

REGIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY AND RESILIENCE FORUM

Monthly Update – November 2016



Singapore Red Cross volunteer and the beneficiary Da Silva. Singapore Red Cross has launched a beneficiary-centric campaign to raise awareness of its local humanitarian services and to further its fundraising efforts. Photo credit by Singapore Red Cross

Peer-to-peer learning is one of the key approaches for regional cooperation in Southeast Asia Red Cross Red Crescent Societies, which consist of:

- Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society,
- Cambodian Red Cross Society,
- Lao Red Cross,
- Malaysia Red Crescent Society,
- Myanmar Red Cross Society,
- Indonesian Red Cross Society,
- Philippine Red Cross,
- Singapore Red Cross Society,
- The Thai Red Cross Society,
- Timor-Leste Red Cross Society,
- Viet Nam Red Cross Society.

The regional Red Cross and Red Crescent societies have been taking part in networks for regional cooperation.

The Regional Community Safety and Resilience Forum (RCSRF), Gender and Diversity network, South-East Asia Youth Network as well as Disaster Law network are key for this regional cooperation. IFRC is also providing inputs for sharing information with Asia Pacific Migration Network. Terms of Reference (TOR) of some of these networks are:

- [Regional Community Safety and Resilience Forum – TOR](#)
- [South-East Asia Gender and Diversity Network - TOR](#)
- [South-East Asia Youth Network \(SEAYN\) - TOR](#)

IFRC President congratulates Viet Nam Red Cross Society for 70 years of humanitarian excellence



Photo credit: Viet Nam Red Cross Society

The President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Mr. Tadateru Konoé, has congratulated the Viet Nam Red Cross Society for its 70 years of humanitarian service during a special ceremony in Hanoi on Saturday 19 November.

The ceremony was attended by some 500 guests including State leadership and government representatives, Viet Nam Red Cross representatives from 63 chapters and branches and partners from the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, including representatives from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the Red Cross Society of China, Cambodian Red Cross, Lao Red Cross and Singapore Red Cross as well as partner National Societies present in the country.

During his Guest of Honour speech, Mr. Konoé said: “Climate change has brought an increase in the frequency and intensity of natural disasters and hazards. The Viet Nam Red Cross pioneered in supporting coastal communities to mitigate impacts of rising sea levels through the Mangrove Plantation Programme – now seen as a successful model of community-based disaster preparedness for many Red Cross and Red Crescent societies around the world.”

“Urbanization and economic development has created new wealth, but has also left some people in the margins. Once again, the Viet Nam Red Cross has been at the forefront of the response to these challenges through its innovative support such as its Cow Bank Programme,” he added. [Read more...](#)

IFRC President reiterates the collaboration with Lao Red Cross to build community resilience



The President and his delegation also visited some of the development and humanitarian programmes of the Lao Red Cross supported by the IFRC and international donors. Photo Credit: Warongrong Tatrakom/IFRC

On 23 November 2016, Mr. Tadateru Konoé, President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), completed a three-day official visit to Laos PDR.

The purpose of Mr. Konoé’s visit was to deepen the relationship and cooperation between the IFRC and the Lao Red Cross (LRC) and to pay tribute to the crucial role played by Lao Red Cross staff and volunteers in supporting vulnerable communities.

During his visit, President Konoé visited some of the development and humanitarian programmes of the Lao Red Cross which are supported by the IFRC and international donors. [Read more ...](#)

Participation in AHA Centre 5-year anniversary

IFRC participated in the celebration of the 5-year anniversary in Jakarta on 17 October and took the opportunity to have informal discussions with partners about upcoming joint activities in 2017. The events also included the participation of former ACE programme participants in 2014, 2015 and 2016. For more info, see <http://asean.org/asean-activates-network-of-disaster-management-professionals/>



Photo credit: AHA Centre

Participation in ASEAN Regional Exercise (ARDEX) 2016 in Brunei Darussalam on 28 November – 1 December

ARDEX is part of the efforts of the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) to implement the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER), and in particular to realize the One ASEAN One Response vision of ASEAN Leaders. Moreover, ARDEX provides an opportunity for member states to practice, evaluate and review the ASEAN Standby Arrangements and [Standard Operating Procedures \(SASOP\)](#) as well as the recently-approved [ASEAN Joint Disaster Response Plan \(AJDRP\)](#). RCRC participants included colleagues from Brunei RC, PMI, the Thai Red Cross Society as well as the Malaysian Red Crescent.

Youth and Volunteering

ASEAN Youth Regional Workshop for the development of Youth Development Index (YDI)

IFRC representative and the SEAYN chair (Mr. Novey Robert Dolde, Philippines Red Cross Youth Council President) were invited to attend the **Regional Workshop for the Development of ASEAN Youth Development Index (YDI)** from the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia from 28-29 November 2016. The main objectives of the workshop were:

- To present, gather and validate data by the ASEAN consultants for the first ASEAN YDI report.
- To review and finalize YDI framework, domains and indicators.
- To develop national YDI and ASEAN YDI report outline.

IFRC shared relevant experiences and suggestions on the development of ASEAN YDI. One of main outcomes of the workshop was that IFRC became a key stakeholder to the ASEAN Youth development together with the ASEAN Member States (AMS) and relevant UN organisations such as UNICEF, UNFPA and UNESCO including UNV. IFRC will be attending the next Senior Officials Meeting on Youth (SOMY) to finalise the first YDI report. IFRC and SEAYN Chair proposed some more practical key indicators to the Domains and Indicators developed by the ASEAN consultant to be included in the ASEAN YDI report.

Southeast Asia Youth Network (SEAYN)

SEAYN Action plan on school safety mapping initiative has started with the development of questionnaire for interviewing all sectors of programmes in 11 National Societies. IFRC has drafted a questionnaire and collected feedback from stakeholders. SEAYN newsletter Edition 5 has been finalised and uploaded in the Resilience Library, at this [link](#).

Gender and Diversity

Sexual and Gender-Based Violence training writeshop



A writeshop was held by the global gender and diversity network, in Beirut to develop a training module support the work on the Red Cross and Red Crescent on the prevention of sexual and gender based violence. This is closely aligned to the recommendations outlined in the Resolution on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence passed by the International Conference in 2015. The course will be for IFRC and National Society programme managers on integrating SGBV interventions into the work of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, and will be rolled out in 2017. For further information, please contact Christina Haneef, Acting Gender and Diversity Advisor, Asia Pacific Regional Office at Christina.Haneef@ifrc.org.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement workshop on Disability Inclusion and Victim Assistance in Southeast Asia

The Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement workshop on Disability Inclusion and Victim Assistance in Southeast Asia was held in Bangkok, Thailand, 28-29 November 2016, by the Thai Red Cross Society, ICRC, IFRC and Norwegian Red Cross.

