

Regional Community Safety and Resilience Unit (CSRU)

Overview of activities for the month of September and October 2014

Regional Climate Change Master Training

Southeast Asia Regional delegation has conducted Regional Climate Change Master training, from 1 - 6 September, 2014 with an objective to develop a core group of climate change experts amongst SEA National Societies who can provide technical support to plan and implement climate smart project activities at national, sub national and community level. The workshop saw the participation of around 25 participants from Southeast Asia and few participants from South Asia.

The week before the training workshop, a Facebook Group, 'SE Asia Climate Masters', was opened for participants and other regional and international experts, to connect with each other, share knowledge, make comments and pose questions. The group will remain open and interested persons can join and contribute to the group. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1501584126755564/>.

To provide a window into the training, we created a "Storify" page. This page is now published at <https://storify.com/SM4Resilience/climate-change-master-training-2014> presents an overview of the sessions (including objectives and resources), key points or highlights from each, and links to all the materials.

CSRU team along with reference group (facilitators' for climate change training is finalizing a climate change training package in line with climate centre training kit, for Southeast Asia National Societies.

The Regional Community Safety and Resilience Forum (RCSRF) meeting

RCSRF hosted by TRCS, with IFRC SEARD support, took place from 16 to 18 September in Bangkok. Representatives from SEA NSs (DM, Health and OD) participated in this annual event together with IFRC colleagues from country delegations, SEARD as well as the AP Zone office.



Besides country updates on the implementation of the regional Roadmap, the participants also discussed on ways to increase regional cooperation, in particular on topics such as RDRT, peer-to-peer support, pandemic preparedness, humanitarian diplomacy, disaster law as well as gender and diversity. A representative from ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) also joined the technical discussion and the future areas of collaboration between AHA and IFRC/NSs were discussed. All documents

from the Forum can be retrieved at <https://fednet.ifrc.org/en/communities/communities-of-practice/Home/?clubId=226&c=&q=>. The meeting emphasized on the need of better regional cooperation among SEA national societies. A few key points highlighted in the meeting were:

- Regional Cooperation: The forum has outlined the plan of action to strengthen the RDRT. They also highlight the need of peer-to-peer learning through exchange visit, staff-on-loan, lesson learnt workshop, conference and trainings/workshop.

- Working cooperation with AHA centre: IFRC and NSs of the region will discuss in length with AHA center in coming days. The meeting has identified following areas for cooperation during the initial stage: Information sharing, coordination during emergency, and capacity building like training and simulation exercise etc.
- The team has discussed and revised the resilience house and updated the road map.
- Health technical team has outlined the agenda for pandemic preparedness workshop. SEARD will organize Pandemic Preparedness workshop in Singapore from 17-21 November 2014.
- Better involvement of youth in regular DM and health program from the beginning of the program cycle and maximizing Red Cross youth during program implementation.

Regional Resilience meeting

SEARD organized this event on 19 September to share about ongoing priorities and practical ways to promote the resilience agenda in the region. The meeting also shared the major discussions and recommendations of RCSRF meeting. This meeting facilitated to gather representative of country offices, and PNSs (American RC, Finnish RC, Danish RC, French RC, Australian RC, Norwegian RC) and reference centre like GDPC. The meeting highlighted the priority areas for 2015 as identified by NSs. The PNSs also gave reflection what are their priorities in 2015. Following areas were mainly identified as potential sectors for the cooperation in 2015 and onwards:

- Response preparedness: NDRT, Contingency plan and RDRT;
- School safety;
- National Society development: youth, gender, PMER;
- Harmonization of community-based initiative;
- Knowledge information and management;
- Innovations: technology.

Technical meeting on RDRT

At the request of National Societies in the region, a 2-day technical meeting was hosted by Thai Red Cross on 28-29 October 2014 to discuss how to enhance the use and efficiency of Regional Disaster Response Teams (RDRT) as an expression of solidarity and cooperation among South-East Asia National Societies during disasters. The meeting was attended by NS representatives from Cambodia, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam as well as IFRC technical staffs from both APZ/DMU and SEARD. Key points discussed included the selection process for RDRT members (through the standardization of NDRT among NSs as entry point for the elite group to be mobilized in the region). In addition, the meeting also identified four different scenarios to trigger the deployment of RDRT. Those scenarios will be shared as recommendations for leadership meeting for their approval in February 2015. These scenarios will help to maximize the RDRT in region to enhance the regional cooperation.

