REGIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY AND RESILIENCE FORUM

Monthly Update - June 2016



Myanmar Red Cross Society elevated the ground for fencing of a pond as a mitigation activity in school based risk reduction

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

Gender and Diversity

Cambodian Red Cross Gender and Diversity Policy Workshop



On the 24th June, the Cambodian Red Cross held a consultative workshop with the Ministry of Women Affairs, Cambodia. The aim of the workshop was to provide a platform to present a draft gender and diversity policy for the National Society and, importantly, to collect feedback from participants to integrate into the next stage of the policy development. It was also an opportunity to raise awareness of gender and diversity among staff.

The workshop was attended by the Ministry of Women Affairs, Senior Leadership of the Cambodian Red Cross, management and staff from headquarters, as well as representatives from Cambodian Red Cross branches nationwide.

Presentations were given by representatives from the Ministry of Women Affairs, IFRC and Cambodian Red Cross. These outlined the key issues in Cambodia with regards to gender and diversity, as well as the main approaches taken to address these issues and to support at-risk groups in the community. The presentations also outlined the importance of having a gender and diversity policy in the National Society; one that is relevant to the National Society context and provides practical guidance for its delivery of programmes and services.

The workshop was an excellent opportunity to bring together representatives from Cambodian Red Cross and the Ministry of Women Affairs to ensure increased awareness of the gender and diversity policy, that it is developed in a collaborative way and that the next steps involve all key stakeholders in the process.

American Red Cross AMEE Regional Monitoring and Evaluation Meeting

On 30 June to 1 July, American Red Cross Regional Delegation, held their Asia Middle East and Europe (AMEE) Regional monitoring and evaluation meeting in Bangkok. The aim was to share and learn among the field monitoring and evaluation teams on key approaches, to create a common vision and to support the network of American Red Cross monitoring and evaluation teams in the region. As part of the meeting, IFRC was invited to present a session, along with American Red Cross, on gender and diversity approaches to monitoring and evaluation. The presentation provided: an introduction to the concepts of gender, diversity and gender-based violence; why gender and diversity integration in monitoring and evaluation is crucial for effective programming; and practical ways to address gender and diversity in monitoring and evaluation. American



Please follow the link to the presentation <u>here</u>.

Red Cross then presented on gender and diversity analysis and how this can be used to inform programming, giving examples from American Red Cross' ongoing initiatives.

Youth and Volunteers

Youth and volunteering Development

- A feedback on Youth Facilitators Guide on <u>"Youth in School Safety (YSS) Training"</u> (draft version) was collected from CCST CSR manager and AP regional office and reviewed in the month. YV officer revised and refined Youth Facilitators Guide on <u>"Youth in School Safety (YSS) Training"</u> and shared with the relevant CCST CSR manager and AP regional office for the 2nd round. It was decided to hold the test training with this tool between July and August before the SEAYN meeting
- A preparation for the Vietnam YABC Peer educators training is on-going. Training materials are being under translation by a translator. Facilitator selection is on-going with an invitation letter from AP regional office.

- A pending proposal "Youth as Agents of non-violence and peace in Resilience Programme" submitted by IFRC CCST in 2015 was revisited by IFRC CCST Youth and Volunteering officer and IFRC Violence Prevention Mitigation Response Advisor based in Canada. Based on a discussion, it was decided to re-work on the proposal according to a new system and structure. A draft version has been shared and its feedback will be incorporated in next month.
- Monthly Update, Quarterly report including Operation Planning revision for NSDU has been developed and submitted to PMER for their consolidation.

7th Asia Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR)

IFRC Bangkok CCST representative joined the pre-meeting with children and youth stakeholders group before the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction-ISDR Asia Partnership (IAP) as a preparation to the 7th AMCDRR and continued to support the AP for developing the IFRC positioning paper for the children and youth engagement in the 7th AMCDRR. In the meeting the Youth and Children stakeholders group decided to have a <u>national consultation</u> with an agenda of "Youth and Children engagement in DRR along with the Sendai Framework Priorities" among Youth and children at national level to develop <u>a national specific statement</u> by inviting individual Government such as Ministry of Education. AP office is under the coordination with relevant NSs for meaningful participation in the consultation and YV officer will continue to support the process.