This workshop was a follow up of the earlier Movement workshop in Hanoi, Vietnam, March 2015, on enhanced implementation of the Movement Strategy on Landmines, Cluster Munition and other Explosive Remnants of War. The participants developed a plan of action which included commitments to increased action on treaty promotion, risk reduction and victim assistance.

This workshop is intended to identify concrete ways to implement the Strategic Framework in Southeast Asia and to assist in identifying best practices for the Movement within Southeast Asia and globally.

An important focal point in the Movement's efforts to better respond to the needs of people with disabilities is the **ICRC's Special Fund for the Disabled (SFD)**. The SFD is in the process of scaling up its role as a Disability Solution Centre for implementation of the Strategic Framework on Disability inclusion. The workshop will also be a forum to introduce the ambitions and potential support that the SFD could provide to NSs in the region, and to share insights on the role that regional and partner NSs can play in ensuring access to and follow-up for physical rehabilitation services. [Read more...](#)

Building Urban Resilience in Southeast Asia (ECHO funded)

At Regional Level: KAP survey questionnaires for schools in Cambodia and the Philippines are being finalized, with a view to align the KAP survey questionnaires for communities in all four countries. the recruitment process of a regional consultant for the study on two decades of ECHO contributions in Southeast Asia is underway.

- **In the Philippines:** In District 2, refresher sessions on first aid already started in Batasan Hills National High School (BHNHS) last Oct. 25-26, 2016, with 500 participants. In District 4, a Focal Teacher's workshop to plan-out the session activities for their co-teachers and students was conducted, with 17 attendees (12 females, 5 males).



- **In Cambodia:** Schools KAP survey in 3 targeted schools in Serei Soaphoan has been conducted. The total of 224 surveys were conducted by 21 Red Cross Volunteers (RCVs). However due to technical difficulties in the data transfer of incomplete questionnaires, only 189 questionnaires were processed by the mobile application (85% of target). Baseline analysis will be done on the basis of those results, as it is not possible to redo the 35 pending questionnaires because it is exam period in schools and both RCVs and respondents are not available. On 23 November, Finnish Red Cross and Philippine Red Cross presented in the Cities for All Conference in Phnom Penh. The conference was organized by People in Need (an ECHO partner in Cambodia).



- **In Viet Nam:** The PAPE training package has been adapted to the Vietnam context, which includes a draft package, agenda and training contents in Vietnamese, which have been shared with GRC and VNRC focal points. In November, several working meetings among partners staff trained in the PAPE Regional training in Manila. In addition, the consultant has adapted the IFRC PAPE guidelines and messages. 3 target groups have been identified for the awareness campaign which will focus on flood/storm and on fire risks: (i) the general population of the 5 wards, (ii) the households living in temporary shelters, and (iii) the small businesses. KAP questionnaires and sampling strategy have been designed by GRC and shared with implementing partners.
- **In Lao:** The project team has coordinated with Vientiane City Branch to appoint the district coordinator for implementing the project activities. The orientation workshop for the KAP Surveys with the project team and other departments will be held on 15-16 December 2016.

Thailand

Thai Red Cross equips Burmese migrant workers with life-saving techniques



What would you do if you see someone choking or fainting? The answer is simple: call for help and give first aid. But what would you do if you were a migrant working in a foreign country, with limited knowledge of local language, little information about emergency services available and no community networks?

“My current employer often asks what would I do in a case of medical emergency” says Zarni, 33, a nanny from Myanmar with a decade-long experience in Thailand. She takes care of a new-born and a 5-year-old while their parents are at work.

After a first aid training by the Thai Red Cross Society, Zarni and her fellow Burmese migrants now have the skills and confidence to handle minor medical emergencies which can happen at home, at the workplace or on the street. “Before the training I only knew how to apply a band-aid, but thanks to the Red Cross I have learned how to help the family I work for as well as my friends and myself”, Zarni continues.

Zarni is one of the estimated 120 000 Burmese domestic migrant workers who are servicing households in Thailand by keeping them clean, cooking, doing laundry and grocery shopping. But most importantly on top of their housekeeping duties domestic guardians also take care of children and elderly. In the case of medical emergency they have to act as first responders before the professional help arrives.

“Teaching Burmese migrants first aid skills brings many benefits not only for them and their employers in Thailand but also for their people in Myanmar”, reflects Poonsap Tulaphan, director of the Homenet, Bangkok-based network of Thai and Burmese domestic workers.

“Most of the Burmese migrants come from isolated rural communities that have limited access to emergency healthcare. The skills they learn in Thailand will stay with them when they go back home.”

A crash course tailored to meet the migrants needs - In September 2016, the Red Cross started the First Aid education for Burmese and Thai domestic workers in Thailand. “Training Burmese migrants is a new experience for us. We recognize that migrants have limited training opportunities and are happy to do something useful for them. In the beginning we were a little bit worried about the language barrier, but I am glad to see that the group engages well and uses the handouts in Burmese language”, says Nittaya Romrean, Head of first aid training section, First Aid and Health Care Training Center, the Thai Red Cross Society.

To meet the specific needs of this target group, the Red Cross developed a tailored migrant-friendly one-day crash course. It begins with the techniques to perform a primary survey of the scene and the victim and the information about emergency numbers in Thailand.

Ten learning modules are delivered through role plays, videos and exercises to explore various first aid emergencies and put acquired skills into practice. Participants learn the first aid techniques for handling minor medical emergencies, such as treatment of a foreign objects in the eye and ear, choking, fainting, dog and snake bites, management of bleeding, wounds and fractures. In addition, they learn how to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for children and adults.

“The Red Cross has already trained about 70 Burmese and 30 Thai domestic workers. We really hope these skills will help domestic workers to provide initial and timely assistance to a victim before the emergency help arrives,” says Nittaya Romrean from the Thai Red Cross Society. “They could save someone’s life even by just knowing how to call the ambulance or other emergency services”, she concludes. See also this update [here](#).

Training on Psychosocial Support for Community Practitioners



The Training on Psychosocial Support for Community Practitioners 2016 organized by TRCS and IFRC, Cha Am, Phetchaburi Province, Thailand, on 9-11 Nov 2016. There were 32 participants (Male =12, Female=20) actively participating in the training. The trainees had various backgrounds and levels of PSS from 11 organizations, including Thai Red Cross, Lao Red Cross, related line ministries (Public Health, Social Development and Human Security, Interior: Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, Education: Non-formal Education Department) and civil society organizations.

