

REGIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY AND RESILIENCE FORUM

Monthly Update – April 2016



Hygiene promotion session at Boseleav village, Kratie Province in Cambodia

Peer-to-peer learning is one of the key approaches for regional cooperation in Southeast Asia Red Cross Red Crescent Societies, which consist of:

- Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society,
- Cambodian Red Cross Society,
- Lao Red Cross,
- Malaysia Red Crescent Society,
- Myanmar Red Cross Society,
- Indonesian Red Cross Society,
- Philippine Red Cross,
- Singapore Red Cross Society,
- The Thai Red Cross Society,
- Timor-Leste Red Cross Society,
- Viet Nam Red Cross Society.

The regional Red Cross and Red Crescent societies have been taking part in networks for regional cooperation.

The Regional Community Safety and Resilience Forum (RCSRF), Gender and Diversity network, South-East Asia Youth Network as well as Disaster Law network are key for this regional cooperation. IFRC is also providing inputs for sharing information with Asia Pacific Migration Network. Terms of Reference (TOR) of some of these networks are:

- [Regional Community Safety and Resilience Forum – TOR](#)
- [South-East Asia Gender and Diversity Network - TOR](#)
- [South-East Asia Youth Network \(SEAYN\) - TOR](#)

RRI Plans for 2016-2017 approved at the annual steering committee meeting in Bangkok, 26 April 2016



The annual Steering Committee Meeting for the Regional Resilience Initiative (RRI) was held in Bangkok on 26 April 2016. The objective of the meeting was to review the second year of implementation of the initiative and to discuss among partners the proposed Work Plan for the third year of the project. The meeting welcomed the progress made with the implementation of the initiative across the areas of support and the targeted countries. The meeting further agreed to strengthen the monitoring and evaluation of the plans as well as to deepen the linkages with the ASEAN Secretariat. Finally, the Government of Canada and the Canadian RC signed a no-cost extension for the initiative, allowing for implementation to be carried out until December 2017.

More information about the meeting as well as the approved plans for Southeast Asia is available [here](#).

Disaster Law

Vietnam Red Cross and Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development travel to DPRK to share disaster law experiences



On the 6th – 7th April 2016, the Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Korea (DPRK) and the DPRK Red Cross hosted a workshop on legal preparedness for international disaster response and disaster risk reduction in the city of Pyongyang. The event was attended by over 50 representatives from the DPRK Red Cross Society, the Legislative Assembly, the DPRK State Committee, academics, and the international humanitarian community. The Deputy Secretary General from Vietnam Red Cross, Mr. Dang Minh Chau, and Director from the Vietnam Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD), Mr. Van Phu Chinh, were invited to attend the workshop and share their experience in disaster law-making and implementation from Vietnam. The workshop followed on from a successful exchange trip between DPRK and Vietnam Red Cross in November 2015, where the two National Societies and government counterparts met in Hanoi to share experiences. The workshop concluded with the adoption of an outcome statement containing next steps for disaster law in DPRK, including continued learning and collaboration between the two National Societies and their government focal points. The group also visited community-based DRR projects in Un San Country, to understand how DRR work is being implemented in the field by DPRK Red Cross.

Philippine Red Cross holds Disaster Law Orientation Session

On 28th April the Philippine Red Cross hosted a 'Disaster Law Orientation Session' to introduce their plans for disaster law work in the Philippines in 2016 and beyond. This initiative follows several years of disaster law work, which has included stakeholder consultation workshops and providing feedback into national law and policy development processes. This new phase of work in the Philippines will focus largely on building the knowledge and capacity of Philippine Red Cross staff and volunteers in disaster law and legislative advocacy. "As an auxiliary to government and the most prominent community-based organization in our

country, Philippine Red Cross is exceptionally well-placed to support the implementation and dissemination of disaster laws and procedures”, explained the Secretary General of PRC, Ms. Gwendolyn Pang, in her opening speech. “We will be actively working to build the capacity of our National Society through disaster law initiatives. This will put us in a stronger, more informed position to influence national law and policy processes in the interests of the communities which we serve”, she stated. There was a great turnout at the orientation event from across the RCRC movement, including Partner National Societies and the ICRC.



