

## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual South-East Asia Red Cross Red Crescent Leadership Meeting 2015

# Regional Youth Technical Working Group (RYTWG)

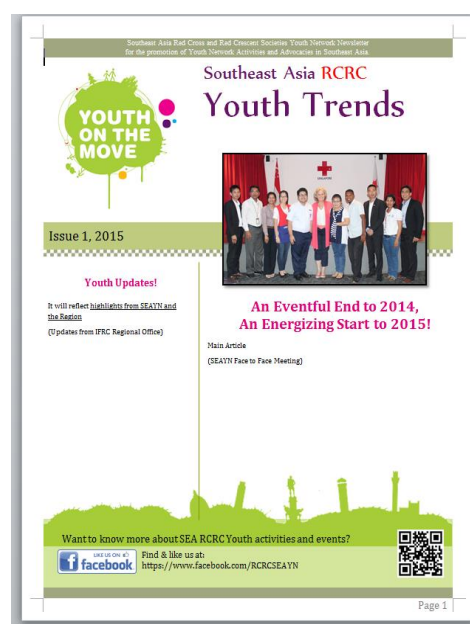
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### Introduction

Year 2014 was a year of Youth in Southeast Asia. The 6<sup>th</sup> Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) Bangkok held from June 21-26 has recognised meaningful engagement of youths and its specific role in building community safety and resilience. The conference endorsed the Youth and Children statements which also include the SEA Red Cross and Red Crescent Youth statements. All governments, International Non-governmental organizations in Asia and Pacific and other relevant stakeholders have indicated/pledged their support to further strengthen meaningful participation of youths in DRR to ensure to reduce future disaster and climate change risk.

The **Southeast Asia Youth Network (SEAYN)** has firmly strengthened its capacity through its active participation/representation in various events and conferences. Implementation of action plan 2014 and reinforcement of its structure and system with active participation of youth volunteer leaders led by Cambodia Chair with its coordination team, with the support of 11 NS leadership and youth sections, especially from 8 national societies: Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste have further contributed in strengthening youth activities in the region. 5 webinars and 6 coordination team meetings were held during the year providing an interactive platform for discussion, exchange, planning, briefing and preparatory works and gained more trust and credibility from each NSs and other regions. SEAYN became more active contributor to the APYN (3 representatives sitting in APYN) by representing and advocating the SEA youths as a whole as well as reflecting the opinions of youth supporters in a considerable way.

In addition, the 2nd Asia Pacific Youth Summit held in Beijing in October last year has also re-affirmed the importance of regional RCRC Youth Network, and endorsed to include the SEAYN commitment in the final Beijing Youth Summit Commitment as a key component for the 9<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific RCRC conference agenda.



*Layout of SEAYN Newsletter*

By adopting the IFRC Youth Engagement Strategy (2013), SEA national societies have started to invest and pay attention to **youth empowerment** through creation of enabling environments for young people to become agents of change for building safe and resilient communities.

## Key developments and achievements

1. Following **the recommendation of SEA leaders in 2014** (youth as being champions on IT social media), the SEAYN has connected/included this recommendation into their own action plan, “advocacy and innovation” and pioneered to open its own webpage for a better space for the youth discussion, linked to 11 national RC youth page and Zonal Youth page (Asia Pacific Youth Network). It has established its system to develop newsletter on a regular basis and will run/include all articles of youth best practises and issues from 11 NSs in the region. (*pls see attached Newsletter issue 1*). By the end of 2015, the SEAYN will encourage 1.5 million youth volunteers out of 3.9 million to use their national youth network page or SEAYN page for their RCRC advocacy. New coordination Team was nominated according to ToR endorsed by the SEA leadership.

The action plan for 2015-2016 was developed on basis of SEA Leadership recommendations;

- 1) SEA Youths champion on social media including IT initiative through interactive webinars, Tweeter & social media platforms, webpage, newsletter for the purpose of advocacy and innovation on the basis of National youth network establishment (SEAYN)
- 2) Healthy Safe School programme initiated and strengthened (Indonesia, Timor Leste, Philippines) in a good link with the Asian Coalition for school safety (ACSS) and within the comprehensive School Safety framework (CSS)
- 3) Youth Empowerment Project (with YABC) initiatives and implementation (Cambodia, Singapore, Myanmar) linked to NS programming (Health, Principles and Values, DRR, Migration)
- 4) Peer to peer support and youth exchange facilitation thru events, conferences, skill training, youth camps & symposium (Lao, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Brunei)

In 2014, Cambodia and Myanmar have revised youth policy and strategy according to the youth engagement strategy (YES) and IFRC Youth policy and Brunei, Singapore and Timor Leste are in planning for 2015. (*please see annex 1*)

2. **Youth Empowerment Project** has been initiated from Cambodia Siem Reap with the objective of mainstreaming youths into Health programme in a meaningful way, as one SEAYN action plan 2014 and finally completed into full success that all targeted youths became agents of change through YABC training and rose up and mobilized 150 peer students to join in the

HIV/AIDS Prevention campaign and 100 community people in Stueng Thmey Village<sup>1</sup> to sign up to join in non-discrimination campaign for PLHIV.

