



SOUTHEAST ASIA RED CROSS RED CRESCENT YOUTH TRENDS

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Southeast Asia Youth Network Action Plan 2016-2017

1. Advocacy on best practices

- New case study
- Facebook group
- Quarterly newsletter

2. Youth and volunteer management

- Youth Council/Network
- Youth Policy and Guidelines
- Youth Strategy

3. Youth Empowerment Programme

- Youth in School Safety Programme
- School safety mapping initiative
- Youth as Agents of Behavioural Change programme and events

4. Peer-to-Peer Support, Partnership and Fundraising

- Sharing knowledge on corporate volunteerism
- Sharing of best practices for fundraising

In the second week of September, the 4th Southeast Asia Youth Network (SEAYN) annual meeting was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Hosted by the SEAYN Chair Malaysian Red Crescent, with funding support from the Community Safety and Resilience Unit (under the Regional Resilience Initiative) and IFRC Country Cluster Support Team Bangkok, the meeting reviewed 2015-2016 activities, and briefed members on upcoming global and regional events such as the 7th Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and the International Conference in 2017. The members presented their country-specific action plans for 2016-2017 and discussed thematic agendas such as the [Youth in School Safety Programme \(YSS\)](#), SEAYN engagement into school safety mapping, and the championing of youth using social media (including a new [SEAYN Facebook page](#)). After discussion, the team developed a 2016-2017 action plan looking at issues of youth in each National Society's programming, also considering each National Society's expectations and commitment to SEAYN for youth engagement and development.

In the meeting the 4th Coordination Team (CT) members were nominated and a successful handover from the predecessors carried out. The aim remains to represent the SEAYN as a whole and see youth assume greater leadership and ownership of the Network.



YOUTH LEADS !

YOUTH SPEAKS !



Singapore Red Cross



Earlier this year, the Singapore Red Cross (SRC) joined the “One Billion Coalition for Resilience” to scale up community and civic action to strengthen individual and community resilience. In line with this, the Membership and Volunteer Development (MVD) department organised the inaugural Members’ Conversation at Red Cross House on 13 August, to engage members and volunteers in open and engaging conversations to share ideas and ideals on collaborating with Singapore Red Cross to build community resilience. Themed "RESILIENCE through Singapore Red Cross and ME", the event enabled members to leverage Slido.com and canvas painting to share their ideals.



Scan the QR code to watch a video recap of the event.



August 2016, 5th Model IFRC General Assembly

Mathilda Ho, 26, was one of two representatives from Singapore Red Cross Youth who attended the 5th Model International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) General Assembly (MIGA) Conference in Gyeonggi-do, South Korea from 9 to 15 August. She was conferred the Individual Hope Award¹ at MIGA. Throughout the five-day programme, she had the chance to interact with more than 160 participants from over 29 National Societies.

Her contributions to the 5th MIGA were recognised and she was given the Individual Hope Award from the Chair of the Korean Red Cross Youth Sponsorship Committee. She hopes to contribute more to strengthening Singapore Red Cross’ social inclusion initiative by creating enabling environments, empowering marginalised individuals by training individuals in first aid and providing them with opportunities to actively contribute in their communities.



Mathilda Ho (second from left), with Vincent Toh, Red Cross Youth Secretariat, MD Inban of Bangladesh Red Cross and Rachel Wong, Hong Kong Red Cross and East Asia Chair at the opening ceremony.

YOUTH LEADS !



Vietnam Red Cross



In October, Vietnam Red Cross Youth as Agents of Behavioural Change (YABC) participants designed a youth-led activity in Da Nang and Ho Chi Min City with the theme of the social inclusion. Da Nang Chapter carried out its action on October 29 and 30 with the support of IFRC Youth and Volunteering Officer. Da Nang youths together with 29 Union members (16 females, 13 males) from the university discussed non-violence. The 29 youths shared stories about the violent cases they have witnessed in communities and schools. They came to a conclusion and listed the three most common cases of violence: family violence, school bullying and harassment. The event took place in Hoa Quy Community Hall in Hoa Quy commune, Da Nang City with around 100 community people, headed by Mr Nguyen Van Vinh, the community leader and 60 high school students.

