International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Southeast Asia Climate Change Master Training

Session Plan of Session 3: Roles, Position and Red Cross Red Crescent Engagements in Climate Change / Bangkok Country Cluster Support Team / 2016

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Objective:At the end of this activity, the participants are able to:

1. Have a good understanding of RCRC policies, strategies, guidelines, tools and position on CCM and CCA.

## Key terminologies to cover in the session:

RCRC Strategy 2020, RCRC Declaration on Climate Change, IFRC Action Plan on Climate Change, Role of IFRC Climate Centre

# Proposed Methodology:

Lecture, presentation and Discussion

# Tips to Facilitator:

* Climate change commitments are also included in the International Federation’s **Strategy 2020**. Although the Strategy 2020 mentions the obligation to contribute to reducing the Movement’s carbon footprint, it is **important to highlight that as an organization we focus mostly on the humanitarian aspects of climate change and strive to reduce vulnerability – i.e. a focus on ‘adaptation’**.
* A large part of the Red Cross Red Crescent specialises in disaster management, health, water & sanitation, so our main task is to integrate the increasing climate risk into our existing expertise.
* Climate change Mitigation is not our main focus – many other organisations have a large amount of focus on this. We do not have the expertise or mandate to enter the intricate international debate on emissions targets. However we underline the necessity of this agenda and align with the statements made in the latest IPCC report. Sometimes the two agendas (mitigation and adaptation) combine for win-win solutions. For example: a reforestation initiative to prevent landslides will result in new trees that absorb carbon dioxide. Our main target remains to prevent the landslide from happening and protect the most vulnerable.
* **NOTE the different meanings of ‘mitigation’: in disaster risk reduction work ‘mitigation’ often refers to ‘disaster mitigation’ or measures to reduce the impact of disasters, but in the climate change context it means halting global warming by reducing emissions of greenhouse gasses.**
* **On Awareness Raising:**
	+ One important role of the Red Cross Red Crescent is to help people and institutions learn about climate change and its humanitarian consequences, and most importantly solutions to address it, both through community-based activities and public-awareness campaigns. Up to 60 National Societies have prepared materials for awareness campaigns. For a more extensive overview catalogue: please have a look at the communication module in this climate training KIT, under the section ‘experience of other National Societies’.
* **Establishing and enhancing partnerships**
	+ Addressing climate change cannot be done in isolation. Risk assessments require inputs from climate experts (for instance, from the national meteorological office). Risk reduction often requires partnerships with governments, NGOs, businesses, and others. National Societies’ local reach puts them in a strong position to help bridge the gaps between national and local stakeholders.
* **Advocacy and policy dialogue**
	+ Red Cross/ Red Crescent can advocate/ open dialogues for the most vulnerable people, and ensure that we are included in the global response to climate change. We have the opportunity to call on all governments to address the problem and to show that we have an approach that can address the problems of the most vulnerable people. By strengthening our approach at different levels: national, local and international we are uniquely positioned to make clear statements on what is needed for climate change adaptation.

## Reference Materials:

* International Conference 2007 resolution, see IFRC 30th Resolutions 2007.pdf in resources folder.
* Strategy 2020, download from <http://www.ifrc.org/Global/Publications/general/strategy-2020.pdf>
* RCRC Climate Guide, download from <http://www.climatecentre.org/downloads/File/reports/RCRC_climateguide.pdf>
* IFRC Action plan on Climate Change 2013-2016, download from <http://www.climatecentre.org/downloads/File/IFRCGeneva/IFRCPlanOfActionForClimateChange.pdf>
* RCRC Guideline on NAP, download from <http://www.climatecentre.org/downloads/File/IFRCGeneva/IFRCNationalAdaptionPlans.pdf>
* RCRC Guideline on Climate Finance, download from <http://www.climatecentre.org/downloads/File/IFRCGeneva/IFRCClimateFinance.pdf>
* RCRC DRR & CCA mainstreaming guide, download from <http://www.ifrc.org/PageFiles/40786/DRR%20and%20CCA%20Mainstreaming%20Guide_final_26%20Mar_low%20res.pdf>
* IFRC-WMO partnership- MoU

## Recommended videos and case studies:

1. The human face of climate change: IFRC video on the social and humanitarian implications of climate change (30:18 minutes). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OruIaPiFFHc>
2. Climate Change, Turning the Tide: IFRC video on the humanitarian impacts of climate change and global perspectives (8:56 minutes). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ldPT6CuDBZI>
3. Beyond Response adapting to climate change at the Red Cross, Indonesian Red Cross (7:55 minutes). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ViGUtwZQmbE>

Duration: 90 minutes

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| **Timing** | **Purpose/ Objective**  | **Methodology** | **Material/Facilitator** |
| *\*From when to when**(min)* | *What the activity aims at* | *How the activity is conducted, including the methods to be used (e.g. brain storming, group discussion, role play, etc.), questions, time duration, expected information, what the participants should do, etc.* *If case study or role-play will be used, explanation or information should be provided as well.* | *What materials, facilities, equipment are required to conduct this activity (e.g. flip charts, marker pens, colour cards, etc.)* |
| 60 minutes  | To provide a good understanding about current RCRC policies, strategies, guidelines and other tools related to Climate Change. | 1. Facilitator introduces session and session objectives

***On RCRC CC commitments and strategy***1. Present the RCRC declaration on Climate Change followed by questions (slides 3-4.)
2. Ask participants “how many are aware of IFRC strategy 2020?”
3. Gather answers and ask further: *“Does the strategy focus on CCM or not?”*
4. Present Strategy 2020 highlighting the section on CC (slides 5-6)
5. Present the RCRC Climate guide (slide 7).
6. Present key IFRC partnerships related to Climate Change (IRI- IFRC partnership: IFRC Map room, IFRC-WMO partnership,) (slides 8-9)

***ON VCA and Climate Change***1. Ask participants: *“How many have conducted VCA?”*
2. Explain VCA in the context of urban and climate risks (slide 10)
3. Explain IFRC Action Plan on Climate Change (slide 11)
4. Discuss RCRC guidelines for engaging in NAP process (slide 11)
5. Discuss DRR/CCA mainstreaming and climate finance guideline (slides 12-13)

***ON role of IFRC Climate Centre***1. Present Climate Centre Creation and Approach (slides 14-15)
2. Discuss areas of support provided by RCCC – research & publication; games; seasonal forecasts; integrate in on-going RCRC activities; partnerships with met offices; advocacy and policy dialogue; documentation (slides 16-23)
 | * Presentation and Discussion
* Open floor
* Flip charts
* Markers
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| 30 minutes  | To share National Society level policies and strategies related to Climate Change | 1. Pre-identified NSs to share their information on Climate Change related documents.
2. PMI: Beyond Response adapting to climate change at the Red Cross, Indonesian Red Cross (4:01 minutes). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ViGUtwZQmbE>
3. PMI Experience (10 mins)
 | * Individual presentation followed by questions
* LCD projector
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| **End of Session 3** |