This flame has kindled to Singapore and Singapore RC also initiated YABC training and those trained youths organized Peer to Peer Symposium by mobilizing 300 Singapore youths and other SEA Youths. They have been successful in engaging Singapore youths into Community Led Action for Resilience for Elderly (CLARE) project starting from 2015. Singapore NS Leadership encouraged and supported to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> SEAYN meeting in Singapore after Beijing Youth Summit by consolidating all 11 youth leaders into one, for promoting youth on move, doing better, doing more and reaching further.



*Siem Reap Youth in dissemination on HIV/AIDS on World AIDS Day*

**3. Cross Regional Cooperation** with strong Youth representation.

- Excellent Youth peer cooperation (regional and cross-regional such as Japan RC/Korean RC) has been facilitated in a bilateral way as well as with the support of IFRC office among SEA NSs such as Cambodia, Thailand, Lao and Vietnam.
- The 2nd Asia Pacific Youth Summit and 6<sup>th</sup> AMCDRR have been great platforms for all SEA youths to strengthen the cross regional cooperation and to build capacity and share youth voices.
- Two face to face SEAYN meetings in Cambodia and Singapore have also given opportunities for members (staff and volunteer leaders) to share their issues, challenges, best practices openly and carry out further plan in an honest and realistic manner.
- Finally those commitments and action plans have contributed to key outcomes of AP RCRC conference, Youth Engagement Strategy implementation and will be a key preparatory route for global youth conference to be held in Geneva 2015.

**Directions/ Decisions**

The overall goal of the Youth Development in the region is to mainstream youths into community safety and resilience actions with their improved positioning and increased representation.

Specific directions for 2015 and beyond include:

1. Better positioning and increased Youth representation through upgrading NS Youth policy/ strategic planning in line with Youth Engagement Strategy (Y.E.S).

<sup>1</sup> Most of Stueng Thmey villagers are those people living with HIV.

2. Develop youths as champions for RC advocacy including Humanitarian Diplomacy and Humanitarian Education (School-based programming) with stronger peer cooperation.
3. Promoting a culture of non-violence and peace, inspired by RCRC Fundamental Principles and Humanitarian Values
4. “Youth-led pioneered” programmes initiated and strengthened (in the social inclusion: Inter Cultural & inter Religious dialogue, Inter-generational programming, violence prevention through YABC approach) & strengthening of NS youth database, systems (RMS).

**Leaders’ support is required in the following areas:**

- 1) Endorsement to upgrade NS Youth Policy, Strategy and database and increased youth representation at governance level
- 2) Strong support in integrating/mainstreaming youth-led activities into NS programming (DM, Resilience, Health) and advocacy
- 3) More Investment to youth empowerment and events as well as higher representation of SEAYN members in national, regional, zonal and global events; 2015 key events; World Humanitarian Summit, Sendai conference, 2015 Youth Conference cum International conference and SEAYN annual meeting
- 4) Approval and Support to SEAYN to circulate Youth Newsletter among NSs, Region and Zone
- 5) Strong Support to peer cooperation within the region building on common identified priorities.

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Annex 1: Youth Development Mapping Matrix