Gender and Diversity

Global gender and diversity network meeting and ABC training

The Gender and Diversity Officer participated in the global gender and diversity network meeting from 7-8th April 2016. This provided a valuable opportunity to evaluate progress since the previous meeting, and the outcomes of the 32nd International Conference in December 2015. A key outcome of the meeting was the development of a plan of action for 2016 on gender, diversity and gender-based violence prevention and response. This included a focus on: the revision of [IFRC Minimum Standard Commitments to Gender and Diversity in Emergency Programming](#); continued roll out of the IFRC gender and diversity ‘7 moves’ training and development of Gender-Based Violence modules; and strengthening the regional networks on gender, diversity and gender-based violence. Representatives from nine National Societies and IFRC’s offices in Geneva, MENA, Africa, Asia Pacific and South East Asia attended the meeting. Representatives from the gender and diversity network were also invited to participate in the Youth Commission meeting which was taking place concurrently, to highlight areas of collaboration for youth leaders and gender and diversity focal points. Prior to the network meeting, a tailor-made version of the Agents of Behavioral Change Initiative (ABC) training was conducted from 5-6th April. This allowed the gender and diversity network to experience the ABC methodology and to identify existing synergies between gender and diversity and humanitarian education.

Youth and Volunteers

Philippines RC Youth as Agents of Behavioral Change Training



YABC Peer Educators’ (PE) training was held from April 8-12 2016 in the Philippines Red Cross targeting 15 Youths (8 female, 7 males). Three facilitators were mobilised to carry this training such as youth and volunteering officer, IFRC Bangkok Cluster Country Support Team (CCST), one from Singapore Red Cross and one from Sri Lanka RC. This training achieved an objective to develop a Youth in Non-communicable disease tool by integrating YABC sessions into NCD module. The trained YABC PEs developed their action plans to implement the module in their Healthy life style programmes at Communities, schools with the support of Youth department, Philippines RC. This training was more meaningful since it empowered youths into community actions and school actions by their own design to change mindsets,

attitude and behaviour of community and school peers into a positive way. They continuously joined the international Youth camp organised by Philippines RC from April 25-28 to motivate the other youths to join the RC and community actions with high energy.

Youth Development in Vietnam

Vietnam RC has stepped up to strengthen the Youth to enhance the service delivery of National Societies by changing mindset and attitude. A concept note for the Vietnam YABC Peer educators training and Youth empowerment initiative has been developed and been under review since it will be integrated initiative between youth and DRR, especially School Safety.

Southeast Asia Youth Network (SEAYN) Activity

The 13th SEAYN Coordination Team online meeting took place on April 29 and discussed about the agenda for the 13th SEAYN meeting to be held on May 10. Two key agenda will be addressed: “Youth in Migration” by inviting a presentation from IFRC CCST Migration Senior Officer and the “4th SEAYN annual meeting tentative programme to be held in Malaysia in August”.

The 4th SEAYN annual meeting will take place in Malaysia in August as the chair of the SEAYN in 2016, followed by the “Youth in school safety facilitators training” with a concept of Field School. A tentative programme for the 4th SEAYN annual meeting was drafted in the month.

SEAYN Newsletter Edition 4 (four-monthly newsletter) is under development by collecting information and data on SEA National Societies youth highlights from 10 NSs (except Brunei).

The Youth Trainers Guide on “Youth in School Safety (YSS) Training” is being developed based on experiences in Myanmar Pilot project and referring to YABC toolkits and school safety handbook.

Climate Change Adaptation

Climate Smart Community and Resilience Project

Component 2: Pocket guide | The draft of climate smart pocket guide is still under development, by taking into consideration the testing of the pocket guide during the climate change training in Cambodia and Laos.

Component 3: Training of Trainers (ToT) tool kit | The training kit for climate change training has been finalized by the consultant, by incorporating the inputs from the focal points in Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos.

Climate Change Adaptation Training in Laos



The climate change adaptation training was organized in Laos, Vientiane Province, Vang Vieng District from 5-8 April 2016, by the Lao Red Cross (LRC) supported by IFRC. The objectives of this training course on Basic Climate Change Adaptation is to enhance the skills of LRC staffs on the concept of climate change adaptation and mitigation and the key cross cutting issues such as health, gender and diversity and laws. A total of 47 LRC staff/participants (31 males, 16 females) at the headquarters and provincial levels (with the team of facilitators from DDMCC (Department of Disaster Management and Climate Change), LRC and IFRC Bangkok CCST. The participants and the representatives were invited from Vientiane Capital and 17 provinces with various backgrounds. See the [agenda](#) | [concept note](#) | [report](#) | and for more information, see this [link](#).

