

South-East Asia Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

REGIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY AND RESILIENCE FORUM

Monthly Updates – May 2017



Welcome to our May 2017 South-East Asia news updates. In addition to these monthly updates we send to you every month, you may also find South-East Asia Red Cross Red Crescent's resources, tools, events and updates at our online library website at <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org>.

On 8 May Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies all over the world celebrated World Red Cross Red Crescent Day 2017 themed "Everywhere for Everyone" to promote the missions and roles of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, which is the world's largest humanitarian network. The Movement is neutral and impartial, and provides protection and assistance to people affected by disasters and conflicts. The Movement is made up of nearly 100 million members, volunteers and supporters in 190 National Societies. Find out how some of South-East Asian National Societies celebrated World Red Cross Red Crescent Day 2017: [Brunei](#) | [Myanmar](#) | [Singapore](#) | [Thailand](#) | [Viet Nam](#)

Thematic Updates from South-East Asia

Communication and Advocacy

Community Engagement and Accountability training

From <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/event/community-engagement-and-accountability-training/>

First Community Engagement and Accountability training organized in Asia-Pacific



Between 18 and 21 May 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand, the IFRC and ICRC jointly organized the first Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) training in Asia-Pacific for National Societies, partner National Societies, IFRC and ICRC staff in the region. This was the first training to utilize the pilot [CEA guide](#) which was finalized in February 2017, [CEA toolkit and training package](#).

Over the course of the four intensive days, participants familiarized themselves with the theory and the practice of how to integrate CEA within the Red Cross and Red Crescent programme cycle during emergency operations, longer-term

protracted crisis, both in contexts of natural disasters and armed conflict, as well as development programs.

Following the training, some participants also attended the global forum by the Communicating with Disaster Affected Communities network. The event was attended by over 100 representatives from NGOs and iNGOs, government, donor and the private sector.

Resources from the training:

- [CEA Guide](#)
- [CEA Toolkit](#)

National Society's CEA work:

- [Community Engagement and Accountability Minimum Standards: formulation and integration into the work of the Myanmar Red Cross](#)
- [Myanmar Red Cross \(MRCS\): Community Engagement and Accountability Minimum Standards & Key Actions](#)

For more information on the CEA training, please visit the training website: <https://media.ifrc.org/ifrc/meetings-and-events/cea-meeting/>

Please visit the following link to read the CDAC Policy Paper on Collective Models: <http://www.cdacnetwork.org/tools-and-resources/i/20170531072915-3fs0r>

The participants of the Red Cross and Red Crescent CEA Facebook Group are encouraged to continue the knowledge exchange through: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/587239731349669/>

Gender and Diversity

Gender and Diversity approaches to Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (VCA) field school

From <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/event/gender-and-diversity-approaches-to-vca-field-school-may2017/>



A six-day Field School on Gender and Diversity in Vulnerability and Capacity Assessments was co-organized by the IFRC Bangkok Country Cluster Support team and Thai Red Cross Society between 21-26 May. This Field School is part of a wider, global effort to ensure the integration of gender and diversity in Vulnerability and Capacity Assessments (VCA) and Disaster Risk Reduction process for National Societies. The training was held in Ayutthaya and Sing Buri provinces in Thailand and was attended by six National Societies including Thai Red Cross Society, Lao Red Cross, Cambodian Red Cross, Philippine Red Cross, Malaysian Red Crescent, Nepal Red Cross, three Partner National Society representatives from

American Red Cross (Vietnam), French Red Cross (Vietnam) and Australian Red Cross (Philippines), and the IFRC. The Field School was structured around in-class training and field visits to a nearby community. The community chosen experiences recurring flooding every year between August and November and have been working with the Thai Red Cross through their Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction Programme, to identify and reduce risk, and enhance coping strategies for all in their community.



Through a series of interactive sessions and participatory-based information gathering in the field, participants to the Field School addressed the importance of gender and diversity in VCA approaches, considering the differences of needs and priorities, vulnerabilities and capacities from different groups to ensure we 'leave no one behind' during our planning and assessment processes. The ultimate goal, to achieve greater individual and community resilience. Mrs. Dujdao Pengpak, 42, Village Head said "It was a good experience to exchange knowledge on the areas such as disaster prevention and I learned a lot especially in improving our old ways [of dealing with disasters] and making our community more

resilient."

[Click here to read "Helping villages in Thailand improve their old ways" - a story on this VCA field school, on IFRC website](#)

Supporting Documents

- » [Agenda of the field school](#)
- » [Concept Note](#)
- » [Participant List](#)
- » [Guidance Note: Gender and Diversity-Sensitive VCA](#)

Supporting Resources

- » [Case Study: Mainstreaming Gender and Diversity in Disaster Risk Reduction Initiatives](#)

- » [IFRC Strategic framework on gender and diversity – 2013 to 2020](#)
- » [Infographic: A call to action: Preventing and Responding to Gender-based Violence \(GBV\) in disasters](#)
- » [Minimum standard commitments to gender and diversity in emergency programming](#)
- » [Snapshot: Focus on Gender and Diversity in Disaster Risk Reduction](#)
- » [Unseen, Unheard: Gender-based Violence in Disasters – Asia-Pacific case studies](#)
- » For more information on VCA, go to [VCA webpage](#) at IFRC's online library
- » For more information on community resilience, go to:
- » [YouTube video: Roadmap to Community Resilience](#) by IFRC
- » [Publication: Roadmap to Community Resilience](#): A step-by-step guidance on how to operationalize the IFRC's Framework for Community Resilience (FCR).

Presentations

Day 1 and 2

- » [Introduction to Community Resilience and VCA Approach](#)
- » [Gender and Diversity in VCA](#)
- » [\[Quiz Handout\] Gender, Diversity and Violence](#)

Day 3

- » [Community-based Disaster Risk Reduction \(CBDRR\) by Thai Red Cross Society](#)

Initial training for data collectors for the field research on Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV)

From <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/event/initial-trainings-for-field-research-on-sexual-and-gender-based-violence-may-2017/>

The initial trainings for the field research on sexual and gender-based violence took place from 9-14 May 2017 in Lao PDR. As part of this research project, all data collection teams have to be trained for six days. The trainings include sensitization on sexual and gender-based violence issues, introduction to the questionnaire and focus-group discussions (FGDs) and multiple practice sessions to ensure that the research is carried out in an ethical, safe and confidential manner.

The training was six days long with a series of debrief meetings on the seventh day.

Key sessions included:

- 1) An overview of what SGBV is, how it is different during disasters and how to define specific types of SGBV, including sexual violence, domestic violence, early/forced marriage and child sexual abuse. The multi-sectoral response for a survivor was also explained and reviewed. Participants were tested on their knowledge through a series of quizzes and case scenarios, including the gallery walk.
- 2) Detailed overview of the guiding principles, an ethical approach to data collection and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse. The same key messages were reviewed every day during the training, including:
 - gender inequality is the root cause of SGBV
 - Putting the survivor at the center through the guiding principles: Safety, Confidentiality, Respect and Non-discrimination
 - Definitions of SGBV
 - Code of conduct during fieldwork
 - Stress management for the data collection team
- 3) An in depth session on key sections of the fieldwork manual for data collectors, including duties and responsibilities of each team member, explanation of the full questionnaire and the rationale behind each question, explanation of the Focus Group Discussions, review of keeping safe in the field and how to implement the guiding principles of safety, confidentiality, respect and non-discrimination during interviews. Each team member had to sign a pledge of confidentiality and ethics and the Lao Red Cross child protection policy.
- 4) An overview of the open data kit (ODK), what it can and cannot do in the area of information management and how to use the hand held devices. This is also a key area in the fieldwork manual. Field supervisors also had an additional orientation session in which they learned how to manage the devices, including charging the phones, uploading of forms and how to review forms at the end of the day for mistakes.
- 5) Sharing of cultural considerations by the field supervisors coming from the Oudomxay and Sekong

provinces on cultural practices and traditions the data collectors may have to face during field work. The most disaster affected villages include a number of different ethnic groups, who speak different language and have unique cultural rituals.

