International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

MOST SIGNIFICANT CHANGE STORY

RRI mid-term retreat / Bangkok/ February 2016

# Instructions

Ahead of the planned retreat from 3-4 February 2016 all participants are requested to write a Most Significant Change (MSC) story linked to the Regional Resilience Initiative (RRI).

MSC is a methodology that aims to capture significant changes in the lives of beneficiaries of the programmes or operations that RRI support; within National Societies that we provide support to, or with other key stakeholders of the project such as ASEAN, governments, technical partners, etc. These changes may be intentional or not, positive and negative.

The MSC story is an important exercise to bring our discussions closer to reality that the beneficiaries we aim to assist live in, and to bring our focus to changes happening as a result of our work. The MSCs are also an important part in our reporting, highlighting changes and learning, which we often have difficulty in showing based only on current reports.

The MSCs will be used during the retreat and everyone needs to be prepared to present their story and have questions asked about it. This will allow for an ‘outsiders’ perspective on our stories and to see linkages with our other work.

When you write your MSC:

* imagine that you are writing a short news story or ‘personal story’
* try to keep the story short and to the point
* focus on describing the change and why the change is significant
* If possible, try to focus on a change for an individual, community or NS/Movement partner/government staff or volunteers that you have met during the course of your work.
* The MSC can also involve changes for an organisation such NS, IFRC, Partner National Society, Ministry, etc.
* use simple language
* give your story an interesting title
* write it in English

The MSC stories should be emailed to [gwitham@redcross.org.au](mailto:gwitham@redcross.org.au) by end of **Friday 29th of January 2016.**

# Contact Information

**If you need help or encouragement please contact Mr Gerard Witham (Ged) at the email above or +66 2661 8201 (ext. 500).**

*Acknowledgement: This activity has been adapted from some MSC activities used by Swedish Red Cross. Thank you!*

# My RRI Most Significant Change Story

**Keep it short, 1 page in total! Include a photo related to the story if you have one!**

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| Title & location: | Title of MSC story and its location |
| Written by: | Write your name |
| Type of MSC: | Specify whether the change described is:  -Negative/positive  -Intended/unintended  -type of programme work |
| Description/story: (1 paragraph) | Describe the change with as many facts as possible; what has happened, who was involved, when did it happen and where (country, programme/operation/NS/Movement partner etc.) |
| Explanation/analysis (1-2 paragraphs) | Describe what the underlying factors of the change are, why the change is significant in your opinion, and link it to what the change has lead/contributed to (negative and/or positive situation).  What are the important lessons learned from this story? |