

## Regional Community Safety and Resilience Unit

### Overview of activities for the months of Nov-Dec 2013

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## Regional

Disaster Risk Reduction Practitioner Workshop, Bangkok 13- 14 November 2013:

On the 13 and 14th November, with support from ECHO/DIPECHO, the IFRC SEARD organized a workshop entitled: “Practitioners Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction” with the major theme: “Inclusive DRR toward resilience in South East Asia” at the Imperial Queen’s Park hotel in Bangkok. More than 60 participants from almost 30 different organizations working on DRR in the region came to share their practices and identify the gaps and actions points towards future direction on DRR on six key areas below:

- Advocacy, Awareness and Accountability;
- School Safety and Youth Empowerment;
- Community Mobilization and Inclusive Approach;
- Early Warning Early Action;
- DRR and Livelihoods; and
- Urban Risk Reduction.

The first day of the meeting consisted of sharing experiences in DRR by different organizations such as ECHO, IFRC SEARD, JANI Vietnam, DWF Vietnam, Action Aid Myanmar, Handicap Indonesia, Action Against Hunger Philippines, Thai Red Cross, Plan Cambodia, Timor Leste Red Cross, and UNICEF and Finish Red Cross and other RC representatives from the region.

On the second day, more experiences were shared by PAGASA (Philippines), the Indonesian Red Cross, the FAO Cambodia, Swiss Red Cross in Vietnam and UNISDR. The afternoon was dedicated to group reflection and team work on the 6 key points that were mentioned earlier. ECHO and IFRC agreed that this workshop was a success and that more meetings should be organized in the near future. To read more about this wonderful workshop, please click on this link below:



<https://storify.com/SM4Resilience/practitioners-workshop-on-disaster-risk-reduction>

## Evaluation of SEA Regional DIPECHO project

A consultant has been contracted to support the SEARD to carry out an external evaluation of the 8th DIPECHO Action Plan and its linkages with 6th and 7th Action Plans. The initial findings pointed out that the project has been instrumental in jumpstarting discussions and actions to address priority issues of National Societies such as integration planning and response preparedness. The project has also played a significant role in raising the profile of National Societies' DRR experience and knowledge through their participation in regional forums such as the 5th AMCDRR, the Regional Consultative Committee on Disaster Management and APG consultations. All in all, the project has been efficient and effective in achieving its outputs and objectives. The quality of the support provided, workshops organized and resources produced have generally been high.

The main recommendations for future improvement are in the areas of communication and coordination, particularly with ECHO/DIPECHO partners and government representatives. The project needs to build closer relationships with ECHO/DIPECHO partners by regularly sharing project-related information with them via e-mail and through various workshops, and by promoting and even facilitating joint activities between National Societies and other partners. Another key recommendation is the need for continuity in the activities across the different phases of the project, including the follow-up on plans of action made, and further and more advanced capacity building activities that build on previous activities seeking to strengthen ownership at national and local levels. The provision of longer-term strategic directions for the region, particularly in the integrated programming approach for DRR, is also recommended to encourage continuity along an agreed upon path even after project activities end. Full report will be available by the end of Dec for further sharing and dissemination.

## ISDR Asia Partnership (IAP), 5-7 November 2013 - Bangkok, Thailand

The 2<sup>nd</sup> ISDR Asia Partnership (IAP) meeting for the year 2013 was held on 05-07 November 2013 in Bangkok, Thailand. This IAP was organized in collaboration with Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM), Government of Thailand. The main focus of this IAP, apart from updates and experiences sharing from IAP members, was to discuss on the substantive preparation of the 6<sup>th</sup> Asia Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR); engagement processes for stakeholder groups and partners in the AMCDRR and World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR); and the HFA2 (Future DRR framework) consultation and background preparation for the HFA2 input from the region.

The two and half day deliberation was attended by more than 150 participants from Governments (20 countries); sub-regional inter governmental organizations; regional and international organizations; International Financial Institutions (IFIs); bilateral and multilateral donors; UN & Intl. organizations, private sector organizations, civil



society organizations.

IFRC, as IAP member and the Key Area 1: “Building Community Resilience” coordinator and co-lead of the Technical Session 1: “Enhancing Resilience at Local Level” for the upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> Asian Ministerial Conference (AMCDRR) was represented by head of AP Zone DMU and head of Community Safety and Resilience Units – SEARD.

