teachers and 10 students from the Japanese Red Cross Society (JRCS) International Nursing School on: the mangrove plantation and DRR activities in Nam Dinh province, VNRC disaster preparedness and response programme, VNRC structure, VNRC healthcare programme, IFRC framework for community resilience and Red Cross and Red Crescent core principles.
- **Final evaluation:** The final evaluation of the Mangrove and DRR project has been signed and started on 18 August with desk review and preparation of field evaluation agenda and questionnaires. An inception report will be available on 3 September. IFRC would coordinate comments and inputs from VNRC HQs and chapters for the evaluation findings and recommendations.
- **Closing workshop:** VNRC HQ leaders agreed to organize the closing workshop on 14-15 December and invited the vice president of JRCS to attend this ceremony. Detailed agenda will be developed in October.

CBDRM

IFRC supported both IFRC DP manager and VNRC DM director to update VNRC emergency response to flood and heavy rain in early August in Quang Ninh province and Northern mountainous provinces of Vietnam with UNDP and members of DMWG in Vietnam in three UN situation report updates. VNRC CBDRM project updates have been shared with other DMWG members.

DIPECHO 9 project

- **Meeting to plan dissemination workshops:** between the project team with DMC on 13 August to discuss and agree on the plan for the 3 regional and 6 provincial dissemination workshops. The DMC will prepare a detailed plan to submit to the Director of Water Resources Department, MARD for approval. The six provinces identified for the provincial workshop are Quang Ninh, Hue, Ninh Thuan, Tay Ninh, Dak Nong and Kien Giang.
- **Meeting for dissemination workshops for regulation and the PDRT:** was held on 27 Aug between VNRC, IFRC and Spanish RC to develop the agenda for the regional dissemination workshops for the regulation and the PDRT. A draft agenda has been developed and shared with DMC for comments and sent out along with the invitation.

Healthcare programme

- **Dengue project:** Activities have been progressing with planned activities including procurement of household risk reduction (mosquito rackets) and education at communities. Details on number of people reached during the period will be available end of this month.
- **KOICA project:** The KAP survey report was shared with IFRC and VNRC for inputs. A Vietnamese translation of the report will be shared with VNRC soon. There was a discussion between VNRC and IFRC on the former's action toward the signature of the project agreement. VNRC and IFRC teams have discussed on fine-tuning project indicators following the KAP survey, which will then inform the development of M&E plan. The M&E plan will be supported by the IFRC delegation OD manager. Given the workload toward end of the year, VNRC proposed to reschedule some activities under emergency health and first aid to the second year. IFRC is waiting for signed version of the project agreement from VNRC.
- **Webinar of PHAST training:** A discussion between VNRC, IFRC and German Red Cross on development of Webinar on PHAST training targeting to VNRC staff. It was suggested that VNRC staff will first complete the webinar before joining face-to-face ToT training. The Webinar for VNRC will be made in Vietnamese, using the material of IFRC.

Myanmar

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

Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) has completed:

- On 24-25 Sept 2015, MRCS conducted "Light search and rescue training" for students, with 35 participants, 30 students from B.E.M.S and B.E.H.S, and 5 RCVs from **Tharkata** township.
- On 26-27 Sept 2015, MRCS conducted light search and rescue training for student taskforce, with 30 participants from project schools in **Hlaingtharyar** township.
- On 28-29 Sept 2015, MRCS conducted light search and rescue training for student taskforce, with 20 participants from two project schools in **Kyauktan** township.

Knowledge and Information Management

South-East Asia's Road to Resilience

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This resource library is organized in the following categories:

 Framework and Policies	 National Society Assessments	 Building Resilience	 Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting
 Human Resources	 Training	 Community Engagement and Accountability	 Communication and Advocacy

A snapshot of Gender and Diversity for Resilience Resource Library

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 300 users and 2261 page views during the month of September.

New addition include:

- [Gender and Diversity for Resilience Resource Library](#) (with more than 110 new resources)
- [Water, Sanitation and Hygiene \(WASH\)](#) (with more than 25 new resources)
- [Youth and Volunteers](#)
- [Rights of Migrants](#) (with call for proposals)
- [International Disaster Risk Reduction Day](#)
- [PMI case studies](#)

Publications

International DRR Day and ASEAN Day for Disaster Management

The IFRC has created a [communications pack](#) to provide guidance to National Societies in the region around their events (and the [summary of activities](#)). The materials integrate messaging from the [ASEAN Day for Disaster Management](#), themed “ASEAN is Resilient as One”, the [UN-ISDR theme](#), “Knowledge for Life” (focusing on traditional and indigenous knowledge) as well as the [IFRC’s World Disaster Report 2015](#), “Focus on local actors”, using the overarching theme of disaster risk reduction. For the activities in National Societies, see [this document](#). Additionally, for this event, the following banners are available to National Societies to use, and to customize (for example, to translate or change the message), please email: katejean.smith@ifrc.org.



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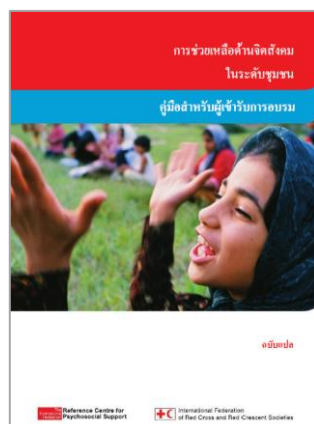


[Quarterly newsletter \(July – Oct 2015\)](#)

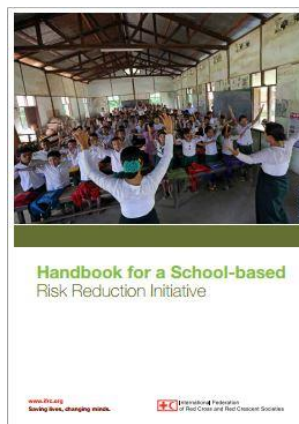
Program Publications



[PSS Facilitators' Manual \[Thai\]](#)



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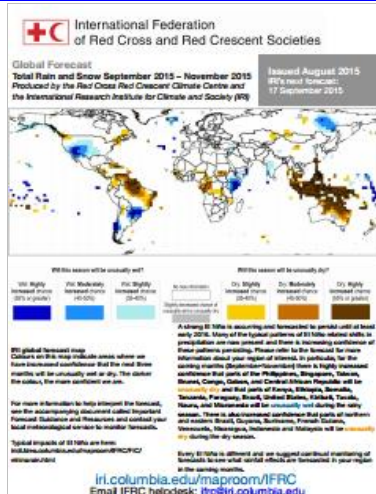
[Handbook for a School-based Risk Reduction Initiative](#)



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Weather Forecast

IFRC IRI's Forecast for September to November 2015



Philippines | Singapore | Brunei | Indonesia | Malaysia | Highly increased chance to be **unusually dry** during rainy season this September – November.

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

Upcoming Events for October and November 2015

5-9 October	TOT on Gender and Diversity	Bangkok
13 October	DRR Day	All countries
15-16 October	Post Emergency Preparedness Operation Lesson Learned Workshop	Bangkok
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
9-12 November	DRR Introduction to Resilience	Hua Hin, Thailand
23-25 November	8 th DRR Practitioners workshop	Thailand



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