6) Two Lao Government representatives, one from the National Commission on the Advancement for Women (NCAW) and the National Statistics Bureau, shared their experience of working on the UNFPA supported 2014 National Level Prevalence Survey on Violence Against Women and Girls. This session reviewed the most important Do's and Don'ts for the data collectors in the field (please see checklist below) and also gave further insight on how the field supervisors can finalize their fieldwork plan and do effective household respondent selection.

Health

First Aid Training for Grab Drivers

From <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/event/first-aid-trainings-for-grab-drivers-may-2017/>



GRAB Thailand hosted two basic First Aid training courses conducted for 32 Grab taxi drivers in Chiang Mai and in Bangkok in May 2017. In Chiang Mai Province, there were 18 Grab car drivers participating in the first aid training organized on 16 May 2017 (male 16, female 2). Meanwhile, in Bangkok, there were 14 Grab taxis, Grab cars and Grab bikes attending the said basic first aid training on 30 May 2017 (male 13, female 1). There were 6 key topics focusing on both theory and practical sessions related to basic standard first aid for wounds, choking, stroke, heart diseases, CPR-cardiopulmonary resuscitation and referral and transportation to hospitals by three first aid instructors/specialists from the Training Centre of First Aid and Health Care, Thai Red Cross Society.



In this year 2017, there will be 11-12 basic first aid training courses as planned. "It is expected that over 300-350 Grab drivers will be equipped and capable to help the victims on the road and to save lives for those in need", said Mr. Niwattana Assawarakse, Grab Thailand coordinator. For more information, please contact Mr. Niwattana Assawarakse, email: niwattana.as@grabtaxi.com and Dr. Pornsak Khortwong, IFRC Health Officer, email: pornsak.khortwong@ifrc.org.

Youth and Volunteering

Lao Red Cross' Youth Empowerment in Social Inclusion programme

From: <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/event/lao-red-cross-youth-empowerment-in-social-inclusion-programme-may-2017/>

Lao Red Cross' Youth Empowerment in Social Inclusion programme, held on 24-26 May 2017, started with the preparation of Youth as Agents of Behavioral Change (YABC) peer educators as facilitators. Those facilitators held a small forum with 20 core group of youth using YEC guide. Those core-group youth prepared two theatre dramas addressing the issue of violence in communities and children in the Vientiane-Ho Chi Minh Friendship High School's school hall for 150 school youth and teachers.

Active listening skill first!

This was the answer from audience students in the feedback session after enjoying the first drama; violence can not be an excuse for any emotional action nor a solution to any issue.



Family violence

Il families are not same but can be happy all the same if they talk and behave with love and warm care. How? Children's role is the most important. Be educators for parents. Educate the parents that children will follow them in future as role models. This was the feedback to the second drama. Isn't it inspirational? Do peer-to-peer as well as be peer-educators to parents.

IFRC as panelist in Asia-Pacific Youth, Peace and Security Consultation Forum

From <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/event/ifrc-as-panelist-asia-pacific-youth-peace-and-security-consultation-forum-may-2017/>



40 youth from 20 countries joined the Asia-Pacific Youth, Peace and Security Consultation Forum, hosted by UNDP and UNFPA, on 16-19 May 2017, to engage in deep discussion on the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2250 (2015) for the first time in Asia-Pacific region. Over 20 partners ranging from Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs), UN Agencies and donor governments came to learn more and interact with the 2250 agenda through the youth's perspectives.

IFRC's Youth and Volunteering Office was one of the panelists in the Asia-Pacific Youth, Peace, Security Consultation Forum as a panelist by presenting IFRC's activities on youth engagement into peace-building actions.

The youth, as the key panelists, received introductory substantive Insider Mediation Training through Clingendael Institute and IFRC and also joined a Facebook live discussion which has received close to 10,000 views, 1000's of likes and over 150 shares raising awareness of the importance of youth agents in peace and security. More importantly all partners listened to the youth about their needs and how we could work with them to ensure that youth are a part of our peace and security plans in Asia-Pacific region. After this event, UNDP invited IFRC to be a panelist in the South-South Exchange Volunteerism Forum to be held on 20-23 June 2017.

Disaster Risk Reduction

Building Urban Resilience in South-East Asia project - Updates in May 2017

From <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/disaster-risk-reduction/urban-disaster-risk-reduction/building-urban-resilience-in-southeast-asia-project/#1496806481756-7cb03271-d92f>

At Regional Level: A meeting between European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) was conducted to provide progress updates of the project in various countries and discuss about the remaining activities toward the end of the project. The discussion resulted in an agreement that if extension is needed to complete all committed activities, notification to ECHO should be sent as soon as possible. On this note, IFRC will be thoroughly discussing with the partner national societies during the third coordination meeting which is scheduled during the second week of July in Vientiane, then final decision will be made.

ECHO also articulated their expectations that the project interventions should be able to show tangible outcomes at the end of the project, something is different and unique in comparison to other “traditional” initiatives.

In the meantime, ECHO expressed its willingness to conduct M&E visits to our project sites in conjunction with other partners, so it would be appreciated if we could propose something in Cambodia and Laos between mid-June to mid-July. In this connection, a project site visit to Bantey Meanchey, Cambodia has been under arrangement where three schools are to be visited on 26 June with the support of the Finnish RC. In relation to the **case study identification and development**, the IFRC has initially discussed and agreed with the partner national societies on the process by collating as much information as possible then to bring them to Vientiane during the third coordination meeting to further interrogate and shape them up from there.

For **the research of two decades of DIPECHO contributions to DRR in South-East Asia**, it has move to the third phase out of four phases including three country visits to Cambodia, Indonesia and the Philippines. The visits contained of one day workshop with selective ECHO partners; key informant interviews partners and NDMOs. This process is crucial to identify good practices, key challenges, gaps and recommendations under each thematic area. There are six thematic areas identified including (i) Disaster preparedness and response; (ii) DRR in Education Sector; (iii) Innovation and appropriate technology; (iv) Institutional embedment/mainstreaming of DRR into policies; (v) Consortium Mechanism; and (vi) Advocacy and public awareness.

In Laos: Lao RC has updated its workplan from May to October 2017 in which the focus will be on conducting technical knowledge trainings on DRR, Road Safety, Health and Care including Water and sanitation during the first and second week of June. The trainings aim to further equip participants with solid knowledge on various issue and it will be an add on PAPE campaign design skills to make better impact on campaigns to different groups of people. In addition, a Youth in School Safety (YSS) training of facilitators to be conducted in July to further enhance the student’s facilitation skills and VCA assessment to come up with needs-based mitigation measures.

In the Philippines: the Philippine RC has achieved the following results:



A mural painting in the final round at Batasan Hills National High School. Photo by Philippines Red Cross Society

Result 1– Children and youth are more resilient to disasters and have a safe and secure learning environment in 8 urban public schools in the Philippines, through improved Red Cross contributions to the ASEAN Safe School Initiative (ASSI).