The contents of PSS training covered 7 topics according to the PSS toolkits of IFRC PS Centre: Crisis events/ Disasters; Stress and Coping; Loss and Grief; Community Based Psychosocial Support; Psychological first aid and support communication; Children; Supporting Volunteer and Staff.

At the end of training, it was found that participants ‘s knowledge and skills and attitudes about PSS were significantly improved and increased at 85% (70-92 %). Additionally, the revised curriculum for this training was employed and distributed to all participants.

Next steps:

1. TRCS will be monitoring and following up within 3-6 months with all participants about the update and progress of PSS services from each participant after attended this training and provide.
2. Planning to link PSS activities to be integrated into the existing program in TRCS. The lessons learned and experiences shared in this training will be summarized and translated to develop the PSS web-based learning platform in 2017.
3. A short web story promoting Thai Red Cross' recent training in psychosocial support, building capacity and extending their services even further across the country, including for migrants. [Read more...](#)

Lao PDR

Lao DREF Operation Review and Lessons Learned Workshop

In the aftermath of the severe floods occurring the second week of August in the Northern part of Laos, in which Oudomxay was one of the hardest-hit provinces, Lao Red Cross, with the support of the IFRC, has requested and implemented a 3-month DREF Operation. The ultimate goal of the DREF is to address the immediate needs of 5,160 people in 23 villages of two districts: Baeng and Houn of Oudomxay province. The DREF Operation has been successfully implemented over the last three months since the launch.

In order to measure the outcomes of the operation and to find out if there have been any positive or negative changes to the lives and livelihoods of the floods affected communities and to learn how in the future, delivery of appropriate aid can be done more effectively covering the most affected populations. A one-day post distribution monitoring and beneficiary satisfaction survey (BSS) was carried in 2 out of 23 villages followed by one-day Lessons Learned Workshop with the aim to:

- Review the effectiveness of the DREF operation in meeting the planned objectives; and outputs in the emergency plan of action;
- Provide a means of identifying key results achieved/successes, challenges, lessons learned from the operation in order to inform recommendations for future DREF/EA operations, specifically those related to floods.
- Make recommendations for sustainability and the ownership of Lao Red Cross.

The review and lessons learned workshop was attended by Lao Red Cross leadership, operational team, Oudomxay Red Cross branch, departments of social welfare and health in Oudomxay as well as representatives from two districts local authorities, social welfare, health and targeted villages. The event saw positive feedback from local authorities and beneficiaries toward the quality of items and services provided by Lao Red Cross during the course of three months. Some recommendations made to Lao RC: to further improve its procurement process as well as to strengthen its pre-positioning stocks to immediately reach affected people when a crisis occurs in the future.



Household visit Beneficiary Satisfaction Survey (BSS) in Namkong village, Baeng district, Oudomxay. Photo: IFRC



22 participants attended the Lessons Learned Workshop in Oudomxay. Photo: Lao RC

Malaysia

Malaysian Red Crescent training gender and diversity in emergencies



Malaysian Red Crescent recently conducted two trainings based on the '7 moves' to gender and diversity in emergencies. The training was conducted with Headquarter and Branch staff representatives in both Peninsular and East Malaysia. A key focus of the training was to familiarize the participants with the [IFRC Minimum Standard Commitments to gender and diversity](#) as well as look at strengthening institutional protection mechanisms such as anti-harassment guidelines and the code of conduct. The training was facilitated by Malaysian Red Crescent's Gender and Diversity Focal Point, two MRC representatives who themselves had been trained in the approach and IFRC. For further information please contact Christina Haneef, Acting Gender and Diversity Advisor, Asia Pacific Regional Office, at Christina.Haneef@ifrc.org.

Indonesia

Launch of DRR and Law: Checklist Assessment Report in Indonesia

Indonesia continues to demonstrate its global leadership on disaster risk management, with its recent launch of its [Strengthening Law and Disaster Risk Reduction in Indonesia: Checklist Assessment Report](#) in Jakarta. The research undertaken by Indonesia Red Cross (PMI) and IFRC provides an assessment of Indonesia's legal and policy framework for disaster risk reduction, using the [Checklist on the Law and DRR](#) which was developed jointly by UNDP and IFRC. The Checklist supports government and other stakeholders to assess their country's laws and policies against ten key areas - from how well integrated DRR is integrated in sectorial laws like education, housing and land use planning to how community participation is mandated in risk reduction decision making.



IFRC share recommendations from the DRR and Law Report with the Disaster Management Authority of Indonesia, BNPB.



Launch of the DRR and Law Report during the Partners for Resilience Events in Jakarta.

Whilst the research found that there has been huge advancements in Indonesia since their experience in the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami, including the development of a very sophisticated disaster management legal system – there are some areas that require further attention. These issues relate to, among others, stronger institutional mechanisms for horizontal coordination on DRR across the sectors, as well as vertical coordination from national to village level. There also needs to be greater priority placed on implementation, particularly at the village level and ensuring communities are actively engaged in decision making. The report clearly lays out recommendations under each of the checklist questions on ways that risk reduction can be better integrated into the laws and regulations in Indonesia and provides a strong evidence base for future action.

The report was launched as part of the **Partners for Resilience (PFR)** event held in Jakarta on 30 November 2016. Partners for Resilience is an alliance of humanitarian, development, climate and environmental civil society organizations globally, including in Indonesia who work together to promote the application of Integrated Risk Management (IRM) to strengthen and protect livelihoods of vulnerable communities, primarily against climate-related natural hazards, and with special attention for inclusivity and the role of gender. The DRR and Law report provides a strong evidence base for their ongoing advocacy and influence efforts

in Indonesia. PMI and IFRC will continue to work through this alliance to ensure that recommendations from the report are considered and acted on in Indonesia.

No more walking in the river



*Photo caption:
 PMI and Community build a temporary bridge in
 Sukabumi West Java. Photo credit: Indonesian Red Cross
 (PMI)*

The Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) Sukabumi Regency worked together with the residents of Kampung Cikarae, Cipamingkis Village, Sukabumi, West Java, to build an emergency bridge to open the access that was cut off by flash floods, on Tuesday 15 November 2016. For the last 6 days, 187 local residents were isolated because the bridge collapsed and they had to walk in the river to bring their children to school at the neighbouring village. [Read more...](#)

I'm clean, I'm Healthy



*Photo credit:
 Indonesian Red
 Cross (PMI)*

The Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) West Sumatra province in partnership with PT. Krama Yudha Tiga Berlian Motors (KTB), trained 250 students of Elementary School No. 13, Padang, on how to do hand washing correctly on Thursday, 10 November 2016. This is part of "Let's wash your hands, I'm clean, I'm healthy" campaign. [Read more...](#)

Philippines

Housing, Land and Property rights in shelter assistance in the Philippines



Workshop group photo. Photo credit: Philippine Red Cross

The Philippine Red Cross (PRC) held national level rollout of the recently developed IFRC pilot training on “Regulatory Barriers to Shelter and Settlements in Disaster Contexts in Asia Pacific”. The Philippine rollout, entitled “Roundtable Discussion on Housing, Land and Property (HLP) Regulatory Barriers to Shelter & Settlements: Philippine Red Cross Experience”, was jointly organized by the PRC-IFRC Disaster Law Programme, PRC Shelter and Settlements Unit, and IFRC APRO Shelter and Settlements Coordinator last November 22-23, 2016.