OUTCOMES

- Da Nang Red Cross Chapter has established a connection with the Youth Union, opening the possibility to gain support from the Youth Union for future activities
- Da Nang Red Cross Youth volunteers became more confident with this first initiative and developed a sustainable youth empowerment programme with a small investment of between USD 200-300 in close cooperation with the Youth Union
- Vietnam Red Cross Youth department gained valuable experience from Da Nang Chapter and decided to expand this type of joint programme in other Chapters from 2017
- This successful story will be shared with the Southeast Asia Youth Network for other National Societies to follow

YOUTH ACTS !



2016 – Timor-Leste Red Cross



Cleaning Up: On 4 September and 28 September, Youth Club members (including senior high school students) committed to cleaning up areas with a lot of garbage, such as in schools compounds and in the city of Dili

Health Training for Youth: The Youth Department provided health training to 13 branches and villages to improve the skills and knowledge of young people to become good leaders and lead healthy lifestyles



School Program Socialization: Timor-Leste Red Cross provided learning modules and facilitator guidelines to school principals at primary to senior high schools, as well as youth leaders, volunteer coordinators and the head of Dili branch.



Training in Modules and Guidelines for 'Junior Club of Volunteers' Facilitators: The National Society provided training for facilitators at a School Youth Club program held between August 20 and 23 at Unio Clero Training Center Ailok-Laran in Dili.

The first phase of this training was completed by the National Society in 6 branches: Dili, Baucau, Bobonaro, Liquiça, Ainaro and Oe-cusse. Nineteen volunteers and four teachers attended the training.



YOUTH ACTS !

2016 – Timor-Leste Red Cross



Youth First Aid Action: The National Society's youth-led First Aid team provided assistance at the Youth Sport Cup in Canossa has-laran Comoro, Dili City. The objective of the Sports Cup is to strengthen friendships between young people in the community and students.



Thai Red Cross Society

Thai Red Cross Society conducted numerous events in September and October.

11 -15 September: 'Fact for Life' Training in Lao PDR.

Two youth instructors from Thai Red Cross Youth Bureau held a Fact for Life Training in Lao PDR. Forty volunteers aged between 15-20 years from schools and Lao Red Cross participated in the training. They decided to set up further trainings for youths in their communities after finishing the course.

10-31 October: 'Thai Red Cross Youth in Actions' at Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital

Ninety youth volunteers (30 volunteers per day) gathered to provide services at the hospital such as helping regist patient cards and fill out patient forms. As a result, they were able to provide voluntary services for 1000-2000 patients per day.

25-31 October: First aid service in 100-day Buddhist funeral rites for the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej

Each day 150-250 youth volunteers came together to do the goodness as merit offerings to the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej. Hundreds of volunteers were divided into groups to walk along the Grand Palace to provide first aid service for mourners from all regions of the country who headed to Bangkok to pay respect to the late King.



Singapore Red Cross

Period	Activities
Dec 17	Red Cross Youth Challenge 2016 – The Red Wave Rising



Lao Red Cross

Period	Activities
11-17 Dec	Youth as Agents of Behavioural Change (YABC) Peer Educators' Training in Lao PDR



Thai Red Cross Society

Period	Activities
Nov-Dec	First aid service in 100-day Buddhist funeral rites for the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej (continued)
11-17 Dec	Peer-to-Peer (P2P) sharing – YABC training in Lao PDR
14-16 Dec	Seminar on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) in Bangkok
Dec	Road safety campaign involving youth volunteers



Cambodian Red Cross

Period	Activities
22 Nov	Youth in Action' World AIDS Day: 200 youth volunteers will attend the World AIDS Day event. Samdech kittipritthbindit Bun Rany HUNSEN, Cambodian Red Cross President will join the HIV/AIDS victims at the relief distribution site.
Dec	Road Safety Campaigns in the City : 150 youth volunteers will share and disseminate information such as the laws on road safety to a specific group of people.



Vietnam Red Cross Society

Period	Activities
27-28 November	Youth Empowerment Programme in Ho Chi Min City