617 participants (437 female and 180 male) were provided with simultaneous orientation sessions during their In-Service Training (INSET). The training covers the following topics (i) Mass Casualty Incident; (ii) SBDRRM (Relief & PSP); (iii) Fire Prevention & Management; (iv) First Aid; (v) Early Warning System; and (vi) Evacuation.

In addition, four out of eight schools have conducted VCA process to define common hazards, risk factor and capacity to inform the school leaders of school-based DRR plan in which

recommendations toward risk reduction measures/interventions are highlighted. From the assessments and reports that fire evacuation plan and early warning enhancement are likely prioritized in urban context. In this connection, meetings were conducted with the focal teachers regarding the Early Warning System in the targeted schools with the aim to review the concept of early warning system, in order to prepare them to create/improve existing EWS in their schools.



PAPE Focus Group Discussion for Elderly Residents held at Brgy Bagong Silangan. Photo by Philippines Red Cross Society

Result 2– Innovative PAPE for disaster risk reduction, targeting specific vulnerable group brings about positive, safer behaviour, improved preparedness and social change in four at-risk urban and pre-urban areas in the Philippines.

A PAPE KAP Survey was carried out in four Barangays from 2-10 May with a total of 1,200 respondents (400 in each Barangay). The process was facilitated by ten 10 RCs' 143 volunteers from each barangay.

Result 3 – Increased capacity of local government authorities and Red Cross for disaster preparedness and response in 4 barangays in Quezon City, the Philippines.

Two barangays from District II are in the process of completing VCA Process. In District IV, VCA reports are still for finalization. In addition, Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) for the inclusion of Vulnerable Groups in the Mapping process were conducted in Dona Imelda and Tatalon with participation of 50 elders (33 F and 17 M); 15 PWDs (8 F and 7 M) and 44 Youths (28 F and 16 M).

In order to strengthen RC143 DM Teams and First Aid and Safety Teams, procurement of first aid kits and minor equipment is still ongoing. Delivery is estimated by July 2017.



The youth group is working on the slogan for the target audience – the youth in the campaign. Photo by Viet Nam Red Cross Society

wards and city in order to improve knowledge, attitudes and to change the behavior of the population for fire prevention.

In Viet Nam: Between 13-14 May, an additional workshop in Quy Nhon to finalize the design of the PAPE campaign was conducted. The workshop was attended by 37 people (18 females and 19 males, including three GRC facilitators) and contributed to the design of the campaign). This includes staff of the People's Committee, heads of hamlet, Ward Red Cross, Youth Union, inhabitants from the five wards and 2 members of the fire brigade. The workshop was supported by an expert in behavioral change communication (BCC) and also a teacher in RMIT University in Hanoi (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology). She provided advises on the design of the campaign. The cost of her involvements has been shouldered by another GRC project.

The behaviors selected for the campaign are directly related to the risks of fire in households: (i) being able to appropriately kill fire in households, (ii) being able to perform appropriately first aid for dealing with burned skins, (iii) calling the right number (and providing the fire brigade with right information when calling), and (iv) evacuating when there is fire.

By the end of the workshop, the participants:

- have understood the planning steps of a campaign and are able to create a communication plan for future communication campaigns.
- have planned for the communication campaign for their

The campaign will focus on two main target audience: (i) the middle-aged (30-50 years old) and (ii) the youth (16-25 years old). For each target audience, based on their motivational characteristics for changing behaviors and on their preferred channels of communication, the workshop participants have developed slogan, key visuals and campaign activities plans.

For the youth audience, the campaign activities will include (i) setting up a Facebook page, (ii) organizing a Flash mob to attract attention on the campaign, (iii) organizing a short movie contest, and (iv) organizing theatre performances.

For the middle-aged audience, the activities will include (i) hamlet meetings, (ii) broadcasting key messages through Ward's radio programmes (including songs), (iii) distribution of flyers and display of billboards, (iv) broadcasting key messages through mobile loudspeakers.

Each activity will be organized in a way to complement the others activities and in order to implement a comprehensive campaign from June to September. For instance, the Facebook page will be the main mean to inform the youth of the flash mob, the movie contest and the theatre events. Moreover, the Facebook page will also be used for collecting and sharing the movies produced by local youth and for presenting to the young audience the information displayed on the flyers. For the middle-aged audience, while the hamlet meetings will be the opportunity to distribute flyers and quiz, and theatre performances will also be organized aiming at attracting a larger audience.

Also during May, GRC and VNRC were collecting quotations from the designers to finalize the key visuals, symbols and icons which will be displayed on the billboards, flyers, t-shirts and Facebook page. As the Facebook page will have to be jointly managed by an administration team composed of five young people from five wards, one young representative from VNRC chapter, the GRC project officer, GRC/VNRC is also currently considering the opportunity to involve one to two student volunteers from the RMIT University

Communication Department. Those students could provide technical and advisory support to the Facebook Administration team.

In terms of progress under Result 3, in the five targeted wards, the Technical Support Groups (TSG) have carried out the initial phase and the second phase of the mapping methodology. The VNRC chapter has signed a volunteer agreement with five students of the University of Quy Nhon in Master's Degree in QGIS. They have conducted the monitoring of the QGIS mapping phases using the monitoring form developed by the consultants (COMICs). The mapping is expected to be finished by mid-June for all the five wards. GRC Project Officer has also conducted monitoring and gathered information for the development of a case study.

In Cambodia: the following activities and achievements have been made:

Result 1– Children and youth are more resilient to disasters and have safe and secure learning environment in three public schools in Serei Saophoan, Cambodia through improved Red Cross contributions to the ASEAN Safe School Initiative (ASSI)

- Implementation of YABC training for RCVs and RCYs (4-5 April) with the participation of 36 persons (20F and 16M);
- Facilitation of a meeting with RCYs to develop activity plan, implemented in May, with a total participation of 91 students (72F and 19M) from the three targeted schools;
- Orientation and distribution of Household Emergency Plans using the students' format to RCYs and students with a total target of 1,170 households;
- Initiation of awareness raising activities in schools and communities by RCYs and RCVs. The sessions focus on hygiene and environment targeting 615 students and DRR targeting 51 students;
- Implementation of YABC training for RCYs with total participation of 23 students (16F)
- Preparation and planning for initiation of mitigation measures in three schools;
- Continued revision of project outputs, i.e. School Risk Assessment Reports, Community Vulnerability Matrixes, School DRR Plans, Community DRR Plans, etc.
- Review of VCA matrix in Preah Ponlea Sangkat;
- Installation of 4 project signboards, three in school and another one at branch;
- Finalization of School Baseline Report;
- Implementation of 3rd FRC monitoring visit from 23 April to 4 May; including visits to all target schools and communities; and facilitation of internal (FRC procedure) project risk management analysis.

Result 2– Innovative PAPE for disaster risk reduction, targeting specific vulnerable group, brings about positive, safer behavior, improved preparedness and social change in two Sangkats in Serei Saophoan in Cambodia.

- Preparation and planning for PAPE Campaigns (23-25 May)

Result 3 – Increased capacity of local government authorities and Red Cross for disaster preparedness and response in three Sangkats of Serei Saophoan in Cambodia.

- Coordination with District and Provincial Authorities in Banteay Meanchey and Serei Saophoan
- Revision of Risk Mapping training methodology, and translation into Khmer;
- FRC monitoring visit was a good opportunity to review the implementation of all project activities; and advise for possible improvements or refocusing of efforts. During the visit, it became apparent that the targeted communities are increasingly worried of a possible large scale flood. River levels are already much higher than they were in 2013 before the large floods. CRC was advised to keep track of the situation and report to FRC/IFRC of any possible eventualities that could affect project implementation;
- Due to the communal elections, activities in the project are reduced and implemented in a very low profile. However, it is not expected that the elections will seriously affect the project's timeframe.

