

Building Urban Resilience in Southeast Asia

Cambodia



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- 1 city (Serei Soaphoan)
- 4 urban villages
- 3 urban public schools
- 1,200 students, teachers & community representatives
- 27,419 people reached (30% of Serei Soaphoan's population)

The 18-month Building Urban Resilience in Southeast Asia project, funded by the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO), supports Red Cross Movement partners in four countries, Cambodia, Lao, Vietnam and the Philippines, to build capacities of National Society staff, government officials, school teachers and school children, Red Cross youth and volunteers, and partners, through a coherent, regional strategy building on good practice and using innovative methods. The action emphasizes gender equity and social inclusion, among poor, vulnerable people, including people with disabilities and older people.

Cambodia Country Profile

Since the 1990's, the Finnish Red Cross and Cambodian Red Cross have worked together in emergency operations, organizational development, and integrated community-based health and disaster risk reduction programmes.

As part of the Building Urban Resilience project, the two National Societies are coming together to implement school-based disaster risk reduction, public awareness-raising and institutional disaster preparedness initiatives in cooperation with district and provincial authorities, and other humanitarian partners, focusing on vulnerable communities and schools.

Outcomes



Children and youth are more resilient to disasters and have a safe and secure learning environment

- School-based disaster risk reduction intervention in line with ASEAN School Safety Initiative and Comprehensive School Safety Framework
- Disaster preparedness and risk reduction support to vulnerable host communities



Safer behavior, improved preparedness and social change for DRR

- Participatory district-wide public awareness and education campaign for risk reduction and community resilience, developed with local authorities and other stakeholders



Increased capacity of local government authorities and Red Cross for disaster preparedness and response

- Support to local authorities in development and activation of district-wide Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan, and dissemination of National Law on Disaster Management (2015)
- Piloting of innovative approaches for participatory mapping of community risks
- Enhancement of Cambodian Red Cross' Banteay Meanchey Branch capacity to support local authorities in disaster management

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