PRC shelter officers and technical/operations field staff from select Haiyan-affected areas—Tacloban, Leyte, Capiz and Aklan—recounted the regulatory barriers that they had faced in providing adequate shelter assistance to disaster-affected households. Most of the identified barriers concerned lack of

access to suitable land for core shelter and inflexible land tenure prerequisites for households seeking shelter assistance. PRC participants identified “key points” for an organizational HLP Strategy that will map out advocacy and mitigation actions to address or remove these barriers in future humanitarian interventions.

Partner National Societies Japanese Red Cross and British Red Cross, as well as shelter cluster members IOM, Habitat for Humanity and Catholic Relief Services joined the discussion and teamed up with PRC to identify key points for an overall HLP strategy for the Philippine humanitarian community.

Bringing Disaster Law to the People in the Philippines!

Advocacy for better disaster laws and policies needs more voices coming from the community level, and so the PRC-IFRC Disaster Law Programme has teamed up with a consortium of Partner National Societies led by Finnish Red Cross and supported by EuropeAID to create an IEC material on key messages for disaster law and inclusive community planning. This also forms part of the PRC-IFRC Disaster Law Programme’s strategy for community engagement. The IEC explains in a layman friendly language the basic features of the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Act of 2010. In addition to legal provisions on community participation and representation at Local DRRM Councils, the IEC highlights the rights and roles of vulnerable and marginalized groups in community DRRM, gender sensitivity and the link between DRR and climate change adaptation. The disaster law IEC will be published and disseminated this December.

Cambodia

Cambodia Disaster Law Dissemination: Moving from words to action!

In 2015, a major milestone took place with the signing of a new national disaster management law in Cambodia. The adoption of the new law cemented the country’s commitment toward strengthening and regulating disaster risk management across its territory. In addition to a strong focus on response, the law calls for the integration of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation measures into development planning. Cambodia has joined the ranks of fellow countries in the region that have developed national disaster management laws.



CRC, IFRC and NCDM representatives meet to discuss next steps on the disaster law disseminations for Cambodia

But a law is only as useful as it is understood and implemented. It must be made relevant for the people it affects. Last week, Cambodia Red Cross, IFRC and the National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM) met to discuss next steps in the implementation and dissemination of the new law. It was agreed to develop an inclusive, systematic and practical dissemination package, focusing on addressing roles and responsibilities at national, provincial and community level.

The first national dissemination is scheduled for January 2017, with three subsequent provincial disseminations in Kratiea, Kampong Cham and Pursat Provinces. Red Cross also met with a consortium of international NGOs working in Cambodia, who will adopt the training package developed by Red Cross for their own disseminations. With a consistent dissemination process, Cambodia will be able to strengthen public awareness on the new disaster management law and strengthen understanding and cooperation in the implementation of the law and

its relevant components, including in relation to risk reduction, preparedness for response and recovery as well as the awareness on climate change adaptation at national and sub-national levels.

Increased Access of WASH Infrastructure in Cambodia supported by IFRC and Cartier Charitable Foundation

Southeast Asia Behavior Change Training: RANAS (Risks, Attitudes, Norms, Abilities, and Self-regulation) approach



The Risks, Attitudes, Norms, Abilities, and Self-regulation (RANAS), an evidence-based behaviour change training was organised on 8-9 November 2016 in Siem Reap, Cambodia, hosted by Cambodian Red Cross and IFRC. 30 Participants from 7 National Societies in Southeast Asia, Swiss Red Cross and IFRC were trained in RANAS approach.

The RANAS approach to systematic behaviour change is an established method for designing and evaluating behaviour change strategies that target and change the factors influencing a specific behaviour in a specific population. In brief, it is an easily applied method for measuring behavioural factors, assessing their influence on behaviour, designing tailored strategies that change behaviour, and measuring the effectiveness of these. Although it was originally developed to change behaviour in the water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) sector in developing countries, it is applicable to a range of behaviours in various settings and populations. [Read more...](#)

Kratie Province



Water source development: Construction of shallow tube well with hand pump facility in Boseleav Leav village, Chitr Borei commune at Kratie province was completed and benefitted 92 households.



Cambodian Red Cross Kratie Branch celebrated the world toilet day and spread message for disease transmission, importance of latrine and handwashing at critical time. The world toilet day and the global handwashing day were jointly celebrated on 17-19 November 2016 consisting of: Rally to increase awareness in the community for sanitation and handwashing through rally and awareness-raising and practice of hand washing to children through local games.



Home visit and information dissemination, as well as environment cleaning was organized by Red Cross volunteers in 4 villages of of Boseleav commune, Chitr Borei district from 6-11 November 2016.

The dissemination session contains:

- F Diagram- Fecal Transmission Route, Health Hazards and associated diseases.
- Barriers for Fecal Transmission Route.
- Suggested measures to prevent diseases at household and community levels



Village Cleaning Exercise: The village community participated for village cleaning exercise and clean their surroundings to prevent disease like malaria, dengue, etc. in Prek Tatheoung village, Boseleau leav, Boseleau Krom, Ta lus of Boseleav commune, Chitr Borei district.

Svay Rieng Province



Water Source Development for 2 villages, and one deep tube well drilling had been completed and second one ongoing currently in the village.

- 2 boreholes drilled at approximate 300 m deep and 7 m suction head were completed in August 2016 in 2 locations, at Koh Reusey Village, Toul Sdey Commune, and Kork Teik Village, Chantrea Commune, Chantrea district in Svay rieng province
- Water quality of newly developed water source was tested, the water sample was taken from both sites and tested by the Provincial Rural Development Department. No sign of arsenic and e-coli was found in water source.

The 2 water storage tanks [PVC-3000Lit] were placed in concrete platform, covered by zinc roof, all had been completed. The water facilities directly benefitting 447 households [1103 peoples] in 2 villages and later one school will be connected by water supply network. The WASH



Red Cross Volunteers (RCV) meeting was organized to discuss about program issues and achievement .