Southeast Asia Youth Network (SEAYN) Activity

- As one of the **SEAYN Action plan**, Indonesia RC (PMI) has planned to conduct youth empowerment programme with YABC peer educators' training through the funding support of Singapore RC as a peer-to-peer mechanism. For preparation, online discussion was held in a joint participation of Singapore RC, PMI, and Indonesia CCST, KL office on June 9 hosted by Bangkok CCST. It was decided to develop a concept note describing objectives and benefits of the training for further validation.
- 14th SEAYN Coordination Team (CT) online meeting was held on June 30 to develop an agenda for the 14th online meeting for the SEAYN members. The team developed 5 agenda as follows: 1) Asia Pacific Youth Network (APYN) Update from APYN Chair, 2) Outline of SEAYN Annual meeting and Youth in School Safety Training in September, 3) Asia Pacific Regional Update on youth development, 7th AMCDRR Preparation, International Youth Day Agenda, Beijing Conference Survey 4) Social Media Introduction 5) Case Study Development among SEAYN and other upcoming events in the SEA countries including non-violence and peace among youth. The SEAYN meeting will take place in July 8.

Migration

IFRC global study on migration

A new IFRC study shares 'smart practices' for building the resilience of vulnerable migrants. The study is based on interviews with more than 70 people from 30 countries including Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines. It examines the vulnerabilities and needs of migrants during each phase of their journey, and identifies more than 50 smart practices from every region in migration assistance, protection, awareness summary raising advocacy. The of the available study now at www.ifrc.org/Global/Publications/migration/Smart-practices-summary-report EN.pdf while the full report will be available later in July.



International Domestic Workers Day throws a spotlight on an invisible force behind closed doors



Each year, 16 June marks International Domestic Workers Day. It was established in recognition of the challenges that domestic workers face, and in order to raise awareness on the <u>international legal conventions</u> ratified by states around the world in order to protect them. This year in Bangkok and Chang Mai, more than 100 domestic workers from Thailand and surrounding countries such as Myanmar, united together with civil society organizations to mark the celebration. According to the <u>International Labour Organization</u> (ILO) there are around 53 million domestic workers worldwide, 83 per cent of whom are women. Without clear terms of reference, unregulated payment scales and unregistered status, they are among the most vulnerable groups in the world, susceptible to forced labour exploitation, abuse and human trafficking.

Thailand has an estimated 300,000 domestic workers who are servicing households by working in housekeeping, child care, personal care, cleaning and other tasks. Because the Ministry of Labour considers domestic work as an informal sector, workers largely fall outside the country's social protection scheme and have little access to <u>labour protection</u>.

This year, domestic workers from Thailand and abroad came together in a gesture of kindness to clean state-run Rajvithi Home for Girls from disadvantaged families – a commendable act, considering that domestic workers typically perform 14 to 16 hour shifts, six days a week. Representatives of local media, the Chamber of Commerce, Ministries of Labour, Social Welfare and Protection, IOM X and the International Labor Organization (ILO) joined a public conference – including panel discussion to highlight stories of migrant domestic workers.



Working with and for vulnerable migrants is one of the long-standing traditions of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. In Bangkok, the IFRC emphasized the importance of addressing the needs and vulnerabilities of migrants based on their need; in accordance with the principles of impartiality and neutrality. Her position contributed to the collective agreement amongst stakeholders at the event, to continue advocating for better protection of migrants and promoting their inclusion in mainstream society.

IFRC-supported <u>Rights of Migrants in Action</u> initiative is implemented in cooperation with four civil society organisations in Thailand. It aims to empower migrant workers through capacitating and reactivating their networks, running awareness raising and advocacy events.

Thailand

Post Emergency Preparedness Operation project

The case study – CPR & Chocking for TRC Youth Bureau is on process to finalise the layout. The case study is expected to be completed by late July.

Cambodia



Cambodian Red Cross Kratie branch conducting awareness raising session in a Boseleav village school

KRATIE PROVINCE

Hygiene promotion session at schools and community

On 22 June 2016, a hygiene promotion awareness raising session and benefits of latrine was briefed to school children on personal hygiene. The event was organized for the school children and 4 villages at Boseleav commune of Chitr Borei district.







BANTEY MEAN CHEY PROVINCE

Construction of a water pond for the community at Phum Ou Neaung village

A new water source pond construction was developed to fulfill the drinking and domestic requirement of community in Phum ou Neaung village, in which 700 households will benefit from the construction. The size of pond is 50x30x5m with 7.5 million cubic meters capacity.