Moving forward, the Disaster Management Department - LRC will be conducting the TOT of climate change adaptation training course in June-July 2016 with the support from IFRC Bangkok CCST. The active participants from the targeted branches/provincial level who in charge for DRR and Health and CCA focal persons which meet the TOT training criteria will be invited and supported again to take part in the said TOT CCA course.

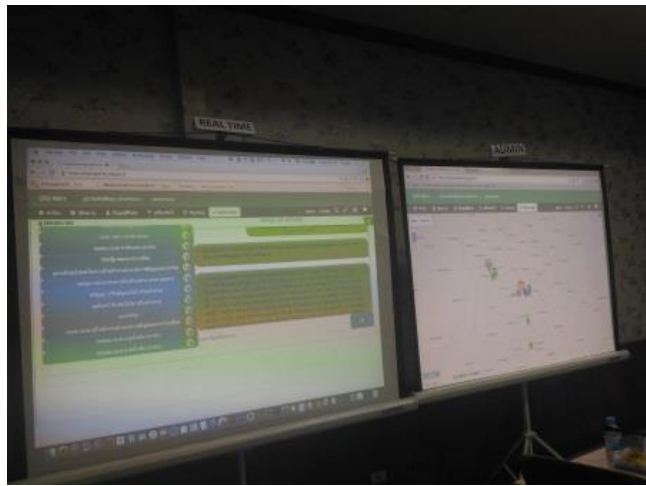
Thailand

Post Emergency Preparedness Operation for Thai Red Cross

TRC together with 10 alliance members conducted the table top exercise for Geographical Information System (GIS), this is the last test of the system for the 1st Phase of GIS that has been funded under Post Emergency Preparedness Operation project by IFRC. The 10 alliance members are Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, The Thai Red Cross Society, Bangkok Metropolitan Administration, Ministry of Public Health, National Health Commission Office of Thailand, National Institute for Emergency Medicine, Metropolitan Electricity Authority, Provincial Electricity Authority, Geo-Informatics and Space Technology Development Agency -GISTDA, King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang.

The table top exercise was attended by approximately 70 representatives from various stakeholders, Thai Red Cross, 10 alliance members and Sub district Administrative Organization. This aim of this exercise was to test the GIS system for the request assistance (relief kit, flat boat, food, etc.) during flood situation.

The result of the exercise was positive. All alliance members are willing to continue for Phase 2. However, the Thai Red Cross would secure the written commitment from alliance members.



Cambodia

SVAY RIENG PROVINCE

Joint Monitoring visit with IFRC and CRC NHQ with provincial staff of Svay Rieng was conducted 25 and 26 April, 2016 for the project to assess the development of water scheme at Toul Sdey commune, Chantria district. The discussion was conducted with village committee on following:

- a) Selection of land
- b) Operation and maintenance
- c) Community participation



Community water scheme discussion at Toul Sdey village

KRATIE PROVINCE

Hygiene promotion session at schools and community

On 29 April 2016, an awareness session on personnel hygiene was organized for the school children at one school of Boseleav commune of Chitr Borei district.

On 22, 23 and 25 April 2016, hygiene promotion activity and PHAST session was conducted at 4 project villages at household level to create awareness on :

- a) Clean and safe water treatment methods
- b) Personnel hygiene
- c) Village cleaning exercise and its importance



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Myanmar

School Based Risk Reduction Project

The amendment project agreement to extend the project until September 2016 had been signed by IFRC and MRCS.

Publication



Philippine Red Cross' case study was included in the 2nd edition of Asia Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC) [‘Integrating Gender into Humanitarian Action: Good Practices from Asia Pacific 2’](#).

Viet Nam Red Cross Society and IFRC case study: [The effectiveness of dengue fever mitigation in urban and semi urban areas, 2015, Vietnam](#)


Knowledge and Information Management – Online Library

South-East Asia's Road to Resilience

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Climate Change

Guides



- CARE: [Understanding Gender in Community-based Adaptation – Practitioner Brief 3](#) | summary | [download](#)
- CARE: [Gender Dynamics in a Changing Climate: How Gender and adaptive capacity affect resilience](#) | summary | [download](#)
- CARE: [Cultivating Equality: Delivering just and sustainable food systems in a changing climate](#) | summary | [download](#)

Case studies/stories



The photos above are taken from [CARE website](#).