With support of UN ISDR, a consultant was hired to support development of the research paper on “Building Community Resilience”. Draft report is expected to be ready by 31 January 2014 and then would be a subject of peer review. Once finalized, this report will feed directly into the preparations for the HFA2. More information can be found on the ISDR confluence site: <http://www.unisdr-apps.net/confluence/display/AMCDRR/6+AMCDRR+TS+Leads+and+HFA2+Area+Coordinators%27+workspace>.

Brief presentation on the upcoming conference, IFRC’s involvement, and opportunities for further engagement was prepared and shared with AP Zone, GDPC, PNSs, and SEA NSs as well as with UN ISDR. SEARD CSRU will continue to support the process on day to day basis with regular contacts with external stakeholders involved in the preparation of the conference, the consultant, UN ISDR and AP Zone DMU.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> AADMER Partnership Conference – Da Nang – Viet Nam

From 29 November 2013 in Da Nang – Viet Nam, current chair of the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) hosted a partnership conference to accelerate and support the implementation of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER).

The conference served as a medium for ASEAN’s expression as a community and for partners to learn about mutual partnership on disaster management with ASEAN. A total of 21 flagship projects that will be implemented in were announced at the conference. The 21 flagship projects are developed by taking into consideration positive progress that needs to be maintained in order to ensure maximum achievement by the end of 2015.

Among the topics discussed in the conference is ASEAN’s ongoing response following Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. ASEAN has encouraged the Member States and partners to continue with their support to the country and restore hope and progress in affected communities.

Apart from disaster management senior officials from the ASEAN countries, 35 countries and partner organisations participated in the Conference. Among them were Australia, Canada, European Union, Japan, New Zealand, United Kingdom and United States. Other participants included the civil society representatives from Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement – represented by the Chair of the SEA NSs Community Safety and Resilience Forum – Dr. Amnat Barlee, Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre, Pacific Disaster Centre and UN agencies.

### Regional proposal for 9th Southeast Asia DIPECHO action plan:

Community Safety and Resilience Unit of the South East Asia Regional Delegation has submitted a proposal to ECHO for 2014- 2015 Action Plan. The proposal is a continuation and consolidation of the last three phases focusing on “Enhancing RCRC capacities to build safer and more resilient communities in South East Asia”. It is a regional focused initiative rather than country focused project except Timor Leste (South East Asia) and DPR Korea and Mongolia (East Asia). Potential activities can be classified into three expected results to engage national societies below:

Result 1	Result 2	Result 3
Development and dissemination of Integrated Risk Reduction Manual- Disaster Risk Reduction Field Session Manual	One Regional Workshop to enhance RCRC capacities in Pandemic Preparedness	Two Regional meetings of Community Safety and Resilience Forum
One Regional Urban Risk Reduction Workshop	One Regional Workshop to develop regional cooperation mechanism to respond to Pandemic Preparedness (inter agencies)	Two coordination meetings among RCRC and ECHO/DIPECHO partners
Exchange visit from DPR Korea to South East Asia National Societies to learn about Community Based EWEA and Evacuation	One Comic brochure on Pandemic Preparedness available in several regional languages to further reach community people and children	Side-events and RCRC participation in 6 <sup>th</sup> AMCDRR in June 2014
		Public Awareness and Public Education (PAPE) dissemination workshop

The proposal is under consideration of ECHO and if it is approved by the donor, the initiative is expected to start in March 2014 until August 2015 and this proposal also covers two national societies of DPR Korea and Mongolia in East Asia as recommended by ECHO.

### Strategic review of SEARD (Ex) Regional Disaster Management Unit (RDMU) and current Community Safety and Resilience Unit (CSRU):

A consultant was hired from 22, September 2013. The purpose of consultancy is: to reflect back on achievements during the last decade under both: RDMU and CSRU, impacts, provide conclusions and recommendations for the future interventions/support. The interview process has been concluded and final report will be ready to share within next few weeks.

### SEA Regional training on Community Based Psychosocial Support (CBPSS), 16-20 Dec:

Total 13 Participants came to attend the workshop from Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, Timor Leste, Myanmar, Thailand and Cambodia and a representative of the Asia Disaster Preparedness Centre. Training covered the seven modules of the IFRC CBPSS manual. The training aimed to increase participants' knowledge and understanding of Community Based Psychosocial Support, both theoretically and practically in terms of implementing psychosocial support activities with a particular focus on psychological first aid and supportive communication. The training was a first step for some NS and for others it was an opportunity to refresh their knowledge and share their experiences with PSS work. The next step will be a Training of Trainers on CBPSS. Participants also agreed to share their PSS plans of action for 2014 and to work towards strengthening regional collaboration via the Emergency Health and Psychosocial Support sub-group (which reports to the Regional Health Technical Working Group).

