International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

IFRC contributions to the AADMER work programme 2016–2020

**Country Cluster Support Team / September 2016**

*The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) shares the present update on its contributions to date towards the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) Work Programme for the years 2016–2020. The IFRC remains committed to develop a specific plan together with ASEAN to detail its future commitments towards the AADMER Work Programme.*

*The IFRC has designated a Representative to ASEAN to strengthen its coordination with ASEAN Secretariat and its specialized centers, as well as with the Embassies accredited to and partners cooperating with ASEAN. The Representative is based in Jakarta, Indonesia.*

*With the objective of strengthening and formalizing coordination between both organizations, IFRC and ASEAN have developed a Cooperation Framework. The framework, whose draft is currently being revised, is expected to be signed during Q3 of 2016.*

*The contributions follow the 8 priority programmes detailed in the AADMER work programme 2016–2020.*

# 1. AWARE: Risk Aware ASEAN Community

* Several National Societies across ASEAN have conducted Vulnerability and Capacity Assessments (VCA) at community level and have pools of trained facilitators.
* There is an ongoing sharing of information on response operations between AHA Centre and the IFRC System.
* The IFRC is strengthening its capacity in climate change in close collaboration with the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre: a person will be deployed in Indonesia, adding to the person of the RCCC based in the Philippines.
* IFRC is establishing its Emergency Operations Centre for Asia Pacific in 2016 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The EOC will exchange information with the AHA Centre.
* The IFRC and RC National Societies has been working very closely with NDMOs in countries exposed to the el Nino phenomenon to early identify the risks and possible mitigation actions.

# 2. BUILD SAFELY: Building Safe ASEAN Infrastructures and Essential Services

**ASEAN Safe Schools Initiative (ASSI)**

* Both IFRC and National Societies are cooperating actively with the ASEAN Safe School Initiative (ASSI), taking part in consultative processes led by ASEAN Member States and interacting with key technical partners under the Asia-Pacific Coalition for School Safety (APCSS).
* Red Cross Red Crescent [engagement with ASSI](https://www.dropbox.com/s/2tknbobm49kfu1k/School%20safety_2%20Pager%20%281%29.pdf?dl=0) : the 10 National Societies in ASEAN conduct activities in schools, in particular through their network of one million registered volunteers and four million active youth members.
* There is potential for scaling up ASSI through the inclusion of School Safety in school curriculum. In addition, the future inclusion of Red Cross training in First Aid in school curricula could be a life- saving initiative[[1]](#endnote-1) thus contributing to the [One Billion Coalition for Resilience](http://www.ifrc.org/one-billion-coalition).

**Urban resilience**

* National Societies are implementing innovative projects in cities in Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Philippines, Vietnam.
* The Global Disaster Preparedness Centre (GDPC) is also supporting such initiatives.

# 3. ADVANCE: A Disaster Resilient and Climate Adaptive ASEAN Community

**Institutional capacity and policy frameworks**

* There are well-established regional networks[[2]](#endnote-2) among the ten National Societies and Timor Leste to share knowledge and tools, while promoting peer to peer support.
* The [online library of the SEA Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies](https://sites.google.com/site/drrtoolsinsoutheastasia/) is open to all partners and aims at capitalizing learning and experience.
* The ten NSs and the IFRC have taken a very active role in Sendai (DRR framework), have contributed to the Sustainable Development Goals 2015*–*2030, are committed to support climate adaptive solutions in the region, and have contributed actively to the World Humanitarian Summit. They are committed to take an active role in the ASEAN region in the follow-up of these international summits and decisions, along with governments, civil society and private sector.
* The IFRC and National Societies have supported governments to make [real progress in the development of national disaster laws and policies,](https://www.dropbox.com/s/a5ifa7k4a9tjs14/Disaster%20Law%20in%20Southeast%20Asia_Summary%20of%20Progress%202012-2015%20FINAL.pdf?dl=0) and will continue to promote effective integration of disaster and climate change measures. The Disaster Law programme has widened its area of support to Disaster Risk Reduction and laws, using the IFRC/UNDP jointly developed ten points checklist.
* Gender and diversity policies and strategies are being designed by National Societies to provide a framework to guide and embed gender, diversity and inclusive approaches to disaster resilience within the National Society organisation and in programmes.

**Youth leadership in DRR and Climate Change**

* The [SEA Youth Network](https://sites.google.com/site/drrtoolsinsoutheastasia/youth-and-volunteers-1/southeast-asia-youth-network-seayn) among National Societies is increasingly engaging in resilience programming, in particular through its [Youths as Agents of Behavioural Change (YABC)](http://www.ifrc.org/what-we-do/principles-and-values/youth-as-agents-of-behavioural-change-yabc/)[[3]](#endnote-3) toolkit.
* SEAYN is working in collaboration with Disaster Management teams of the NSs in ensuring School Safety tools are youth- friendly, also contributing to the ASEAN Safe School Initiative. This includes initial discussions towards a mapping of school safety initiatives across all ASEAN countries.