Regional Psychosocial Support in Emergencies training

SEARD has organized Psychosocial Support in Emergencies training from 14 - 17 October, 2014 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The objective of the training was to provide participants with psychosocial technical skills, understanding and knowledge to enable them to rapidly assess, plan, coordinate and implement priority psychosocial interventions during disasters/emergencies. The training saw the participation 18 RCRC staffs not only from SEA NSs but also from ICRC, East Asia and South Asia region. Danish RC and PSS reference centre provide technical support for the workshop.

During the four day training, PSS relevant tools, formats and methodologies for assessment, planning of activities (PoA) monitoring and evaluation and caring for staff and volunteers, psychological First Aid and linkages between RFL and PSS was discussed.

Documentation

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

- In Myanmar, the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) continued to work on the draft reports in September following the meeting held in Yangon in August with MRCS and IFRC country delegation. A second technical meeting was held on 24 October and the reports are now due to be finalized in both English and Myanmar language by the end of November.
- In Thailand, a consultant was selected in August jointly with TRCS and the data collection process started early August. A mid-term review meeting was held on 7 October at the TRCS office in which the consultant presented the first drafts. Subsequent reviews are accepted throughout October and November before finalization.
- In Vietnam, the IFRC country delegation also agreed in August with the VNRC on the TOR for this documentation and recruitment is still ongoing.
- In Indonesia, initial discussions were held with PMI in August and the TOR could be finalized in September. The recruitment is now under process.
- Discussions are also ongoing in Lao PDR to support both LRC and the Government in drafting the national HFA report, in coordination with UNDP.

Through the comprehensive documentation of the NS contribution to HFA (their government international commitment to the DRR and resilience agenda), it is expected that NSs will be able to profile their DRR work in country in past years and increasingly be considered as trusted partners by their counterparts, in particular the National Disaster Management Offices as well as other key stakeholders such as UN agencies, I/NGOs, etc. This will in turn provide them with increased opportunities to advocate for the community issues identified through their action in the field and promote better laws and systems. At the regional level, these reports should also raise profile of RCRC and a compiled report will be formulated in line with the ASEAN Agreement for Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) work plan.

Meeting with Asean Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre)

On 8 October, the Chair of the CSR Forum paid a courtesy visit to the Director of the AHA Center in Jakarta, Indonesia, together with the DM WG Chair and the Health WG Deputy Chair, as well as IFRC representatives from SEARD (Disaster Law Programme) and the Indonesia Country Delegation. This was a direct follow-up of the CSR Forum held in September in which participants agreed to scale up the technical cooperation with AHA Centre. In preparation of the visit, a draft joint action plan between RCRC and AHA Center was prepared and each technical item was discussed during the meeting with the Director of the Centre, around three main areas of collaboration:

- Information sharing (during and in-between disasters)
- Operational response frameworks (including disaster law, RDRT/ERAT, SASOP, etc.)
- Learning from each other (including joint simulations, peer-to-peer learning, etc.)

Participants agreed to review this plan of action twice annually.

ACDM (Asian Committee of Disaster Management) meeting

Brunei Darussalam hosted the 25th ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) Meeting. The meeting was attended by department heads and agencies responsible for disaster management in Asean member countries as well as representatives from the Asean Secretariat and Asean Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre). Chairman of Regional Community safety and Resilience Forum attended opening session in 13 October of ACDM in behalf of SEA RCRC Societies. This opportunity were maximized to share the plan of action- which is developed jointly with AHA Centre in previous week in Jakarta- with ACDM members to strengthen working collaboration between National Disaster management Agency and National Societies further in country level. The meeting was held as preparations for ministerial level meetings – 3rd Conferences of the Parties (COP-3) to the AADMER and 2nd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM) – on October 16.

ASEAN DM/International DRR Day

For UN International Day for Disaster Reduction this year, events were held by Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Singapore and Viet Nam. Themed 'Older people and disasters', communications package was prepared and distributed by the regional delegation, including key messages on the elderly, RCRC approach to disaster risk reduction, advocacy; social media and a press release template. The national Societies conducted the following activities:

Cambodia – Hosted a workshop including elder villagers and schools. The event was attended by the top management leader from National Committee for Disaster Management (1st Vice President) and Head of Provincial Committee for Disaster Management (Provincial Governor).