- CARE: [Stepping up for resilience](#) – case study from the Philippines about community risk assessments CARE has been organising since typhoon Haiyan hit enthusiastic community facilitator who is helping her community members understand what disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation means.
- CARE: [Analita and her community's journey to disaster resilience](#) – case study from the Philippines about disaster recovery after typhoon Haiyan. Analita C to resilience.

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A collection of resources in gender mainstreaming in climate change community based adaptation on [Gender and Climate Change page](#)

The Southeast Asia RCRC societies online library at <https://sites.google.com/site/drrtoolsinsoutheastasia> is being 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. This is done in close collaboration with IFRC Geneva. The new domain address will be announced at the training and launching scheduled to take place in September 2016. The online library will be expanded to cover Asia Pacific, and link up as a potential knowledge management platform for the upcoming Asia Pacific DRR and Community Resilience Reference Centre to be hosted by Korean Red Cross.

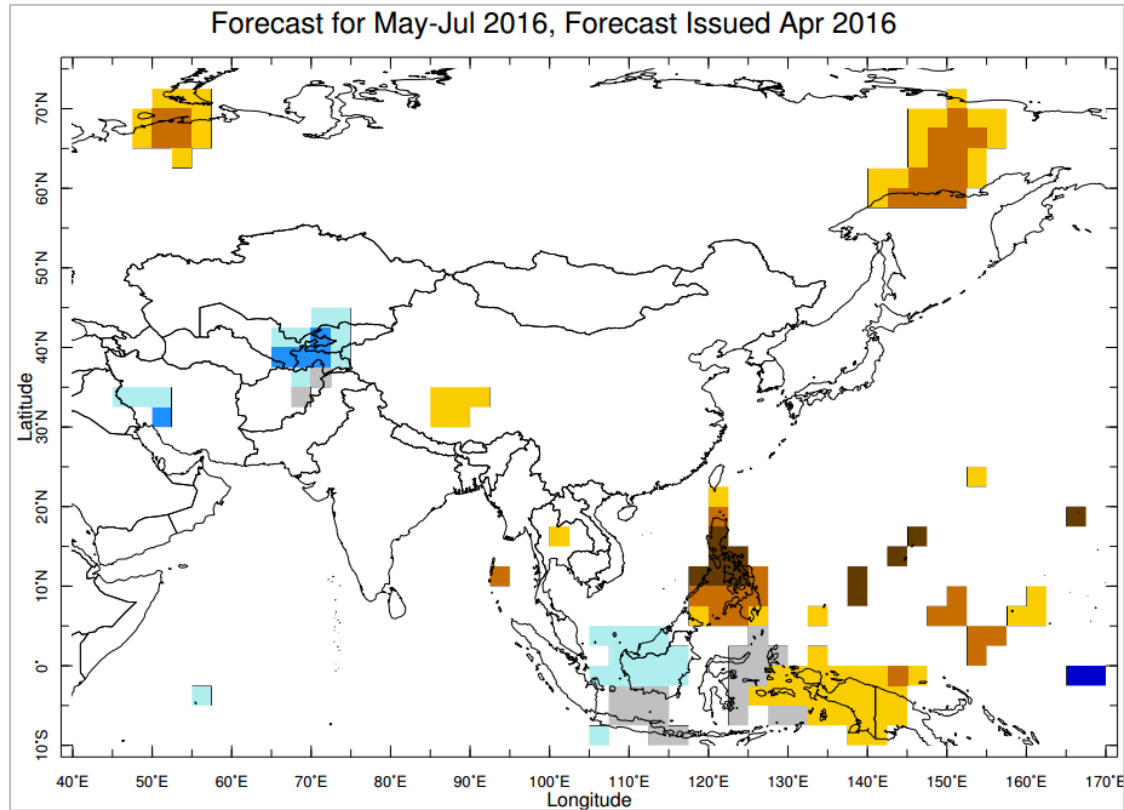
Within April 2016, the online library has an increase of users (60% from 298 to 477 users) and an increase of page views (142%, from 645 to 1,562 page views) comparing to the same period in 2015, which highlights the significantly growing usage of the online library from the Southeast Asian countries. The most accessed pages include: [Information, Education and Communication \(IEC\)](#); [Philippines](#); [Community based disaster risk reduction \(CBDRR\)](#); [School-based Risk Reduction](#); and [Gender and Diversity for Resilience Resource Library](#).