The following issues have been identified:

- Accessibility of villages during the rainy season: the road is inaccessible.
- Water sources construction was delayed due to rainy season.

Quarterly progress was discussed with RCV and staff of sub provincial branch. Recommendations, additional PHAST and hygiene promotion toolkits was provided to the volunteers.

committee will be responsible for operation and maintenance of the water facilities.

Bantey Mean Chey Province

Household Sanitation:

- 180 Household flush pour latrines had been constructed and operational. The households have also been briefed about operation and maintenance of the latrine structures. Some had also constructed hand washing facilities nearby latrines and understood the importance of handwashing at critical time.

Technical support for rain water harvesting:

- Currently 110 households are supported to collect and store rain water for their drinking and other domestic use.

Hygiene promotion awareness and education session:

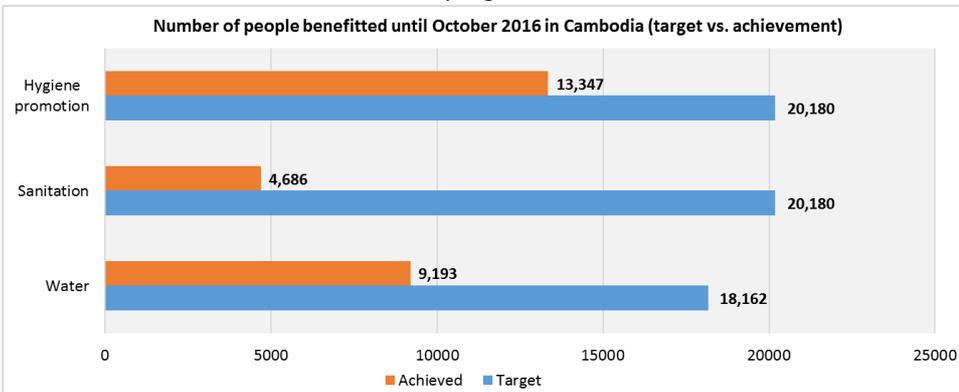
- Hygiene promotion awareness session on personnel hygiene and benefits of latrine was disseminated to school children and communities at the targeted villages.