Indonesia – Combined celebrations of IDDR Day with PMI's anniversary and also conducted a workshop with theme, 'Better IT for Better Safety & Resilient Communities', inviting stakeholders such as BNPB, BPBD, AHA Centre, UN, and related ministerial bodies and institutions.

Myanmar – Took part as partner of the national level celebrations. MRCS took the opportunity to highlight the successes of Yangon's DRR program. At township level, an essay and painting contest was organized for students of secondary school, with commemoration activities, DRR education talks, and community participation

Thailand – Thai RC held a series of special events in Lumpini Park, with a focus on older persons, "Elderly Person, Step Up for Disaster Risk Reduction". The day's proceedings included a campaign walk with the elderly and the representatives of TRCS and Thai government; speeches; performances by elderly groups; exhibition stalls and a demonstration on how to save one's life after a disaster. The Ministry of Interior and Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM) were involved: The Deputy Permanent Secretary for Interior participated in the opening ceremony and visited the booths of TRCS and partners with interest. The day's events were well covered by the Thai broadcast media.



Timor-Leste – This year the main IDRR event – organized by the Timor-Leste government – took place outside the capital Dili, in Ermera, Urahou. People from school children to elders participated, while the key authorities, including the Vice Prime Minister and the Vice Minister of the Ministry of Social Solidarity, were represented at the event, their involvement gave weight and visibility to the issues around disaster risk reduction. The President of CVTL delivered a speech at the event, while CVTL volunteers from Ermera branch organized a short disaster simulation. CVTL also organized EWS training and installation as well as FA and DRR training for the village council

and community in Covalima, Meanwhile, CVTL's Dili branch organized a cleaning event and DRR workshop for the volunteers in Dili.

Singapore – In conjunction with Singapore RC 65th anniversary, a roving exhibition ("museum-in-truck") was put into action, traveling around Singapore to promote the Red Cross' humanitarian services. The exhibition included booths for Fundraising, the Red Cross Academy, First Aid, Community Services and the Blood Recruitment Programme. IDDR was profiled on 13 Oct at the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) College East, featuring games and activities to promote the local services of SRC giving special focus on Community Led Action for Resilience – Elderly programme, First Aid Training and Blood Donor Recruitment.

Viet Nam – Viet Nam Red Cross marked IDRR day on the same day as launching the latest World Disaster Report 2014 on 'Culture and Risk', on October 16. The event featured Hanoi-based national and international representatives who linked their experiences of working in Viet Nam to the content of the WDR and IDRR day (older people in disaster risk reduction).

Viet Nam

World Disaster Report launch in Vietnam

This year, the World Disasters Report focuses on Culture and Risk. World Disasters Report 2014 takes on a challenging theme that looks at different aspects of how culture affects disaster risk reduction (DRR) and how disasters and risk influence culture. Most people who live in places that are exposed to serious hazards are aware of the risks they face, including earthquakes, tropical cyclones, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, floods, landslides and droughts. However they continue to live there without options. Coasts and rivers are good for fishing and farming; valley and volcanic soils are very fertile; drought alternates with good farming or herding. Culture and beliefs, for example, in spirits or gods, or simple fatalism, enable people to live with risks and make sense of their lives in dangerous places. Sometimes, though, unequal power relations are also part of culture, and those who have little influence must inevitably cope with threatening environments.

The Viet Nam Red Cross and IFRC hosted a regional launch of the World Disasters Report on 16 October 2014. Several ministry representatives were invited to speak and attend the event, and it was widely covered in national media, helping to position the Viet Nam Red Cross as a key actor in disaster risk reduction. For more details please refer to the following link: <http://www.ifrc.org/en/news-and-media/news-stories/asia-pacific/vietnam/viet-nam-red-cross-society-launches-the-world-disasters-report-2014-67393/>

Thailand

Social Capital Study

Thai Red Cross facilitated a study on social capital with the support of SEARD. Three different profiles/scenarios communities were selected by the TRCS for study:

- One community from 2011 flood affected area.
- One community from urban area.
- One community from current CBDRR area.