Steering Committee Meeting for the Regional Resilience Initiative (RRI)

From <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/event/steering-committee-meeting-for-the-regional-resilience-initiative-rr/>



The annual **Steering Committee Meeting for the Regional Resilience Initiative (RRI)** was held in Jakarta on 17 May 2017. The objective of the meeting was to review the second year of implementation of the initiative and to discuss among partners the proposed Work Plan for the fourth year of the project. | See [agenda and participant list](#).

Below are presentations delivered during the meeting:

- [Overview of project achievements from annual work plan year 3 – April 2016 to March 2017](#)
- [Overview of the fourth annual work plan \(year 4\) – April 2017 to March 2018](#)

The meeting approved the below four technical Work Plans covering the period April 2017 to March 2018:

- [Humanitarian Diplomacy and Communications](#)
- [Disaster Law](#)
- [Gender and Diversity](#)
- [Community Safety and Resilience](#)

The documents were produced based on the in-country plans received from 9 National Societies in Southeast Asia as well as technical dialogue between related IFRC and National Societies' focal points.

About Regional Resilience Initiative (RRI)

Supported by the Canadian Government and Canadian Red Cross, the *Regional Resilience Initiative (RRI)* seeks to further contribute to reducing the impact of natural disasters on vulnerable communities in Southeast Asia. The four-year initiative (2014-2018) is supporting the 11 Red Cross / Red Crescent Societies in the region. The focus is on enhancing the skills and capacities of National Societies so they can advocate more strongly at a national and regional level for the needs of communities in disaster risk reduction. This is complemented by the strengthening of regional partnerships, both within our networks and with key partners such as the [ASEAN Secretariat](#) and other bodies.

Highlight Updates from National Societies

Brunei Darussalam

Henry Dunant Awards presented to youth leaders

From <https://borneobulletin.com.bn/henry-dunant-awards-presented-youth-leaders/>



On 10 May 2017 The Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society paid tribute to its youth leaders with the recent presentation of Henry Dunant Awards during the BRC Youth Convention at Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddien.

The Secretary General of Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society, Sheikh Haji Abdul Kadir bin Abdullah, witnessed the presentation of various awards.

Cikgu Adee Rafizza Zuzannawattie binti Ali Jaffar was presented with the Henry Dunant Award for Best Platoon Officer Cadet.

The Best Future Leader Award went to Mohammad Mustaqim bin Haji Mustafa, while Rimba Secondary School took home the Best School Cadet Platoon.

Cikgu Adee said in an interview, "I am delighted to receive the award from the Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society and in entrusting me and the school to continue to serve the local community."

"The award comes from the hard work and commitment shown by the cadets in working towards serving the local community and nation."

"I would also like to thank the guidance from the cadets and officers in raising the standard of the association and is recognised internationally," she added.

Photo by Faizal Gurie/BDRCS

Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society achieves another milestone

From <https://borneobulletin.com.bn/bdracs-achieves-another-milestone/>



On 8 May 2017 The Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) conducted a mass gathering for its members yesterday to celebrate the World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day 2017.

The gathering was held at the Taman Haji Sir Muda Omar 'Ali Saifuddien.

The guest of honour was Sheikh Haji Abdul Kadir bin Abdullah, Secretary General of BDRCS.

With the theme 'The Power of Humanity', the ceremonial parade began with the recitation of Surah Al-Fatihah and Doa Selamat, followed by the inspection

of guard of honour by Sheikh Haji Abdul Kadir.



Members of BDRCS then recited the oath followed by the rank commissioning ceremony for selected members of BDRCS.

The event preceded with demonstrations and activities including First Aid and health check, Disaster Risk Reduction awareness and Response Recovery Relief activities and humanitarian volunteer recruitments, conducted by BDRCS members.

BDRCS launched the Brunei Red Crescent Youth Council (BRC YOUTH) at the Games Village in Berakas in the afternoon, marking another milestone for the association.

“The objective is to nurture the future leaders as the Nexgen Leadership of Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent by BDRCS 2010 – 2035,” the BDRCS Secretary General said.

Senior officers, officers, representatives from branches, the BDRCS School Cadets and BDRCS Youth Volunteers were also present.

Photos by Faizal Gurie/BDRCS

Cambodia

Programme: Increased Access of WASH infrastructure in Svay Rieng, Kratie and Bantey Mean Chey provinces of Cambodia, supported by IFRC and Cartier Charitable Foundation – Updates in May 2017

<http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/health/water-sanitation-and-hygiene-promotion/cambodia-wash-programme/#1496389875289-7f199b71-1202>

1. Boseleau commune, Chitr Borei district, Kratie Province

17-18 May 2017:

Hygiene Promotion Awareness and Education session for treatment methods for safe water, and environment cleaning awareness at the schools and communities



A 2-day home visit was conducted to create awareness regarding the treatment of water and safe storage at Talus, Boseleau Krom village of Boseleau commune, Chitr Borei district. Approximately 92 households visits were conducted and 32 households participated in the village cleaning exercises.



19-21 May 2017: Constructions of water facilities were completed with 3 shallow tube wells in Por and Lovea village. The time schedule for completion of activity is July 2017. It will benefit approximately 280 households. Currently the water sources, locations and land titles have been identified and transferred.

2. Svay Rieng province

Operation and Maintenance training for Red Cross Volunteers (RCVs) and staff and WASH committee members



Operations and Maintenance (O&M) training was conducted for RCVs, staff and WASH committee members on following module:

1. Deep Tube mechanics – How water uplifts from aquifer
2. Solar mechanics – How arrays charge and work for uplifting water
3. Components of solar pump and solar converter
4. Maintenance requirements – Standard
5. Roles of WASH committee and nearby-market availability of spare parts

45 participants were trained in 3 different sessions in 4

villages of Chantrea district.

Photo Source: Cambodia Red Cross Society, Svay Rieng Branch, Cambodia

RCV quarterly meeting on programme issues and achievements

An RCV meeting was organised to understand the issues regarding the programme and various achievements and quarterly progress of the programme. The following issues were identified:

- a) Accessibility of the villages during the rainy season; the condition of the roads make them inaccessible.
- b) Progress of water sources were delayed due to rainy season.

Quarterly progress was discussed with RCVs and staff of sub-provincial branch and recommendations and additional PHAST and HP toolkits were provided to RCVs.

Construction of households' sanitation facilities

Construction of 132 household sanitation facilities was started and expected to be completed in July 2017.

3. Bantey Mean Chey province

17-19 may 2017: IFRC, Cambodia Red Cross – National Headquarters and the local authorities jointly had monitoring visit of the project areas:

The 3-day visit focused on the progress of construction of ponds, shallow wells and household sanitation, and identified the challenges faced by RCVs and staff with coordination by the local authorities.



Pond rehabilitation and deepening: 2 pond rehabilitation, cleaning and deepening are ongoing in Oun Chrov commune and are expected to be completed in 3 weeks by June 2017

Village Name	Size of pond	Remark
Shila Khmer	56-metre long x 25-metre wide and 6-metre deep	Embankments will be protected through fencing. Land is provided by commune
O Neung	42-metre long x 40-metre wide and 6-metre deep	Embankments will be protected through fencing. Land is provided by commune.



Household sanitation: Selections of vulnerable 143 households for sanitation support, and 1 school for sanitation support is currently in progress and are scheduled to be completed in September 2017

Photo: Latrine construction at Shila Khmer, Bantey Mean Chey/Narendra/IFRC.