### Support to Haiyan operation in Philippines:

Four RDRT (3- relief and 1- Logistics) have been deployed to Philippines from Indonesian Red Cross (2RDRT) and Malaysian Red Crescent (2RDRT) for initial four weeks. Two RDRTs have already returned back after finishing four weeks (2 RDRT) mission. The debriefing was organized in Bangkok office for the first two RDRTs. The mission report will be submitted by members in near future.

In addition, there was no FACT Psychosocial Support (PSS) Coordinator on the ground when IFRC responded to Typhoon Haiyan (aka Yolanda) initially. Eventually the PSS delegate from SEARD was brought in to support Philippine RC to coordinate PSS activities within the Movement and with external actors. The PSS delegate arrived in Manila on November 22, 2013 and continued to Cebu, Ormoc, Tacloban and Maya, North Cebu to visit PRC chapters and Emergency Response Unit PSS delegates. PSS delegate returned to Manila on December 7; handed over to PSS FACT coordinator; and returned to Bangkok on December 10, 2013.

### International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP) 2013, 18-22 November:

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The 11th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific  
Queen Sirikit National Convention Center (QSNCC)  
18-22 November 2013 ♦ Bangkok, Thailand

Southeast Asia Regional Delegation with Thai RC coordinated the participation of members of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in the 11th International Congress on HIV/AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP) in Bangkok, the largest HIV conference in the region, highlighting innovative ideas, knowledge and practices they are using to address the HIV epidemic. SEARD supported 7 participants to attend the ICAAP.

In the ICAAP 11, RCRC hosted a symposium on 'From science to community - Asia Pacific Red Cross Red Crescent HIV/AIDS response.' Patrick Couteau, IFRC Senior HIV advisor,

chaired the symposium. This brought community volunteers, researchers and political leaders to the stage to share their experiences of how the width, depth and diversity of the Red Cross Red Crescent HIV response in the Asia Pacific region is helping to transfer scientific knowledge to local communities, reaching the people who need it most. This leads to a virtuous cycle, with Red Cross Red Crescent workers and volunteers gathering research from within the communities they are serving, in turn helping to improve the scientific knowledge that helps to improve the HIV response. In addition, there were oral and E-poster presentation and a booth where NSs demonstrated IEC materials, case studies, strategic documents, etc.

#### Asian Red Cross and Red Crescent HIV/AIDS Network (ART):



Following 11 ICAAP, 25th Annual ART meeting was held from 22 – 23 November. In the meeting - 8 NS from SEA participated. The meeting saw the election of new chair and management team for the network. Ms Liying Yu, Red Cross Society of China, is now chair of ART network. The new ART management team consist of representative from Cambodia RC, Thai RC and Japanese RC.

The meeting also reviewed the Term of Reference and finalized the operational plan for 2014 – 2015. ART management team meeting was held on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2013. The management team came up with key recommendation in the light of recently concluded ICAAP.

- Have one program on HIV among agreed members with common interest and some topic agreed were: enhancing testing, Harm reduction, mobile population (CRC,TRC), Psychosocial support
- Enhancing cooperation with regional health networks – RHTWG
- Possibility of expansion to South Asia.
- Involving IFRC regional offices – Southeast Asia and East Asia

#### World AIDS day:

World AIDS Day, observed on 1 December every year, is dedicated to raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection. This year, the IFRC World AIDS Day campaign focused on “zero AIDS-related deaths”. This theme emphasises the IFRC commitment towards greater access to HIV testing and treatment for all. As we now have the tools to achieve universal access to HIV testing and treatment, we must unite around the principle that every person who needs HIV treatment should be able to receive it.

SEARD supported (technical and financial) to six NSs – Lao RC, Cambodian RC, Viet Nam RC, CVTL, Philippines RC, Myanmar RC to observe World AIDS day.

## Country focused

### Thailand

### Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction-Thai Red Cross Society

Most of the activities at community level have been accomplished. TRCS is in process to review the achievements with community and local authority as well as handing over the plan of action developed during this project period to strengthen community level preparedness. The simulation exercises at community level worked as eye opener for the community members to strengthen the community level preparedness.