The main scopes of this study were to research and analyse the role of social capital in building community resilience and recommend how best RCRC volunteers and staff could incorporate the key elements of social capital into community programming.

Literature review was one of the major methodologies of the study to understand the role of social capital in building resilience. This included the linkages to resilience to frame the discussion and reinforce the role of social

capital. Field study was another methodology to investigate how existing community programmes use social capital (consciously or unconsciously) for building resilience by looking at: a) community-based health and behavioural change communication (BCC) activities, CBDRR, watsan and other; b) the formal and informal linkages between local RCRC branches, service providers, traders, communities and other stakeholders; c) the activities or ways of working to avoid unsustainable approaches or unrealistic expectations among stakeholders concerned (communities, local governments, ours).

Integrated Mock Exercise

Table-top exercise is a part of the Integrated Mock Exercise (IMEX) activity. Thai Red Cross has been organizing this since the beginning of this year under Tsunami Residual funding programme. This exercise gathered all the local partners along with Red Cross branches.

Similar event was organized during 8-10 September 2014 at Khaolak Merlin Resort in Phang Nga province under the coordination and collaboration between TRC Relief and Community Health Bureau and National Disaster Warning Center. Participants were from Provincial Red Cross Chapters and Provincial DDPM (Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation of Royal Thai Government) from 6 tsunami affected provinces, related local authorities and partners; Red Cross Health Stations in southern Thailand and relevant TRC Bureau. The exercise was to design to develop the skills and knowledge for the use of EOC Website.



Sea Search and Rescue (SSAR) Training: Basic course

The basic course of Sea Search and Rescue (SSAR) Training was conducted during 21-30 September 2014 at Nai Ton Buri Beach Resort in Phuket province from the support of Tsunami Residual funding programme. There were 41 persons who passed physical fitness test in August applying for SSAR basic course but only 35 males and 3 females – were able to complete the course. Participants were from various parts of Thailand and have different occupational backgrounds including Hotel life guards, farmers, college students, college teachers, government official. This 9-day course included physical strength training, first aid training, training on the use of inflatable boat and sea rescue gears, and rescue skills training. Upon completion of this basic course, the participants- who completed the course- are recommended to apply for SSAR advanced course which will be carried out during 24-28 November 2014 at Krabi province.



Myanmar

Photo essay competition for Myanmar Red Cross Society

Myanmar Red Cross Society was supported by the regional delegation in submitting an entry into the ASEAN competition, 'Search for ASEAN Champions for Community Resilience'. An essay was drafted on the subject 'Inclusive Community Disaster Resilience', accompanied by a selection of images from the recent photobook 'Testimonies from the Field: Disaster Risk Reduction in Myanmar'. This was an excellent opportunity to highlight the work being done by MRCS in this area.

Simulation exercise

The Unit also supported financially the disaster relief exercise in Myanmar, organized by the Government and ASEAN during 23-25 September, as part of its endeavour to promote the role of NSs in the region as auxiliary of the governments before, during and after disasters. MRCS was a key partner of the event, participated in all preparatory

meetings and could use its unique positioning to advocate for the inclusion of IDRL/DL elements in the event, which was then supported technically by our colleague from the Disaster Law Programme. More information on this activity can be accessed through the following link: <http://www.ifrc.org/en/news-and-media/news-stories/asia-pacific/myanmar/international-disaster-response-law-makes-headway-in-myanmar-67333/>

Indonesia

Pilot Urban Risk Reduction Project

PMI is making good progress with the implementation of the pilot initiative. The planned activities have been completed so far. PMI has conducted a review on the existing PMI-VCA Guideline on September 21-23, 2014, supported by IFRC in Country Delegation, attended by 21 participants from PMI NHQ, Chapters and Branches, including 3 participants from IFRC, Netherland Red Cross and American Red Cross.