Indonesia

Focus Group Discussion on Watershed Flood Contingency Plan

From <http://www.pmi.or.id/index.php/berita-dan-media/peristiwa/item/1029-pmi-jateng-jatim-susun-renkon-banjir-bengawan-solo.html>



Solo River is the longest river in Java, reaching over 650 kilometers in length, crosses the region of Central Java and East Java, covering an area of Wonogiri, Surakarta, Sukoharjo, Sragen, Karanganyar, and downstream areas including Bojonegoro, Tuban, Lamongan, Ngawi, Pacitan, Ponorogo, Madiun, Ngawi and Gresik. "The existence of this Flood Resilient Communities programme helps the community and the government in the area of the watershed Bengawan Solo. The formation of the team Sibat (Community-based Disaster Preparedness) in Wonogiri, Solo and Bojonegoro helps people who are

vulnerable to floods, said H. Subagyo SW, Vice Chairman of PMI, East Java Province, said during the opening of the Focus Group Discussion (FGD) Watershed Flood Contingency Plan Bengawan Solo in Bojonegoro on 22 May 2017.

Subagyo added that the programme with cooperation of IFRC, PMI Indonesian and Insurance Zurich has lasted 2.5 years. "The preparation of this contingency plan will be able to add to the quality of PMI's services to the community," he added.

This event was attended by Chairman of the PMI Central Java, Chief BPBD Bojonegoro (representing the regent), Police, Army, SATPOL and health office. The facilitators were from BBWS BS (Central Region Solo River), BMKG (Meteorology and Geophysics of Klimatologi) and Perum Jasa Tirta. The participants were 41 people from the field of Disaster Management and head of PMI along the Bengawan Solo river basin.

The Chairman of the PMI Central Java, H. Imam Triyanto, revealed the need for the integrated handling of the disasters that occurred in the regions and cities in the two provinces. "This FDG included discussing the documents governing the roles and functions of each, to collaborate, resulting in an agreement in the division of the current tasks of disaster management," he said.

Following the mandate of PMI in the field of disaster management helps as much as possible the task of the government. "PMI along with several donor agencies should play an active role in creating a disaster-resilient community," he said.

This flood FDG provides planning and identifying sectoral inventory needs for the service sector of PMI to respond to the flood disaster that occurred due to overflow of Bengawan Solo River.

Photo by Indonesian Red Cross

Food and Drug Monitoring Agency reviews Blood Transfusion Unit for GMP certification

From <http://www.pmi.or.id/index.php/berita-dan-media/peristiwa/item/1025-bpom-tinjau-kesiapan-utd-untuk-sertifikasi-cpob.html>

The Food and Drug Monitoring Agency (BPOM) of the Republic of Indonesia visited the Blood Transfusion Unit (UTD) of PMI (Indonesian Red Cross Society) on 19 May. The visit was a preparatory step for certification of Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) for the UTD Center and a number of others.



People having taken part in the visit were the Director and the Production of Therapeutic Product (BPOM), Bagus Kusuma Dewa, and the section head of analytical application of GMP, Nursaadah, met with Dr. Linda Lukitari Waseso (Chairman of the Central Board of UTD, PMI), Dr. Ria Syafitri (Head of UTD, PMI), Dr. Sri Hartaty (Head of Blood Services) and Dr. Saptuti Chunaeni (Head of Research and Development and producing plant).

In addition, Good Gods and Nursaadah directly observed the Central UTD for preparation for GMP certification. They went directly to warehouse logistics

centers of UTD, PMI, blood components Processing Laboratory, Reagensia Production Laboratory, Quality Testing Laboratory, Training Room and a number of other facilities. Representatives of the BPOM then gave some advice to UTD, PMI in order to obtain GMP certification.

Meanwhile, Dr. Linda Lukitari explains that UTD, PMI continuously meet the various aspects required in the implementation of GMP. "The Central Board of UTD, PMI always supports throughout Indonesia in providing the best service to the communities, and we start with preparations to obtain GMP certification", said Dr. Linda

Then he added that this GMP certifications are needed for UTD, PMI to support the manufacture of plasma fractionation by UTD, PMI. "Hopefully the activity today will lead us to obtain GMP certification and realize fractionating plasma in Indonesia", concluded Dr. Linda.

Myanmar

Myanmar Celebrates World Red Cross Red Crescent Day as union level

From <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/event/myanmar-celebrates-world-cross-day-ceremony-as-union-level>

World Red Cross Day ceremony was celebrated at Myanmar International Convention Center II, Naypyitaw and the Patron of Myanmar Red Cross Society, Union President U Htin Kyaw addressed the audience in the ceremony.



The Union President of Myanmar, H.E U Htin Kyaw, Union Ministers and Vice Ministers of respective Ministries, Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council and representatives, Honorary President Professor Dr. Tha Hla Shwe, President Professor Dr. Daw Mya Thu, executive committee members, Central Council members, Chairmen of State and Region Red Cross Supervisory Committees, Red Cross Brigade members, representatives from International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC), International Federation of Red Cross Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and partner National Societies, special guests, donors, volunteers and staffs, about 400 people attended the ceremony.

The Union President, H.E U Htin Kyaw affirmed “Also with increased occurrences of disasters, the Myanmar Red Cross Society needs to redouble its efforts in providing first aid, disaster preparedness, responses and disaster risk reduction activities. We are aware that the Myanmar Red Cross Society alone cannot meet the humanitarian needs of the people in time of natural calamities or disasters. Concerted efforts have to be rendered by the government, people, civil society organizations, and humanitarian organizations to help those who are in need.”

“Moreover, the Myanmar Red Cross Society can help trained communities to be disaster resilient and the government, on its part, will be providing necessary assistance through its line ministries”, he added.

Since its inception from the battlefield of Solferino in 1859, the Red Cross has been actively carrying out humanitarian work all over the world for all the people in need regardless of their nationality, religion, political opinion. The International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement is the world’s biggest humanitarian network and providing humanitarian assistance to those who need according to the Red Cross principles: Impartiality and Neutrality.

Every year, around the world, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement: International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC), International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and 190 National Red Cross/ Red Crescent Societies provide the humanitarian assistances for more than 160 million people through its network of around 17 million volunteers and 450,000 staffs.

Myanmar Red Cross Society was established since 1920. Over 44,000 Red Cross volunteers provide humanitarian aid to more than 500,000 people, building safer and stronger communities through a diverse and innovative range of services tailored to local needs. From Community Based Health and First Aid Programme, Building Community Resilience Programme, Hpa-an Orthopedics Rehabilitation Centre, Restoring Family Links services, Disaster Preparedness, Response and Recovery Programmes, the Myanmar Red Cross Society provides these services through the tireless dedication of its volunteers.



“World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day, 8 May, is an opportunity to recognize the contribution and achievements of the millions of volunteers and staff members around the world who are keeping our commitment to humanity every day – by making the last mile effort to ensure that no one is left behind. In complex contexts with increasing vulnerabilities, our ability to access people in need is constantly changing. But our volunteers and staffs are finding creative and innovative ways to adapt local solutions to reach people in need and help them prepare for dealing with and recover from these challenges,” said Professor Dr. Daw Mya Thu, the President of Myanmar Red Cross Society.

The theme of 2017 World Red Cross Day is “Everywhere for Everyone.” Myanmar Red Cross Society commits to maintain the momentum of good work and success that it has achieved to continue striving for improvement and betterment to help the people according to their needs and to thrive as community based humanitarian organization by promoting the role of youth, the role of people living with disabilities and empowering women.