**Model for replicable community resilience programming**

* The IFRC has launched its [One Billion Coalition for Resilience](http://www.ifrc.org/one-billion-coalition) (1BC)[[4]](#endnote-4) in 2015 as an invitation for enhanced partnerships towards community resilience. It has started discussions with ASEAN to explore the possibility to launch the 1BC together with ASEAN in South East Asia. NSs in the region engage each year in the celebration of IDDR and ADDM day to highlight successful programmes and partnerships.

# 4. PROTECT: Protecting Economic and Social Gains of ASEAN Community Integration through Risk Transfer and Social Protection

* The IFRC will pilot its Global Disaster Preparedness Centre approach to business continuity for very small, small and medium enterprises in 2017.

# 5. RESPOND AS ONE: Transforming Mechanisms for ASEAN’s Leadership in Response

* In each country, NSs are part of the national response mechanisms led by the NDMOs, contributing to contingency plans, response teams, SOPs, while maintaining their independence according to the RCRC Fundamental Principles.
* IFRC and NSs are a stakeholder of the ASEAN Joint Disaster Response Plan (AJDRP) under formulation.
* The IFRC and NS provide technical advice to pioneer and implement procedures to facilitate and regulate international disaster assistance to ensure effective response.
* IFRC and AHA Centre have developed a [joint action plan](https://www.dropbox.com/s/qcf7coampq522o7/annex%20d%20-%20Joint%20action%20plan%20for%20technical%20collaboration%20between%20RCRC%20and%20AHA%20Centre%20FINAL.pdf?dl=0) since October 2014.
* IFRC and NSs have been participating in ARDEX and [DiREx](http://www.ifrc.org/en/what-we-do/disaster-law/news/asia-pacific/malaysia-making-sure-we-are-prepared-before-the-real-one-hits-68817/) for several years and are also active in Civil-Military coordination.
* IFRC and NSs participate in ERAT trainings. A member of the Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) was mobilized as ERAT in response to Myanmar floods in August 2015.
* The IFRC remains committed to become a predictable, trustful and reliable provider of choice for ASEAN with complementary capacities and assets to be deployed in case of large scale emergencies.

# 6. EQUIP: Enhanced Capacities for One ASEAN One Response

**Disaster Emergency Logistics System of ASEAN (DELSA)**

* Both IFRC and NS maintain a network of warehouses at global, regional, national and local levels.
* IFRC sharing its logistics expertise as part of the ACE Programme.

**Emergency Rapid Assessment Team (ERAT)**

* National Societies are part of the IFRC Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) and support each other in times of emergencies.
* Key NS staffs are also trained as ERAT.
* IFRC and NS experience is shared as part of the ACE Programme.

# 7. RECOVERY: ASEAN Resilient Recovery

* IFRC supports the development of legal and policy frameworks to integrate DRR measures into recovery efforts and enhance the resilience of affected communities.
* The IFRC has wide global expertise in post-emergency recovery and its inclusion in both Preparedness and during implementation of response.
* IFRC and NSs are increasingly taking gender, diversity and social inclusion agenda into consideration. Experience, guidelines and tools are available through the [Gender and Diversity resource library](https://sites.google.com/site/drrtoolsinsoutheastasia/gender-and-diversity/gender-and-diversity-for-resilience-toolkit). A pool of trainers is also being strengthened since 2014.

# 8. LEAD: ASEAN Leadership for Excellence and Innovation in Disaster Management

* ASEAN is considered a leader in the development of legal and policy frameworks for disaster risk management at the regional and national levels. IFRC and NS have been working to support and promote this leadership.
* The [online library](https://sites.google.com/site/drrtoolsinsoutheastasia/gender-and-diversity/gender-and-diversity-for-resilience-toolkit) is updated regularly and open to all partners.
* Participation in the ACE Programme: [Red Cross Red Crescent Induction training](https://sites.google.com/site/drrtoolsinsoutheastasia/meetings-and-workshops/2015/rcrc-induction-training-for-governments-of-asean-in-ace-programme), visit to community-based activities and peer to peer learning with National Society members, are opportunities to share knowledge and skills among ASEAN stakeholders.

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1. With one person trained in first aid in each family in the years to come. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. These include the annual Leadership meeting, the Community Safety and Resilience [Forum](https://sites.google.com/site/drrtoolsinsoutheastasia/regional-csr-forum/more-on-regional-community-safety-and-resilience-forum), the Gender and Diversity [Network](https://www.dropbox.com/s/fpkqdghfogyff69/SEA%20Regional%20Gender%20and%20Diversity%20Network%20Meeting%20Report_October%202015.pdf?dl=0) and the SEA Youth Network ([SEAYN](https://sites.google.com/site/drrtoolsinsoutheastasia/youth-and-volunteers-1/southeast-asia-youth-network-seayn)). The establishment of other technical networks is under discussion among National Societies and IFRC. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. Youth as Agents of Behavioural Change (YABC)  is the IFRCs flagship initiative on the promotion of a culture of non-violence and peace. Created in 2008, this programme seeks to empower individuals to take up an ethical leadership role in their community. For more information, visit the [webpage](http://www.ifrc.org/en/what-we-do/principles-and-values/youth-as-agents-of-behavioural-change-yabc/). [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
4. With the 1BC, the IFRC aims at reaching one billion people by 2015 and make them more resilient. [↑](#endnote-ref-4)