New additions in the current online library:

- [Gender and Climate Change](#)
- [Steering Committee meeting on Regional Resilience Initiative \(RRI\)](#)
- [Climate change training in Hue, Vietnam on 25-27 Jan 2016 \(report and resources\)](#)
- [Climate change adaptation training in Vangvieng, Laos, 5-8 April 2016 \(report\)](#) more resources to be added.

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 angelina.tandiono@ifrc.org

Weather Forecast



Meteorological agency in the respective South-East Asian countries:
[Brunei](#)
[Darussalam](#) |
[Cambodia](#) |
[Indonesia](#) | [Laos](#) |
[Malaysia](#) |
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Are the next 3 months likely to be exceptionally wet?



Slightly Increased Likelihood
(25% to 40% Chance)



Moderately Increased Likelihood
(40% to 50% Chance)



Greatly Increased Likelihood
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Are the next 3 months likely to be exceptionally dry?



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(25% to 40% Chance)



Moderately Increased Likelihood
(40% to 50% Chance)



Greatly Increased Likelihood
(Greater than 50% Chance)

Source: [IFRC IRI's weather forecast May to July 2016](#)

Country	Weather Forecast (Dry or wet)	Likelihood
Brunei	Not dry nor wet	
Cambodia	Not dry nor wet	
Indonesia	Unusually wet and dry (depending on the areas)	Depending on the areas, 35 to 40 % chance (slight likelihood) of unusually wet in the western part: Borneo island, while 35 to 40 % chance (slight likelihood) of unusually dry in the eastern part.
Laos	Not dry nor wet	
Malaysia	Not dry nor wet	
Myanmar	Not dry nor wet	
Philippines	Unusually dry	Depending on the areas, from 35 to more than 55 % chance. Higher chance of dry weather in middle part of the country.
Singapore	Not dry nor wet	
Thailand	Unusually dry	From 25 - 40 % chance (slight likelihood)
Timor Leste	Not dry nor wet	
Vietnam	Not dry nor wet	

Upcoming events for May to July 2016

Month	Date	Event	Location
May	2-6	Organisational self-assessment write shop	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
	3-5	Workshop on organizational self-assessment tool for Gender and Diversity	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
	8	International Red Cross Day	Global
	10	13 th SEAYN meeting	online
	16-18	Asia Pacific Regional Conference on Gender and DRR	Hanoi, Vietnam
	22-28	Global BOCA Write-shop	Malaysia
	23-24	World Humanitarian Summit	Istanbul, Turkey
	24/25	IDRL consultation workshop	Myanmar
	23-27	RCRC Induction for AHA Centre Executive Programme	Indonesia
	30-3 Jun	Development of country-specific tools on gender and diversity in DRR and resilience (Workshop 2)	Lao PDR
	TBC	TOT on Climate Change mainstreaming into community-based programming	Philippines
	TBC	PHAST – National Level ToT	Myanmar
	TBC	Advocacy meeting - Kayin	Myanmar
	TBC	MRCS SBRR National Lesson Learnt Workshop	Myanmar
	TBC	Second Inter-Cultural and Inter-Religious dialogue	Myanmar
	TBC	Technical meeting on the development of a communications policy	Cambodia
June	14	Blood Donation Day	Global
	16	International Domestic Workers' Day	Thailand
	20-24	YABC PE Training	Vietnam
	TBC	Mekong Coordination Meeting	TBC
	TBC	Peer to peer learning event on community engagement and accountability	TBC
	TBC	Internal planning meeting	TBC
July	5	13 th SEAYN meeting	Online
	TBC	Development of country-specific tools on gender and diversity in DRR and resilience (Workshop 3)	Lao PDR
	TBC	Global Disaster Law meeting	Geneva
	TBC	Youth Leadership Training of Trainers	Indonesia (TBC)
	TBC	AP Finance meeting	Kuala Lumpur
	TBC	Training on behaviour change communication for Southeast Asia NS	Philippines (TBC)
TBC	NDRT refresher training with pre-disaster agreement/simulation	Vietnam (TBC)	



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