Philippines

Red Cross sends relief goods, water, first aid and psychosocial support teams to Marawi

From <http://www.redcross.org.ph/press/news/red-cross-sends-relief-goods-water-first-aid-and-psychosocial-support-teams-to-marawi>



The Philippine Red Cross (PRC) has stepped up its relief efforts for the people who have been displaced by the recent armed clashes in Marawi City. To date, PRC has provided hot meals and clean water, as well as other humanitarian aid such as psychosocial support, first aid, blood supply, and tracing services. Eight evacuation centers in Lanao Del Norte and Iligan City are currently occupied by more than 2,000 families from Marawi City.

“During this time of crisis, our Red Cross staff and volunteers on the ground never waver in their humanitarian mission to deliver aid and assistance to affected families and individuals. PRC volunteers from day one set up welfare desks for Marawi folks displaced in evacuation centers and along the highways. We have

provided first aid, psychosocial support, and restoring family links services, distributed safe and clean water and hot meals. We are one in helping the most vulnerable, banking on our fundamental principle of humanity,” said PRC Chairman Richard Gordon.

Seven welfare desks were set up in Iligan School of Fisheries, Maria Cristina Brgy Hall, Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT), Baloi Gym, Adventist Medical Center, Saguiaran Evacuation Center, and Kinasanghan Hi-Way-2. Some 700 individuals were given hot meals, 394 individuals

were provided with psychosocial support, and 16 individuals received restoring family links services by the PRC.

To ensure health and safety, PRC assisted 17 individuals suffering from high blood pressure and asthma. Five individuals were also provided with first aid in MSU-IIT and Buru-un School of Fisheries. To augment blood supply, PRC Blood Services has provided blood units to injured individuals in Adventist Hospital. PRC-Cagayan de Oro Chapter also sent blood units to Iligan City.

PRC has also distributed 1,800 liters of water in evacuation centers. Some 1,000 families from Balo-i evacuation center and Lanao del Norte were provided with a water bladder with 5,000 liters of water, while 1,900 families were provided with a water bladder with 10,000 liters of water. With the help of nearby PRC local chapters' health and assessment teams, PRC-Gingoog City Chapter mobilized one ambulance team and gave away medicines for first aid, dressing kits, and anti-tetanus vaccines as needed.

As part of its mission to protect and respect International Humanitarian Law (IHL), the PRC continues to remind people about the significant role of IHL in society and its continuous campaign to respect and protect all civilians.

“This is not the time to blame and to divide. We are all Filipinos. We are one people—one Philippines,” said Gordon.

Red Cross enhances reliability of SOS network with small cell technology

From <http://www.redcross.org.ph/press/news/sosnetwork>

At the culmination of Philippine Red Cross' (PRC) month-long 70th anniversary celebration on May 9, the organization proudly announced yet another milestone: the use of “small cellular” technology to power PRC's SOS cell network, which will enable people to call, text, and connect to the Internet in calamity areas.

Made possible by open source technology, the new communications equipment was unveiled before President Rodrigo Duterte at the sidelines of the commissioning of the M/V PRC Amazing Grace, PRC's humanitarian ship, held Tuesday, May 9, at the Philippine Navy Headquarters in Manila.

Self-contained networks to be deployed in ground zero



“It is portable, and once fired up in a disaster-stricken area, is capable of connecting our first responders and people in need of help through their mobile phones within a 7-km radius,” said Senator Richard Gordon, Chairman of the Philippine Red Cross.

The small form factor of the technology and its low power consumption will allow rescuers to deploy the communications system within minutes after an emergency.

“We can rush many of these to the scene, installed in our Red Cross rescue vehicles. Deployment and activation can be as fast as 30 minutes, and requires only solar power to sustain them,” added Gordon

The self-contained cellular network taps into open source small cell technology. Current advancements in technology allow these types of machines and equipment to be smaller, cheaper, and more power-efficient.

This revolution in connectivity is driven, in large part, by global tech giants and Internet visionaries, such as Facebook and Google, who lead the charge to connect the unconnected.

“This is the first time small cell is being introduced to first responders on humanitarian missions in this part of the world,” said Gordon. “Some 25 natural and man-made calamities occur in the Philippines every year. These calamities have, over time, also tended to intensify, as we have experienced. Every ounce of creativity and resourcefulness is needed if we are to respond, and respond with equal intensity. This is where we turn to technology.”

Besides tapping small cellular technology for its SOS network, PRC has been building its capacity as a humanitarian organization through other initiatives.

On April 21, PRC inaugurated a new logistics and disaster management training center in Passi City, Iloilo, through a partnership with the Korean National Red Cross. The new facility was part of PRC's ongoing Haiyan recovery efforts, which, as of April 2017, has already resulted in 77,471 shelters built, as well as 62,683 families provided with livelihood.

Last April 19, PRC raised a total of PHP 37.79 million in pledges and donations by several partners and donors during PRC's annual Fund and Membership Campaign Kick-Off. PRC conducts a year round fund campaign to sustain its operations.

Originally set for May 13 as part of PRC's month-long 70th anniversary celebration, the Million Volunteer Run 4 has been rescheduled to July 23. The annual run aims to raise funds as well as recruit more volunteers for PRC's humanitarian services.

Singapore

Sri Lanka Floods / Landslides: Singapore Red Cross sends Aid

From <https://www.redcross.sg/media-centre/press-releases/555-sri-lanka-floods-landslides-singapore-red-cross-sends-aid.html>



In response to the severe floods and landslides in Sri Lanka, homegrown humanitarian organisation Singapore Red Cross (SRC) will contribute US\$50,000 in relief supplies in the first instance. Additionally, the Singapore Government will donate US\$100,000 to launch SRC's public fundraising appeal. Two teams of Singapore Red Cross disaster response volunteers are on standby to be deployed to Sri Lanka in the coming weeks, to assist with the relief efforts. The first team will be in Sri Lanka on Wednesday, 31 May 2017.

“Hundreds of thousands are affected across the country, as the early rainy season downpours force many families from their homes. Close to a hundred people are still missing as the death toll

climbs. Volunteers and first responders from our sister National Society, Sri Lanka Red Cross (SLRC) have been deployed on the ground, helping those stranded and providing essential supplies to the affected. Our colleagues from SLRC have also issued weather warnings through social media, to alert villagers of the danger. The Singapore Red Cross team shall join them as early as Wednesday, to assist in the relief distribution,” said Mr Benjamin William, Secretary General/ CEO, Singapore Red Cross. “The flooding is expected to worsen with heavy rain forecast to continue to early June.”

The Singapore Red Cross will continue to monitor the situation to make an assessment of the type/s of relief it can assist with.

The Singapore Red Cross has been working in Sri Lanka for more than 12 years, since the deadly Indian Ocean tsunami, supporting impactful projects in areas such as education, medical and health, emergency response, disaster management, training and the equipping of disaster response teams. These efforts have had a positive impact on the current search and rescue operations, as they are now better equipped to respond and can save more lives in the affected areas.

Southwest monsoon weather conditions brought on heavy rainfall from 25 May, killing over 160 people. Fifteen districts are currently affected, of which four are severely impacted, namely Galle, Matara, Kalutara and Ratnapura. Sri Lanka has appealed for international assistance.

At the same time, Singapore Red Cross is closely monitoring the progress of the cyclone developing in the Bay of Bengal, that is expected to make landfall in Northeast India, Bangladesh and Myanmar, the next day or two, affecting millions of people.

