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# Malaysian Red Crescent

## Bulan Sabit Merah Malaysia

### Key Information

#### Branch Offices

16 branches in all states and three federal territories; headquarters in Kuala Lumpur

#### Date Established

Formed: 1948

Recognised by ICRC: 04 July 1963

Admitted into IFRC: 24 August 1963

#### Funding

Self-funded through income generation efforts through First Aid & CPR training courses and Ambulance standby services. Some funding from Government for specific services.

#### IFRC Country Delegation?

No

#### Key Persons

National Chairman: YM Tunku Tan Sri Dato' Shahrman bin Tunku Sulaiman

Secretary General: YBhg Dato' Sayed A Rahman bin Sayed Mohd

#### Legal Status

Established under the Act of Parliament: Malaysian Red Cross Society (Incorporation) Act of 1965; Malaysian Red Cross Society (Change of Name) Act of 1975 (Act 540)

#### Major Partners

IFRC & ICRC

#### Volunteers

Approximately 300,000



### Background

The Malaysian Red Crescent Society is an auxiliary to the Government and a partner to several ministries including the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development. The Malaysian Red Crescent Society also works closely with a number of non-governmental organisations.

Most of its programmes are managed by a large committed volunteer corps at branch and chapter levels, especially in the fields of disaster relief and first aid.

In its history the Malaysian Red Crescent is proud to have helped Malaysians through disasters such as the riots of 1969, the Northern Region floods of 2010, the 2004 Tsunami that hit Aceh and subsequently Penang, and more recently the insurgency in Lahad Datu and the East Coast Floods.



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## Programme Overview

**Disaster preparedness and response:** As part of the national contingency plan for disasters, the Malaysian Red Crescent Society works closely with government and non-government disaster relief agencies to respond to national disasters and provide relief to victims. It has also launched community-based preparedness programmes to educate and enhance the ability of people living in disaster-prone areas to deal with disasters.

**Health:** The Malaysian Red Crescent Society initiative 'A First Aider in Every Home', aims to ensure that at least one person in each household in the country has been trained in first aid and CPR. The society also conducts first aid courses for industrial workers, as required by the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

**HIV/AIDS:** As part of its efforts to combat AIDS, the society runs education, counseling, and public awareness programmes on HIV/AIDS. It also carries out blood donor and collection campaigns throughout the year.

**Organization and planning:** Branches are generally self-supporting with a responsibility for fundraising, though equipment and programme support are provided from headquarters.

**Youth:** Young people, mostly school students, constitute more than 90 per cent of the National Society's total membership. Members are involved in peer education on HIV/AIDS, disaster response, youth camps and exchange programmes. They also support the National Society's fundraising projects and dissemination of international humanitarian law. International youth exchange programmes have been carried out with Australia, Austria, Canada, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, the Philippines and Thailand.

## Recent Disasters

Floods are the primary hazard affecting Malaysia, particularly affecting the east coast of the country. Landslides and droughts are also significant though their effects are limited to much smaller areas in the eastern regions. Landslides also pose a real risk for the northeast of Malaysia.

### Recent natural disasters include:

Flooding, East Coast of Peninsular Malaysia and East Malaysia (December 2014 to January 2015)  
Flooding, Northern Region (2010)

## Disaster Law

Malaysian Red Crescent has participated in various regional disaster law trainings and activities over the years, and is also actively engaged in the Asia Pacific Legal Advisors network. After the 2014-2015 floods, Malaysian Red Crescent and IFRC have engaged in discussions with the Malaysian government and key humanitarian and development partners on how to strengthen preparedness for disaster response in Malaysia, including the development of laws and procedures, and will continue to engage as required.



### For further information about the Malaysian Red Crescent

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#### Recent Appeals

A list of all appeals the Malaysian Red Crescent Society has submitted is available on the IFRC website: <http://www.ifrc.org/en/publications-and-reports/appeals/?ac=&at=0&c=&co=SP-351MY&dt=1&f=&re=&t=&ti=&zo=>

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