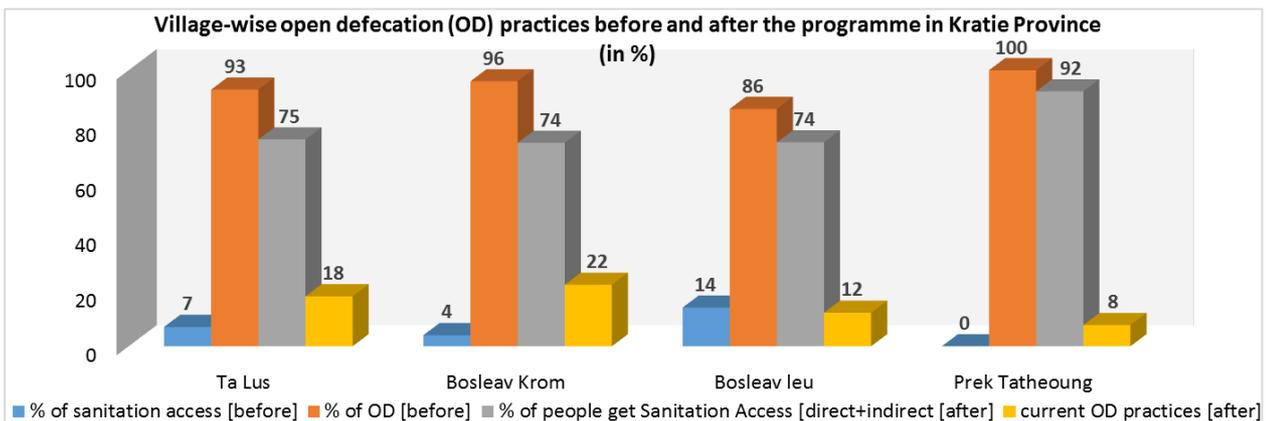
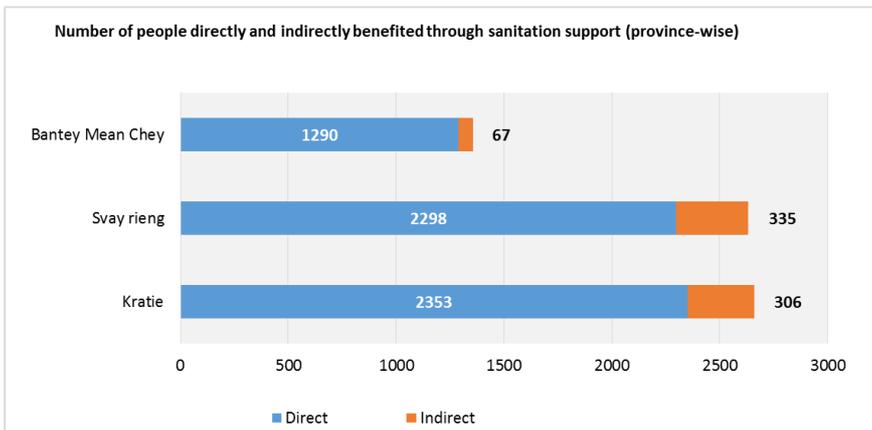
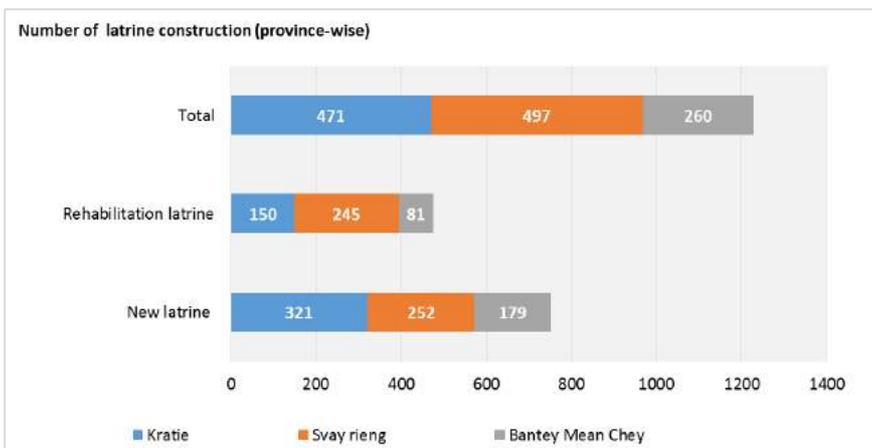
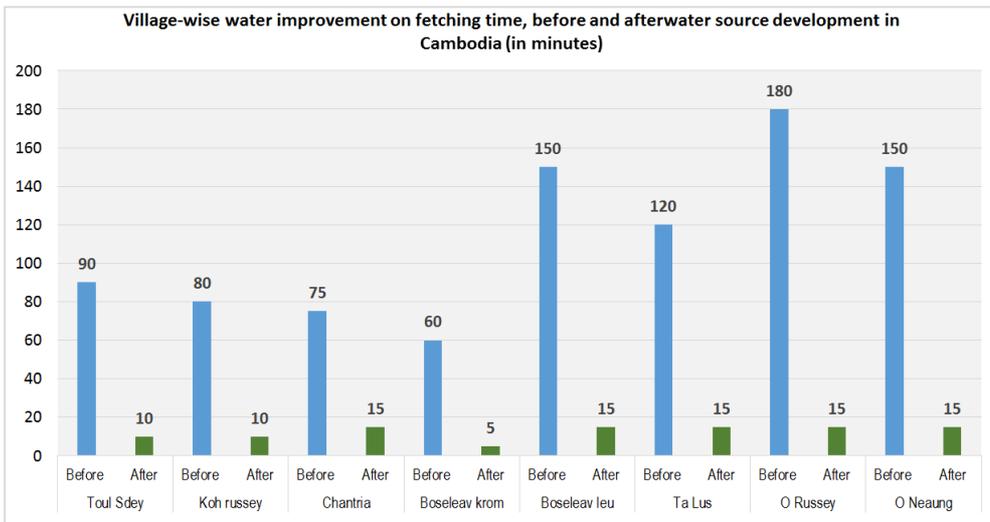
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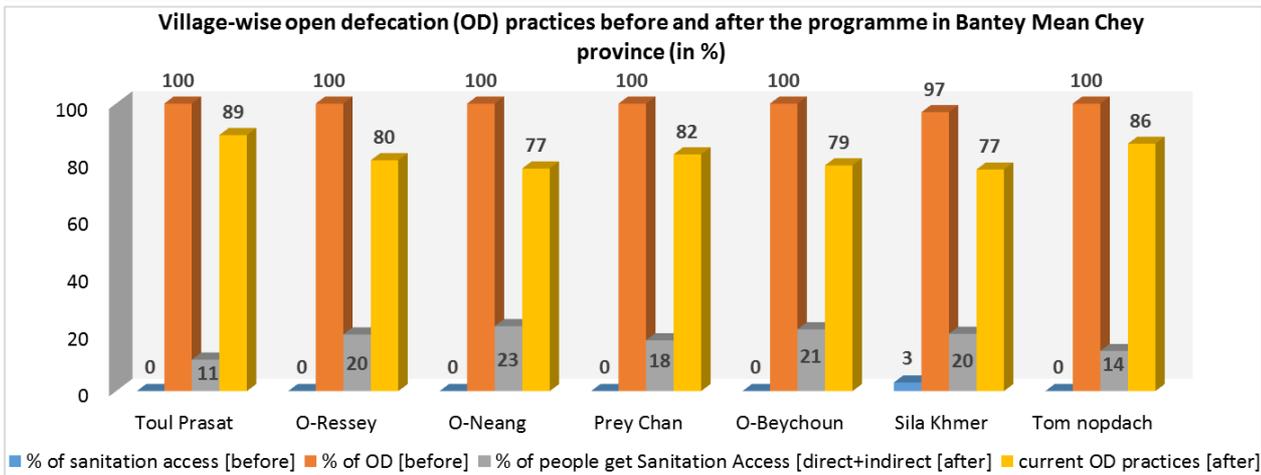
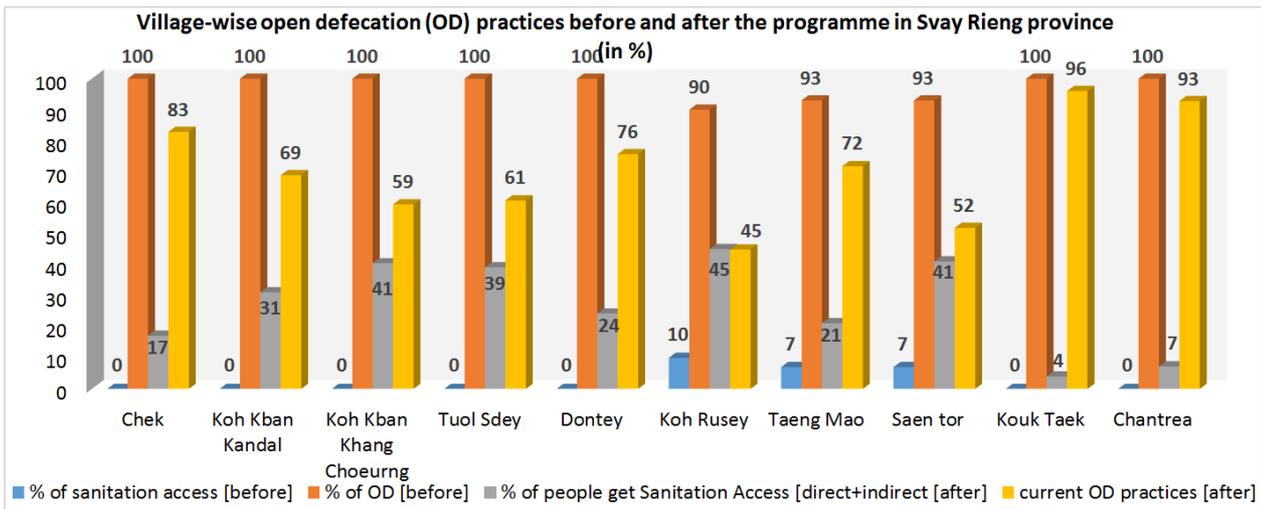
- 2 new water pond construction is ongoing and expected to be completed in December.



Below is the consolidate achievement of programme until November 2016:







Singapore
Singapore Red Cross launches emotive campaign



Singapore Red Cross has launched a beneficiary-centric campaign to raise awareness of its local humanitarian services and to further its fundraising efforts. The communication effort works towards addressing a misnomer that Singaporeans don't need humanitarian help.

Benjamin William, SRC Secretary General/CEO said, "The campaign tells the stories of those who have fallen through the cracks. By showing how our local community services help make life better for our beneficiaries, we hope more people will come forward to donate and support us in providing much needed aid for vulnerable individuals and families in our midst."