Fundraising appeal: "Sri Lanka Floods 2017"

Singapore Red Cross has launched a public fundraising appeal from 30 May 2017 to 29 June 2017. **Cash** donations can be made at Red Cross House, 15 Penang Lane, Singapore 238486, during office hours (Monday to Friday, 9am to 6pm). **Online** donations can be made [here](#). **Cheques** can be made payable to 'Singapore Red Cross Society' and posted to the above address. Please leave your name, postal address and indicate *Sri Lanka Floods 2017* at the back of your cheque. Donations to overseas efforts are not tax deductible.

For updates on Twitter, follow [@IFRCAsia Pacific](#) [@SLRedCross](#) [@SGRedCross](#).

(Photo Caption: Sri Lanka Red Cross volunteers engaging in the distribution of non-food relief items via a canal mainly because the road accessible to a village in the district of Kalutara was cut off due to floods. Photo credit: Mahieash Johnney / Sri Lanka Red Cross Society / IFRC)

World Red Cross Day 2017 - Message from Mr Tee Tua Ba, Chairman of Singapore Red Cross

From <https://www.redcross.sg/news-stories/stories/551-world-red-cross-day-2017-message-from-mr-tee-tua-ba-chairman-singapore-red-cross.html>

Principals, Teachers
Red Cross Youth Officers, Red Cross Youth Members

Today, we celebrate World Red Cross Day. It is a day to commemorate the founding of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement; and we honour our volunteers for their humanitarian efforts. Over the past 65 years, Red Cross Youth (RCY) has equipped thousands of youth with life-saving skills and inspired them to serve humanity. Moving forward, we will continue to stay true to our mission and develop members into youth leaders who can contribute actively to building community resilience.

It is for this purpose that the Youth Leadership Badge was launched in January this year. The programme hones members' leadership skills by engaging them to lead humanitarian activities such as advocating for blood donation and rendering first aid. It also challenges them to lead their peers in projects to support Red Cross beneficiaries. I encourage the youth to share experiences with their juniors so that in time to come, they too can be leaders to drive efforts to serve the community.

In playing our part to build community resilience, we have introduced two new modules on Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Management. Amongst the youth leaders who co-developed the Disaster Management module was Nicholas Boon. He joined RCY as a cadet, and rose through the ranks to become a Volunteer Instructor and our Head Specialist for Disaster Management. In 2015, he became the youngest at

21 to receive the Singapore Red Cross Commendation Award. Today, he serves as an active volunteer with our International Services. Nicholas is a shining example of a youth leader whom others can look up to and aspire to become.

I am also pleased to share that we have produced the School Emergency Preparedness Kit and distributed it to all units in March this year. Each kit comprises a first aid pouch and step-by-step guide on how to handle emergencies and conduct mass evacuations. Members can use the kit and share with their schoolmates on the essential items to have in a first aid pouch, and ways to help the injured during emergencies.

I would like to thank all school leaders, teachers and Youth Officers for your support and dedication. I commend all RCY members for making a positive difference in our community - empowering the lives of the vulnerable and strengthening community resilience.

Happy World Red Cross Day!

Thailand

Blood donation centre of Thai Red Cross Society invites public to be part of “giving” society on World Red Cross Red Crescent Day 2017

From <https://www.redcross.or.th/news/information/59743>



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On 7 May 2017 Thai Red Cross Society invited people to save humans' lives by donating blood. The theme for this day is “Everywhere for Everyone”. The donors received a souvenir t-shirt, “Give by Nexcare” (limited edition). People were also invited to take their photographs under the theme, “Give Photo” and use a hashtag, #givenexcare2017 through instagram in order to invite people to donate blood through social media.

Chulalongkorn hospital of Thai Red Cross Society organizes “Aged people - quality people” event

From <https://www.redcross.or.th/news/information/60040>



On 22 May 2017 Chulalongkorn hospital, Thai Red Cross Society, with the Faculty of Medicines, Chulalongkorn University organized “Aged people - quality people” event, focusing on providing knowledge on taking care of older people with diseases, aiming for older people to live quality and happy lives. In the event there was an exhibition, free health check-up for the old, a seminar on the diseases frequently occur in the aged and an health examination to look for diseases for the old.

Presently Thailand is heading to “Older-people society” and the number of older people tends to continuously increase. Moreover, Chulalongkorn hospital, TRCS sees taking care of old people

with specific treatments is important, therefore, it built a integrated building for taking care of the older people with complete modern medical equipment and facilities to support the aged people specifically.

Photo by Thai Red Cross Society

Viet Nam

Viet Nam Red Cross Society gives unconditional and conditional cash support for the flood-affected households in Viet Nam

From <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/disaster-risk-reduction/livelihoods-and-cash-transfer-programming/viet-nam-cash-transfer-programming/#1496307205113-d38cb021-d0e4>



A household in Phuoc Thuan Tuy Phuoc receives a cow from the operation. Photo by VNRC

1,037 flood affected households in two districts of Tay Son and Tuy Phuoc in Binh Dinh province have received support from Viet Nam Red Cross Society (VNRC). The support was in forms of unconditional cash to procure essential items for the families and conditional cash to purchase cows for livelihood recovery aftermath the serious floods during the last two months of 2016. A total of NZD 250,000 (CHF 180,000) was made available by New Zealand Government through International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). The support (unconditional cash transfer and conditional cash transfer for cows) was delivered within 64 days since the operation started on the ground and it was well received by beneficiaries and local authorities.

Unconditional cash was categorized into three levels starting from VND 500,000 (CHF 23) for single household; VND 1,000,000 (CHF 46) for two family members; and VND 1,500,000 (CHF 70) for those households which have three members and above. A total of 899 households (3,059 beneficiaries of which 1,574 are females) benefited from this form of support.

A week later from 12- 15 May, 138 households (585 beneficiaries in which 298 are females) in four communes of the above-mentioned districts received VND 13,000,000 respectively to purchase breeding cows with the aim to assist the family to recover from livelihood losses during the floods.



A beneficiary satisfaction survey was carried out among 20% of households and it revealed that 100% interviewed and accessed said the satisfaction rate of 74- 100% and representatives of New Zealand Embassy in Hanoi, IFRC and VNRC conducted a post distribution visit to 2/7 targeted communes on 26 May and three parties were pleased with the result of the operation despite some delays

A beneficiary satisfaction survey was conducted in Phuoc Hiep Tuy Phuoc. Photo by VNRC

Viet Nam Red Cross Society celebrates World Red Cross Red Crescent Day

<http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/event/viet-nam-red-cross-society-celebrates-world-red-cross-red-crescent-day-7-may-2017/>

On 7 May 2017, the Viet Nam Red Cross Society organized celebration and blood donation day on the occasion of World Red Cross Red Crescent Day. Representatives from partner National Societies, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC), government agencies as well as Viet Nam Red Cross staff and volunteers from the headquarters and Hanoi Chapter attended the event.