CRC branch will support the community in fencing of the pond in the future, while the provincial authority donated 1 hectare of land to community for this purpose.

BANTEY MEAN CHEY PROVINCE

Household sanitation construction at Orussey village

Twenty households were supported with improved sanitation facility- as pour flush latrine in Orussey village, which benefitted 123 peoples in 20 households.

A total of 110 latrines have been completed to date at 4 villages, while 69 are under construction in different phases in 3 villages.

Rain water harvesting support to households

Currently 110 households are supported to collect and store rain water for their drinking and other domestic use.

Joint Monitoring visit with IFRC and CRC NHQ with provincial staff of BMC was conducted 22 and 24 June, 2016 for the project to assess the progress and technical support for development of water scheme

SVAY RIENG

Water source construction

Two water source are under construction, each in a different project village, the borehole drilling is ongoing for development of water sources. The construction is slow due to rainy period.

Hygiene Promotion Session at schools and community

Three hygiene promotion sessions were conducted in June, which benefitted 85 school children and 55 households in 6 target villages.

Laos

World Blood Donor Day 2016 organized by Lao Red Cross

On 10 June, the Lao Red Cross National Blood Transfusion Centre celebrates the World Blood Donor Day 2016 by organizing and collecting blood at an event organized at the Lao ITECC. In this event, 450 blood units were donated from both new and regular blood donors (with the set target 500 blood units, the result achieved 90 per cent) and 1500 visitors attended the event.

Regularly, the blood centre in Vientiane supplies approximately 50% of the country's blood supply, which is between 50 - 60 blood units per day.

In an overview, the blood transfusion service has steadily improved. Donations have increased from 500 in 1995 to nearly 36,000 in 2016 but this was only half way to achieve the goal at 60,000 units a year. The World Health Organization recommended that 1 per cent of population in a country would need to donate blood to secure an adequate blood supply. So, the objective of the NBTC is for 1% of the population to donate blood by 2020.

This event was organized to celebrate and raise public awareness to general population, young generations and students in increasing their awareness about blood services and blood supply to the patients and those in needed.



Moving forward:

- The blood center will scale up the VNRBD and youth donor club to 20-30 schools a year and recruiting more new blood donors from the youth as well as student and teacher network nationwide.
- The blood center developed the proposals to China and Japan Red Cross Societies and American Embassy to request the support and the improvement of blood services in Lao and for the new building at National Blood Center.
- The blood center looks for the commitment from the government in implementing and improving the blood services in the long run.

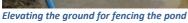


Myanmar

School Based Risk Reduction Project

Myanmar Red Cross Society is working together with 8 schools for mitigation activities such as: installation of clean drinking water storage tank, installation of water purification machine, elevating the flooded area in schools campus, construction schools latrine, construction the fencing of dangerous pond area and improvement of schools road access. Two schools have completed the construction of fencing for dangerous pond in school campus and improvement of school road access.









Water purification machine installation is completed and operational

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While two schools in Kyauktan township conducted tree planting to celebrate the World Environment Day.

Knowledge and Information Management – Online Library



Climate change adaptation training kit 2016 on online library

The Southeast Asia RCRC societies online library at https://sites.google.com/site/drrtoolsinsoutheastasia is being improved with more participatory and user-friendly features. 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. For this, we are in the process of recruiting a web development service provider.

Analytics of library usage: Within June 2016, the online library has an increase of users (78% from 301 to 535 users) comparing to the same period in 2015, which highlights the significantly growing usage of the online library from the Southeast Asian countries. Interestingly, this period features high access from UK, US, India, Canada and Nepal, apart from Southeast Asia countries in the top 10 countries where most of the audience are accessing from.

The most accessed pages include: <u>Information</u>, <u>Education</u> and <u>Communication</u> (<u>IEC</u>); <u>Community based disaster risk reduction</u> (<u>CBDRR</u>); <u>Gender and Diversity</u>.