So far TRCS has handed over the Community based disaster preparedness plan to Baan Yang sao, Baan sabkraso, Baan Namaom, Baan Non sanga and Baan Saunyayai communities of Petchaboon province.

### Disaster Risk Reduction – Information Education and Communication materials - Thai Red Cross Society (TRC)

The joint monitoring trip carried out from 25<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 in Nakornprathom, Prathumthani, Nakornnayok and Angthong Provinces by representatives of Hong Kong RC along with TRC and SEARD/CSRU. The objective of monitoring trip was to observe the skills and knowledge gained by the students during this period through different materials produced by TRC like Mr. Radar and other materials. These materials were reprinted and developed from the support of Hong Kong RC. Students demonstrated their gained skills by sharing their knowledge and making drawing. Following feedbacks have been received:

- Chemical hazard need to include in Mr. Radar booklet.
- Two more characters need to include like Ms. Rady and Catty in Mr. Radar booklet to maintain the gender balance.
- Pre-test and a post test questions need to include at the beginning and end of the booklet respectively.

### Post Emergency Preparedness Operation-Thai Red Cross Society

The planned activities are being implemented. The decisions made during 25<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2013 have been followed up to improve the overall management of the operation. Next quarterly review meeting is expected to be organize by end of January.

### Tsunami Residual Funding Programme-Thai Red Cross Society

Total 25 First aid training has been supported at different schools and NFEs center. Around 1000 youth were trained on basic First Aid. Seminar on strengthening capacity of First Aid Trainers was organized during 13-15 November at Pavilion Queens Bay Ao Nang, Krabi province. There were 77 first aid trainers and 3 assistant trainers from 6 tsunami affected provinces participated. First aid trainers reported that first aid tools needed maintenance because they were quite old and some were damaged from flood. Staff from First Aid Training Center traveled to 6 target provinces to check and repair the first aid tools that will be used in the community training which will start in the first quarter of 2014.

Training venue survey for Search and Rescue (SSAR) and equipment examination was done in November. However, volunteer recruitment activity couldn't be done as planned due to unavailability of local trainers and weather constraints.

The working group arranged meeting on two occasions to discuss development of EOC website manual and to plan for EOC website training and Directorial Committee training. Working team of development of EOC website manual is working on the contents and will finalize the manual and share as soon as possible.

The last course of workshop for strengthening capacity of Planning and Policy and Strategic Analysis staff of TRCS "Strategic Thinking" was arranged on 20 December 2013 for 45 participants from different Red Cross Bureaus.

## Laos

### Lao Floods DREF Operation- Lao Red Cross Society

Implementation of DREF Operation is under control. Procurement of planned items has been completed and distribution is in progress. The target areas of this DREF operation are in the Salavan and Champasak provinces- which are situated in Southern part of the country. Staff on loan from Thai Red Cross has been working since November, 2013. This kind of deployment is contributing to strengthen of regional cooperation and further build peer learning/exchange opportunities.

### Malaria Programme- Lao Red Cross Society

LRC organized school based health promotion sessions targeting school children and teachers to promote health education with focus on Malaria prevention - 10 primary school teachers(5 in Champasak, 5 in Sekong) and 10 village-heads(5 in Champasak, 5 in Sekong) along with school children in Champasak and Sekong province. Malaria campaign was also organized at the target villages of the implementing provinces.

### Epidemic Control for Volunteers (ECV) -Lao Red Cross Society

Translation of the ECV toolkit and training manual is completed. ECV training was organized from 1 – 3 December, 2013 at Lao Red Cross – National Headquarter, Vientiane, and Lao-PDR. In total 17 participants from 15 different provinces and 2 from national headquarter participated in the training. Field testing of the translated version has been done during the training. Representative of Lao-PDR ministry of health gave an overview of disease outbreak situation and surveillance system of Lao-PDR. CSRU, SEARD technically and financially supported the training.

## Cambodia

### Malaria Programme- Cambodian Red Cross Society

CRC organized community education activities which was attended by 201 participants (Female: 158) In Kampot province. Malaria campaign was also organized at the target village, where 208 participants attended the campaign (Female: 101).