[Read more...](#)

Photo caption: Beneficiary Da Silva and Singapore Red Cross volunteer. Photo credit: Singapore Red Cross

Stories of resilience to light up Marina Bay



Photo caption: ChariTrees lining Marina Bay. Singapore Red Cross

Singapore Red Cross (SRC) has launched a festive fundraiser, *ChariTrees @ Marina Bay*, lighting up the iconic promenade with stories of resilient individuals and families on 30 Christmas Trees (or ChariTrees) from 18 November to 27 December.

Aimed at raising awareness on the needs of the disadvantaged, ChariTrees celebrates strength in adversity during the festive season. Corporate partners raised S\$314,000 for SRC and local grantmaker Community Chest through tree adoption and donation. [Read more...](#)

New building to support expansion of local community services



Photo caption: President Tony Tan views the model of the new building. Singapore Red Cross

On 6 October 2016, Singapore Red Cross (SRC) Chairman Tee Tua Ba, and SRC Secretary General/CEO Benjamin William presented plans for a new building to support the expansion of its services and outreach to the local community, to SRC Patron, President Tony Tan Keng Yam. Additionally, they briefed President on SRC's involvement in the global 'One Billion Coalition for Resilience' transformative initiative; detailing plans to enhance community resilience, and unveiling a model of the new building. [Read more...](#)

Timor-Leste

CVTL organized First Aid Training for Journalists



2016

A two-day training for journalists was co-organized by the Communication Department of the Timor-Leste Red Cross (CVTL) and the International Committee of the Red Cross in Dare, Dili, Timor-Leste on 15-16 November 2016. Seven journalists from six media in Timor-Leste took part in the training, which was also attended by the Branch Coordinators of Timor-Leste Red Cross from 13 districts. [Read more...](#)

Brunei Darussalam

Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society producing 1000 Certified First Aid Instructors by 2017

Faizal Gurie, the chief officer of International Relations & Public Communication BDRCS said the celebration will carry the theme “First Aid For Everyone & Everywhere”. In this event, the forum on ‘First Aid For Everyone & Everywhere’ and ‘Basic First Aid Treatment Procedures’ were also delivered by members of the BDRCS.



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The Secretary General of BDRCS, Sheikh Kadir, hoped newly certified instructors could train more people in communities to save lives. BDRCS aim high in promoting the importance of First Aid responses at the community level.

First Aid Academy was established in February last year. Those who are enrolled in the Academy are also given international training, and will be accredited by the Federation of International Red Cross Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) once they have completed their courses. Their accreditation will be tasked to produce ‘Community Trainers’ who will be selected to teach others in their villages. Community trainers do not necessarily need to be accredited, as long as they have Basic First Aid knowledge. The academy has managed to produce around 570 First Aid Instructors, with the help of the government, private companies and non-government organisations (NGOs).

This is in line with BDRCS’s Strategic plan to have at least one person equipped with Basic First Aid skills in every Bruneian household, so that proper actions are taken whenever emergency situations arise.

The Secretary General said the forum aimed to discuss and raise awareness on first aid skills. Currently we are working together with The Belait Youth Association (PEMBELA) to promote First Aid Awareness, but we will also be approaching other NGOs and private companies in the district to further promote our objectives. “What is fundamental is that, having more people with Basic First Aid skills in the society means having more people capable of saving lives ” he added. Read also the news [here](#).

Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent’s Food Aid Programme on the International Day for Disaster Reduction 2016



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On the last International Day for Disaster Reduction on October 13, Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) held Projek Ikhlas 3.0, aiming to help those in need during Emergency cases. Director of Community Resilience & Empowerment, Ustaz Isham Ismail, said that the project aimed to collect donations in the form of food and basic necessities through the BDRCS Food Aid Programme.

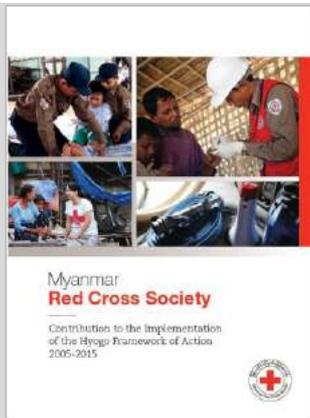
The BDRCS Food Aid Programme is also a platform for members of the public to provide assistance. The donations would be distributed for Emergencies or disasters, such as fires, landslides and floods. It is important to organise donation drives as disasters can happen anytime and providing affected people with basic necessities can definitely help ease their burden, this also includes involving and encouraging members of the public to provide assistance.

The donation drive was relevant to the International Day for Disaster Reduction whereby this year's United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) theme is Live To Tell: Raising Awareness, Reducing Mortality."

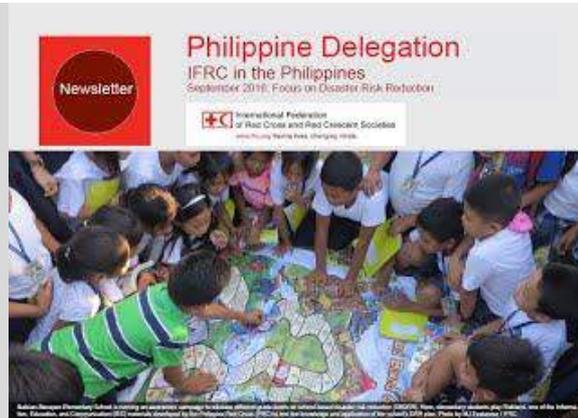
Projek Ikhlas 3.0 raises awareness among the community to become alert and vigilant in cases of disasters which can reduce the risks of death and destruction.

With the awareness on disasters, the associated risks could be reduced. The Head of the BDRCS hopes to receive numerous donations as well as provide an opportunity for the community to participate in charity work and collect enough food and basic necessities for those in need. The basic necessities needed include rice, sugar, cooking oil, dry food, canned food, instant noodles, mineral water and medicine (paracetamol, band aid and bandages).