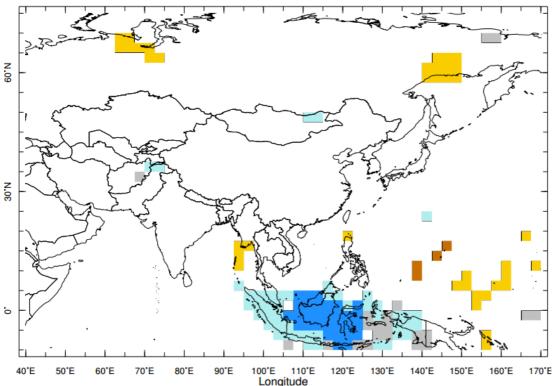
New additions in the current online library:

- International Domestic Workers Day throw a spotlight on an invisible force behind closed doors
- Climate change adaptation training kit 2016

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 angeline.tandiono@ifrc.org

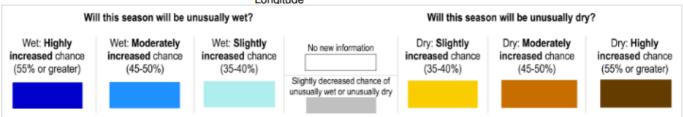
Weather Forecast

Forecast for Jul-Sep 2016, Forecast Issued Jun 2016



Meteorological agency in the respective South-East Asian countries: Brunei <u>Darussalam</u> Cambodia | Indonesia | Laos | <u>Malaysia</u> Myanmar **Philippines** <u>Singapore</u> **Thailand** Timor-Leste Vietnam

Source: IFRC IRI's weather forecast Jul to Sept 2016



Country	Weather Forecast (Dry or wet)	Likelihood	
Brunei	Unusually wet	40% to 50% chance (moderate likelihood)	
Cambodia	Not dry nor wet	-	
Indonesia	Unusually wet (depending on the areas)	Depending on the areas, 35 to 40 % chance (slight to moderate likelihood) of unusually wet in some areas, while more than 50 % chance (great likelihood) in Borneo and Sulawesi.	
Laos	Not dry nor wet	-	
Malaysia	Unusually wet	35 to 40 chance (slight likelihood) in most part of Malaysia, and increased chance 45 to 50% (moderate likelihood) in middle part (Borneo island).	
Myanmar	Unusually dry	35 to 40 % chance (slight likelihood) of dry weather in the south.	
Philippines	Unusually dry	35 to 40% (slight likelihood) of dry weather in upper north.	
Singapore	Unusually wet	35 to 40 % (moderate likelihood)	
Thailand	Not dry nor wet	-	
Timor Leste	Not dry nor wet	-	
Vietnam	Not dry nor wet	-	

July	4-5	Migration Task Force meeting	Geneva
·	5	e-Hygiene Promotion – Webinar training to VNRC staff	Online
	8	14 th SEAYN meeting	Online
	11-15	YABC PE training	Vietnam
	12	Regional Southeast Asia Gender and Diversity Network teleconference	Online
	12	National Roundtable for Implementing Partners in Migration related programme	Bangkok
	13-16	Field visit to Aceh in Indonesia under the AHA Centre Executive (ACE) Programme	Aceh, Indonesia
	21-23	School Based Disaster Risk Reduction Lesson Learnt Workshop (National level)	Myanmar
	24-26	Youth Leadership Camp	Indonesia
	25-27	Vietnam Red Cross and Thai Red Cross peer exchange	Thailand
	ТВС	Development of country-specific tools on gender and diversity in DRR and resilience (Workshop 3)	Laos
	TBC	Social media monitoring training and RRI activity planning	Cambodia
	TBC	AP Finance meeting	Kuala Lumpur
	TBC	NDRT refresher training with pre-disaster agreement/simulation	Vietnam (TBC)
August	1-5	Regional Southeast Asia Gender and Diversity Network refreshers training and meeting	Malaysia
	7-10	International Youth Day event (TBC)	TBC
	10-14	YABC Peer Educator Training	Singapore
	15-19	Field visit Philippines + Leader Talks as part of the AHA Centre Executive (ACE) Programme	Philippines
	16-17 (TBC)	Disaster Law Training	Philippines
	TBC	Global Disaster Law meeting	Geneva
	TBC	Radio workshop and activity planning for community engagement	Laos
	TBC	Training on Gender-and Diversity-sensitive tools for DRR	Laos
Septe	5-9	4 th SEAYN Annual Meeting and Youth in School Safety Training	Malaysia
mber	15-16	School Based Risk Reduction Regional Lessons Learnt workshop	Thailand
	TBC	Training on Gender-and Diversity-sensitive tools for DRR	Laos
	TBC	Training on behaviour change communication for Southeast Asia NS	Philippines (TBC)
	TBC	Advanced training on gender and diversity with CVTL	Timor-Leste
Octob	3-7	National Disaster Response Team (NDRT) Training	Laos
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