

Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society

Key Information

Branch Offices

Four branches located throughout the country, with headquarters located in the country's capital city, Bandar Seri Begawan

Date Established

Formed: 01 August 1983 Recognised by ICRC: 06 November 1996 Admitted into IFRC: 20 November 1997

Funding

Resources are generated through support from individual contributions in cash and in-kind, National Society leaders, public sector, private companies and government departments. The National Society receives limited financial support from the government

Key persons

President: Mr. Julaini LATIP Secretary General: Mr. Sheikh Kadir ABDULLAH

Legal Status

The Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society is not classified as a non-governmental organisation. Instead, it has a special role in accordance with the Constitution of Brunei Darussalam.

Major Partners

Membership Approximately 1,300 Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society's membership is divided into three main groups: cadets, youth volunteers and general volunteers. Currently, the Society has over 1,000 members, with secondary school pupils making up the majority.



Background

The Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society was originally established in 1948 as a branch of the British Red Cross. When in 1984 Brunei gained full independence, the Brunei Red Cross Society was renamed Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society. In 1997, the National Society was recognized by the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

As of July 2015, Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society does not have any paid staff, rather the Secretary General works with an informal task force to manage the National Society and conduct activities. The National Society does not have a permanently manned.





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Programme Overview

Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society's programmes and activities focus on blood donation, youth training in first aid, disseminating Red Cross Red Crescent Fundamental Principles and organising volunteer camps or events.

The National Society has five departments: the Medic Service Department; Health Department; Youth and Volunteers Department Department; and Disaster Management Department.

Among the National Society's activities:

- Volunteer support of the Ministry of Health's Emergency Medical Ambulance Services (EMAS) at every local and national event.
- Volunteer support of the Ministry of Health during epidemics (eg. HINI outbreak)
- Blood donation campaigns
- Youth volunteers assistance to the District Disaster Management Centre (DDMC) in flood relief activities.
- Road safety
- Annual celebrations of World Red Cross Red Crescent Day, May 8
- Youth development (including involvement in environmental projects, youth camps and Youth for Behavioural Change trainings)
- Participation in national health awareness campaigns (including breast cancer awareness)
- First Aid (for a diverse range of groups, from nannies and migrant domestic workers, to bikers and others)
- Fundraising in support of emergency response (in May/ June the National Society's members





Disaster Law

Brunei has a national disaster management order which was adopted in 2006. The National Society has participated in a number of regional disaster law trainings and events, and discussions are ongoing with IFRC regarding possible disaster law developments and how to strengthen the existing legal framework.

Recent Disasters

Natural disasters are rare in Brunei Darussalam and there have been no significant natural or man-made disasters in recent history.



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Recent Appeals

A list of all appeals the Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent has submitted is available on the IFRC website here: http://www.ifrc.org/en/publications-and-reports/appeals/