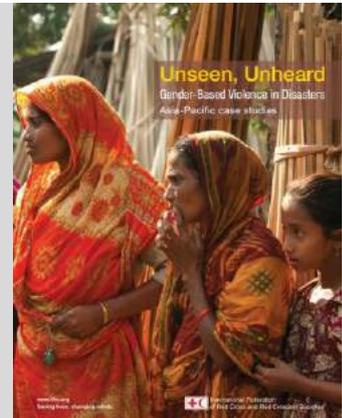
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Report: [Myanmar Red Cross Society contribution to the implementation of the Hyogo Framework of Action 2005-2015](#)



Newsletter: [IFRC Philippine Delegation September 2016](#)



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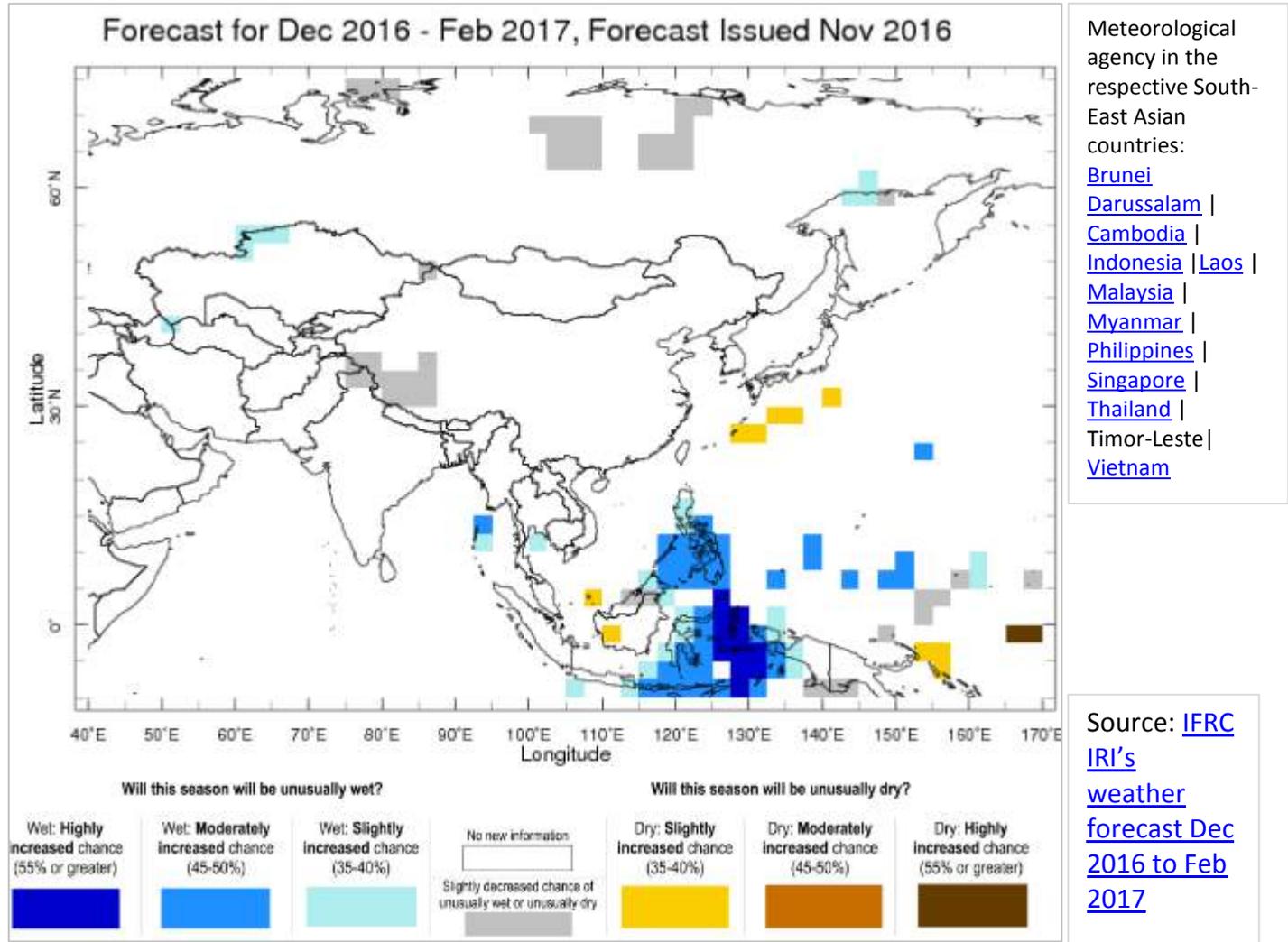


Case study: [Youth partnership promoting non-violence](#)

Knowledge and Information Management – Resilience Library

We are migrating the Southeast Asia RCRC societies online library at <https://sites.google.com/site/drrtoolsinsoutheastasia> to the **Southeast Asia Resilience Library** at <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/> with more participatory and user-friendly features, more updates will be informed at a later stage. With this change going, BOTH of the platforms are active and in use at present. Thank you for providing us with resources which we could share in the online library from the National Societies and other partners. To reach us, please contact angeline.tandiono@ifrc.org

Weather Forecast



Country	Weather Forecast (Dry or wet)	Likelihood
Brunei	Not dry nor wet	-
Cambodia	Not dry nor wet	-
Indonesia	Unusually wet (depending on the areas)	Some areas have 55% or greater chance (likelihood) of wet weather in the central eastern part of Indonesia.
Laos	Not dry nor wet	-
Malaysia	Unusually wet	35 to 40% (slight likelihood) of wet weather in easternmost part of the country
Myanmar	Not dry nor wet	-
Philippines	Unusually wet	Mostly 55% or greater (high likelihood) of wet weather in southern part of the country and 45 to 50% (moderate likelihood) for the rest of the country.
Singapore	Not dry nor wet	-
Thailand	Not dry nor wet	-

Timor Leste	Unusually wet	With 45-40% (moderate chance) of wet weather
Vietnam	Not dry nor wet	-

Upcoming events for December 2016 to March 2017

Dec	1-2	PMI Disaster Management Meeting	Indonesia
	9-11	Public Awareness and Public Education (PAPE) Training	Quy Nhon, Viet Nam
	12-16	YABC Training	Lao PDR
	15-16	Orientation workshop for KAP Survey in Building Urban Resilience project	Lao PDR
	4-8	Youth in School Safety Facilitators Training	Myanmar
	27-28	Youth Empowerment Programme in Social Inclusion	Lao PDR
	14-16	Training on Gender-and Diversity-sensitive tools for DRR	Lao PDR
	TBC	Regional Vector disease and Zika training for Mekong Cluster National Societies	TBC
	TBC	Training on Gender and Diversity	Cambodia
	TBC	City-level workshop for Public Awareness and Public Education workshop	Philippines
Jan	4	Technical working group meeting to prepare for CSR Forum	Bangkok
	TBC	Radio Training	Lao PDR
	TBC	NDRT Training	Lao PDR
	TBC	Peer-to-peer exchange visit of Lao Red Cross to Nepal Red Cross on radio programming and community engagement	Nepal
	TBC	National Dissemination on Disaster Law	Cambodia
Feb	TBC	Provincial level Dissemination on Disaster Law	Cambodia
Mar	13-17	Regional Community Safety and Resilience Forum	TBC

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