National Society	YOUTH							
	Youth Policy/strategy (updated Year)	Youth representation in decision making	Youth Department (# of staffs)	# of Youth volunteers	SEAYN Members 2015	Community Youth Activities	School / University based Activities including youth clubs	YABC
BRUNEI	The Youth Policy under Final review by Board Member prior approval	Yes, Youth Director and Asst. Youth Director sit in National Executive Board and National Council	Establishment of Youth Development Department on 10th January 2014	1,008	Not official nomination. but currently SG is a key actor	RCRC Knowledge Fundamental & Values, Basic First Aid, Health Education, Road Safety, Environment, Disaster Awareness, Community &		no YABC, Planning in 2015 with IFRC SEA
CAMBODIA	Youth policy 2014 (renew).	One RCY representative as the member of Central Committee.	Youth unit is under Human Resource Department.	29,099	1) Mr. Sam Kosal, HR director 2) Mr. Roeut Sokhon, Depty Development Unit (Youth and Volunteer)	Road safety, landmine awareness, blood donor recruitment, health FA education, peace promotion culture of sharing	Fundamental Principles and Values, IHL, FA training, Road Safety, HIVs, Youth Policy & Guideline, gender, Domestic violent, morality,	YABC training conducted in 2014 and planning to expand in 2015
EAST TIMOR	Youth Policy revision is scheduled in 2015	Youth President in NGB, 2 Youth Representatives in Branch Board as official member	2 staff members in NHQ, Youth Coordinator, Deputy Youth Coordinator	1,300	1) Ms Vidianan Xareal, Youth coordinator 2) Mr. Vicente da Silva Antonio, Deputy Youth coordinator	Road Safety, Healthy Youth Training, ICBRR, Dissemination	Fundamental Principles and Values, IHL, Healthy Youth Information, Road Safety	Facilitator of YABC will conduct the training incorporate with healthy Youth Module to the Youth Volunteers in 2015
INDONESIA	Youth Management Guideline in 2008.	Governing board member appointed to deal with Youth (and Volunteer) issue.	Youth and Volunteer Department exists in NHQ, 4 staff. All Chapters/ Branches have minimum one Youth & Volunteer Staff.	379,801 (per 2013)	SEAYN Chair. 1) Dr. Lilis Wijaya, Head of Youth and Volunteer division,	Fundamental Principles and Values, leadership, blood donation, Disaster Preparedness, FA, Youth health, Sanitation and Hygiene.	Disaster Risk Reduction in school, Fundamental Principles and Value, IHL, YABC, Health school, fundraising in school.	Yes, trained 57 peer educators nationally for YABC project, in 2 provinces. 2 provinces continues the YABC implementation with self-funding
LAOS	yes, but old version	Head of Communication Division and Head of OD office	It is under the Communication and fundraising Division	3,000	SEAYN Deputy Chairs 1) Dr. Kaviphone Southy, communication, FR and youth director 2) Mr. Khamla Phomphakdee, Youth leader, APYN CC member			No YABC

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MALAYSIA	Draft youth policy/guidelines waiting for endorsement by board	1 RCY Representative in Governing Board	Youth Development is under OD division not separately.					3 YABC peer educators trained in 2014, need national training
MYANMAR	declared in 2009, revised in 2012 in line with IFRC Youth Policy.	RCY representative sit in Governance body of University RC team but not in Governance Board in old 1959 Act.	Youth development is under OD department. OD Director, Dy Director and one Youth Officer are responsible to take Youth Development for NS.	20,000	1) Ms Hnin Phyu Phyu Myint, CAS coordinator, youth incharge 2) Mr Nay Lin Aung, Youth member, Yangon region and NHQ rep	blood donation, Basic FA training and Medical cover in Sports and DRR.	School based DRR, Mass blood donation and First Aid care in events.	no YABC training in 2014 but Plan for 2015 with IFRC SEA
PHILIPPINES	Youth policy/strategy in place 2010	Youth member is official member of local/national Gov. Board	Youth Dept. existing. Most chapters have also staff for youths		SEAYN Officers 1) Mr Ryan Jay B. Jopia, Head of Youth Dept 2) Mr Marlouize Villanueva, Youth Council member leader, APYN CC member			1 YABC trainer, but no implementation
SINGAPORE	Youth Policy 2013 by SRC constitution Youth strategy planning for 2015	Youth Council Member	Youth Section under Community Service Dept		1) Mr Sahari Ani, Director of youth, community service 2) Mr Mohammad Zaidi Ariffin, youth council member leader, SEAYN Co chair and APYN SC member			YABC training conducted in 2014 and planning to expand in 2015
THAILAND	Youth Policy and Strategic Direction is formulated every 5 years under the Thai Red Cross Strategic Plan. The latest plan is 2010-2015.	Youth Director is Secretary for Red Cross Youth Executive Committee whilst Deputy Youth Director is Assistant Secretary of the Committee.	Red Cross Youth Bureau, 36 staff	69,840	1) Ms. Sunisa Nivesrungsun, Deputy Youth Director. 2) Ms Penprapa Kesornmala, youth coordinator 2) Ms Sasinat Chindapol, youth leader	Community service delivered on monthly basis based on needs and in partnership with Academic Institutions through RC Youth Clubs.	RCY Clubs establishment in schools both formal and non-formal education as well as in universities. FA training, Fundamental Principles, DP and DR, and Elderly care.	no YABC, Planning in 2015 with IFRC SEA
VIETNAM	Youth regulations promulgated Youth policy adopted in 2011. Defined Youth activities for schools and colleges	no proper youth rep in decision making	Youth under HR Dept	3,583,080	1) Ms Vu Thi Phuong, HR deputy director 2) xxx	Blood donation, Disaster preparedness, Sanitation and Hygiene		No YABC