## Viet Nam

### Malaria Programme-Viet Nam Red Cross Society

Viet Nam Red Cross conducted Training for volunteers on public education and Behaviour change communication to disseminate malaria prevention messages in Quang Ngai Province. Public campaigns were organized at community level. Around 230 people participated in the campaign (140 female). In addition, volunteers also conducted household health education sessions.

## Indonesia

### Health planning meeting- Palang Merah Indonesia (PMI)

PMI health planning meeting was held from 6 – 7 November, 2013. The meeting saw the participation of PMI health team, IFRC country office, representative from SEARD and AP zone office.

#### *Objective of PMI health meeting were:*

- To have common perception on Long term plan of Health Division of PMI
- To have commitment of support from IFRC
- To have clear understanding about ECV and NCDs.

#### *Key Outcomes*

- One member of health department from PMI attended ECV training in Timor Leste in December, 2013
- Regional office will provide technical support to PMI for conducting ECV training in 2014.
- AP zone office and Regional delegation will provide support in development of Contingency plan
- Minor changes were agreed in time line of NCD implementation and final Plan of Action will be shared with AP zone office and SEARD. SEARD will provide required technical input in the pilot of healthy life style module.

### Global Project - Pilot City Study on Urban Risk Reduction- PMI

Pilot City Study on Urban Disaster Risk Reduction has been initiated. This is part of global initiative. The objective of this initiative is to strengthen urban communities' resilience to

potential risks posed by disasters and climate change through capacity building in PMI as well as in the targeted communities. Following are the expected outcomes:

- The Capacity of PMI to build community resilience in urban context are strengthened
- The Capacity of community to prepare and reduce risks in urban areas is strengthened
- The Coordination and collaboration amongst PMI, Local Government and other related stakeholders are strengthened.

The operation plan has been shared to respective official of IFRC/GVA for their final feedback.

#### Knowledge Sharing:

Two case studies (Impact of DRR/FS session along with integrated planning from Myanmar and DRR education from Lao Red Cross) were developed and printed.

This online site (<https://sites.google.com/site/drrtoolsinsoutheastasia/health-and-care/health-bulletins>) is regularly update for knowledge sharing this above site is regularly being updated with DRR, health and other reference documents by SEARD/CSRU Team.

#### Upcoming Events for January and February 2014:

Date	Events	Venue
15 January	USAID, Dalberg group, AmCross, IFRC – meeting re Global Partnership for Resilience	Bangkok
16-17 January	International Conference of Thailand Floods (inc. corporate sector participation)	Bangkok
20-21 January (TBC)	Field visit/Monitoring of DREF Operation in Laos with TRC head of RCHB (staff on loan support)	Bangkok
22- 24 January	Safe Blood Symposium	Bangkok
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Global Advisory Panel (GAP) on Blood meeting	Bangkok
23-24 January	IAP – 6 <sup>th</sup> AMCDRR coordinators meeting	Bangkok
28 January	Handover of CBDRR project in Thailand (Surin Province)	Surin
27 – 31, January	The Final Planning Conference on ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Exercise 2014 (AHEx14)	Bangkok
TBC - January	Quarterly review meeting for Post-emergency operation in Thailand	Bangkok
TBC – January	Quarterly review meeting for Tsunami Residual Operation in Thailand	Bangkok
3-7, February	CBPSS training	Lao

<b>13 February</b>	<b>IDRL Training for TRC and various government representatives and other stakeholders</b>	<b>Bangkok</b>
<b>18 February</b>	<b>USAID/OFDA workshop – Guidelines for Proposals</b>	<b>Bangkok</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> week Feb (TBC)</b>	<b>Meeting with Asian Development Bank</b>	<b>Manila</b>
<b>TBC</b>	<b>Epidemic Control Volunteer's training</b>	<b>Myanmar</b>
<b>TBC</b>	<b>Early warning early action training</b>	<b>Bangkok</b>

**Other activities planned for January/February 2014 - Project Developments/Reporting:**

- Proposal to ESCAP Trust Fund for Tsunami, Disaster and Climate Preparedness (January)
- Proposal negotiations/meeting with ADB (Philippines) for Mekong (February)
- One Health proposal to Global Risk Forum Davos (January)
- Final Report to ECHO for DIPECHO project (January)
- Thailand CBDRR Project quarterly report to Canadian Red Cross (January)
- Final Report on SBDRR in Thailand to Hong Kong RC (January)
- Support development of Program Implementation Plan for C3R Canadian Project (January & February)