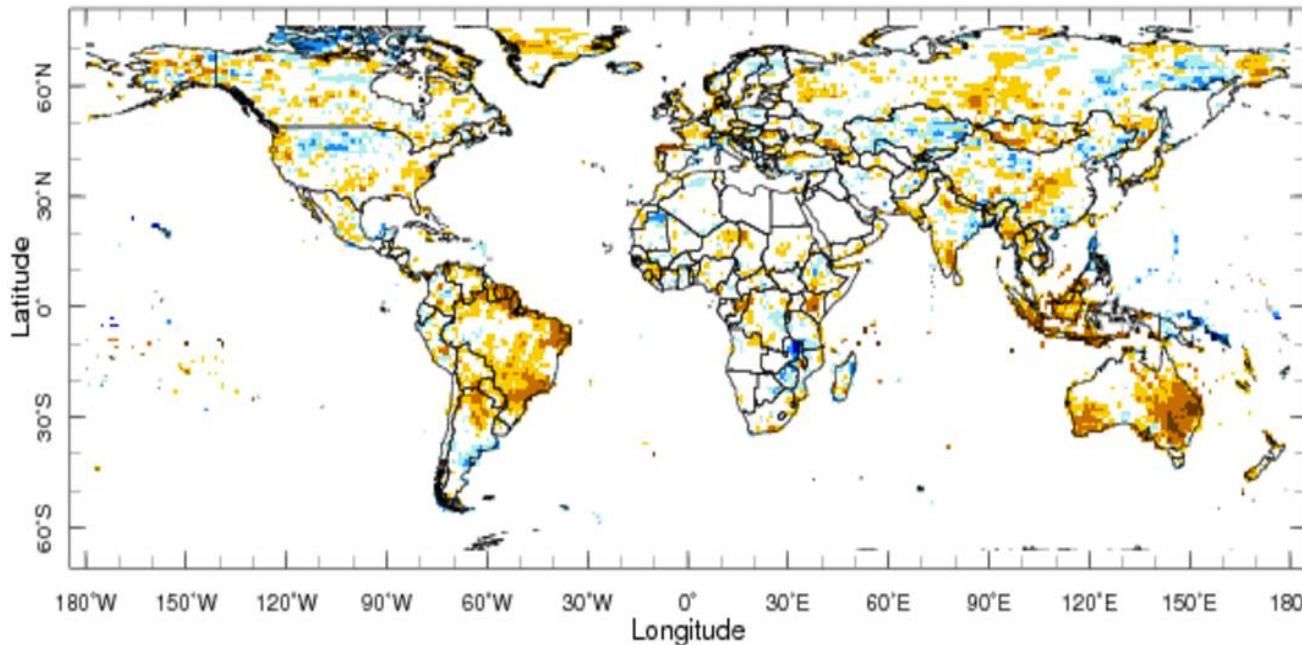
Speaking at the event, President Nguyen Thi Xuan Thu noted that in 2016, the National Society implemented 35 development and humanitarian projects with VND 117 billion (USD 5,153,850) supported by international partners, with 66 percent of which came from Movement partners. In recent years, the Viet Nam Red Cross Society has continually sought to improve and innovate its approaches, for example, the SMS fundraising campaign for cow bank programme, which won the Asia Pacific Fundraising Network award in 2014.

Weather Forecast

June-August 2017

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Are the next 3 months likely to be exceptionally wet?



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Featured Videos

Using Technology to Thrive – People with Disabilities Moving Forward



Ancil and Sonia Torres both became blind as adults. He is from Trinidad and Tobago, she hails from Pakistan. They are both computer scientists and experts on assistive technology. Their profession is what brought them together at an office in Washington, D.C. in the US. In this moving documentary, Ancil and Sonia explain how better use of technology gives persons with disabilities access to education and employment.

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Protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (webinar)



This is a webinar for Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies, IFRC and ICRC on how to develop and implement a policy on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse by staff and volunteers. Held 10 May 2017 by Tina Tinde, Gender & Diversity Advisor at IFRC in Geneva, Switzerland.

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Upcoming Events

Upcoming events for June to August 2017			
	6	The fifth Grab taxi drivers training on basic first aid	Chaingmai, Thailand
June	9	Face-to face meeting of the Asia-Pacific Coalition on School Safety (APCSS)	Bangkok, Thailand
	10-11, 17-18	Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) technical knowledge training for Students – Building Urban Resilience (BUR) project	Lao Red Cross
	12-16	2nd National Disaster Response Team training	Thai Red Cross Society
	18-20	Filming for RRI community voices with French Red Cross gender-sensitive CBDRM project in Son La	Viet Nam
	21	Regional Southeast Asia Gender and Diversity teleconference	
	27 (TBC)	South-East Asia Youth Network (SEAYN) online meeting	
	28 June – 2 July	2nd IFRC Youth Commission Meeting	
	TBC	Provincial Disaster Law dissemination workshop	Cambodia
	TBC	Provincial and national consultations on Disaster Law	Vientiane, Lao PDR
	TBC	UNDP/ IFRC Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Law Subsidiary Legislation Report Launch in Cambodia	Cambodia
	TBC	International Disaster Response Law (IDRL) research report launch and phase II roadmap in Myanmar	Myanmar
	TBC	Audio-visual storytelling workshop / training	Philippines
	TBC	Viet Nam Red Cross Society's 5-year WASH framework	Viet Nam
	July	2-3	South-East Asia Model IFRC General Assembly (MIGA) Youth Forum
3-6		Asia-Pacific Youth Network (APYN) Steering Committee meeting	Malaysia
11-12		BUR Third Coordination Meeting	Lao PDR
17-22		Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV) research – Initial trainings for the field research	Indonesia
23-28		Youth in School Safety Facilitators Training	Lao PDR
31 July – 4 August		Regional South-East Asia network meeting and SGBV training	TBC
August	15-17 (TBC)	Lao-Thai Cross-border Contingency Planning workshop	Udonthani, Thailand
	29-31 (TBC)	Regional Forum on Demystifying the Global Frameworks into Practice	Bangkok, Thailand
	TBC	National Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) training	Indonesia
	TBC	2-day workshop on CEA mainstreaming and institutionalization for PMI, IFRC, PNS	Indonesia
	TBC	Disaster law dissemination training for Viet Nam Red Cross Society's staff	Viet Nam

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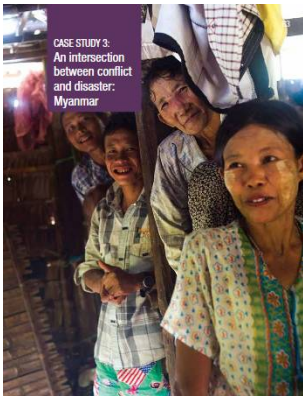
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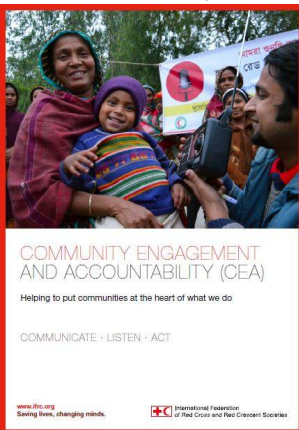
Case Study: An intersection between conflict and disaster: Myanmar



The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is advancing the development of policy research to support advocacy and action for enhanced response to and prevention of gender-based violence (GBV) in disasters. To further this objective, the IFRC commissioned a global study on GBV in disasters in 2015, including nine case studies across the Asia-Pacific, Africa, Latin America and Caribbean and Europe regions. Ranked as one of the 'most at risk countries', Myanmar was chosen as a case study. Prone to cyclones, earthquakes, and drought, it is estimated that 2.6 million people in Myanmar were affected by cyclones; 500,000 affected by floods; and 20,000 affected by earthquakes in the decade between 2002 and 2012.

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By listening to people in need, we can gain a deeper understanding of those communities we work with, engage with their capacities and expertise in a meaningful way, and ultimately contribute to improved accountability and building of long-term resilience.

This guide does not present a new activity, but rather adds value to what we are already doing by offering practical advice and support to improve how we communicate with, engage with and are accountable to people in need. It is written for Red Cross and Red Crescent staff and provides advice and support to build CEA in a more systematic, predictable and evidence-based way within the management cycle.

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