The PMI – VCA Guideline is developed in 2007 based on PMI's experiences conducted VCA for CBDP (Community Based Disaster Preparedness) Programme. This PMI-VCA Guideline has been applied by PMI Staff and Volunteers as a tool to build community participation to identify the existing hazard, risk, vulnerability and capacity as well as to develop community action plan. In practice, PMI has also tried to integrated climate change, health, ecosystem management restoration into the VCA process in rural, urban as well as school setting. Some lessons learnt identified during VCA implementation in urban setting:

- The need to strengthen the understanding that VCA is a process from planning, implementation, data systematization, analysis, priority of solution, transformation from V to C as well as development action plan.
- The VCA process requires good facilitation skills. And as a VCA facilitator, he/she has to have a comprehensive skill and knowledge amongst sector such as health, water and sanitation, social, livelihood, disaster, etc. In order to design better VCA process better including its analysis and reporting. Therefore the selection of VCA Facilitators should be identified from the beginning of VCA process, including the representative from each sector. For this purpose also, some of PMI Branch at municipality level has included volunteers from university in order to support Community Based Action Team (CBAT) in Kelurahan Level during facilitating the VCA process. In addition to this, the recruitment of CBAT should also represent the existing system or community groups in the Kelurahan/Neighbourhood level in order to get the acceptance from community members as well as to ensure its sustainability purpose.
- Understanding that the VCA process is not only done at the community level, but also at organization level. VCA result can be used as a reference for PMI to develop programme planning in line with PMER (Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting) analysis phase).
- Considering its complexity, the VCA in urban setting requires the assessment to be conducted on the larger scale (cross boundaries). For example in the case of Ciliwung river watershed, the VCA should not only be conducted in one kelurahan only, as the risk identified in the community level in downstream areas has also received impact from upstream areas.
- It is also identified the need to have scientific information as a basis for VCA Process. In the case of Greater Jakarta Project, PMI has collaboration with Bandung Technology Institution (ITB) to develop climate risk mapping including its projection by 2035 at City Level. The identification of vulnerabilities and capacities has also included the involvement stakeholders concerned with DRR and CCA in urban context as well as the interview with community members by using sample
- The data collection should be emphasized on the existing system at kelurahan level. Most of VCA usually focused to reduce the underlying causes in the community level. However considering the complexity of urban, therefore the VCA should also focus on the capacity in kelurahan level which includes the social cohesion, health, livelihood, and existing programmes/activities. Therefore while conducting VCA in urban areas, it is important to utilize the existing data provided by the existing community groups such as health data from health cadre.
- The utilization of GIS Mapping has benefited to visualize the existing vulnerabilities and capacities in the kelurahan level. By collaborating with Humanitarian Openstreetmap Team (HOT), PMI has opportunity to contribute his data to support the Government of Indonesia (BNPB). Aside to this, the result of GIS mapping has served as an analysis tool to support the development of contingency plan at kelurahan level.

Visitors

From 24 to 26 September, SEARD welcomed two colleagues from the Canadian Red Cross Head-Quarter as part of their quarterly monitoring visit of the Regional Resilience Initiative. Technical discussions were held with each of the IFRC colleagues taking part in the initiative. Furthermore, a second quarterly technical working group meeting was held on 26 September to review the past quarter and plan ahead until early 2015.

Knowledge Information Management (KIM)

The online library (<https://sites.google.com/site/drrtoolsinsoutheastasia/health-and-care/health-bulletins>) continues to be regularly updated to promote the knowledge sharing within and beyond the Movement. A number of uploaded documents related to DRR and Health is growing from day to day and it is only valuable if used by targeted audience. The fortnightly Health bulletin continues to be shared with respective colleagues of NS as well as AP Zone and country delegations in order to update knowledge and enhance communication. The site has been integrated into IFRC standard web-link as well.

Ms Angeline Tandiono joined us as of 3rd October to work specifically on Knowledge and Information Management (KIM). She will build on the work initiated in the past years and work to take our online library to the next level. We hope this will help promoting a culture of knowledge sharing and learning within our team and – more importantly – among the National Societies in our region. This will be also a good opportunity to promote the work we do to government, partners and communities at large. Angeline brings to the team a strong knowledge of the Movement as well as experience on knowledge and information management.

Upcoming Events for November and December 2014

Date	Events	Venue
17-20 November	Regional Pandemic Preparedness workshop	Singapore
24-25 November	Gender and DRR Regional Workshop, organized by ADPC	Philippines
26-27 November	RCRC Regional Gender and Diversity Forum	Philippines

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