



# Brunei Darussalam **Red Crescent Society**

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## Introduction

THE Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society began life as the Brunei Red Cross Society in 1948 (under the administration of the British Red Cross). When Brunei gained its independence from Britain in 1984, its name was officially changed to the Brunei Red Crescent Society (BDRCS).

To best serve society and humanity as a whole, the BDRCS has five departments.

The Medic Service Department provides first aid services and medical assistance, while the Health Department provides assistance and support for health programmes, particularly on non-communicable diseases.

The Volunteer Department works with volunteers, who are mostly in secondary and higher education, while “the Training Department provides training and curriculum in preparing skilled manpower in various fields, especially in first aid, disaster management and health promotion”.

The Disaster Management Department is responsible for disaster mitigation measures at the local, regional and international stage.

“They will also provide a platform to support and help the work of disaster management, relief management capacity and storage management (warehousing), as well as processing catalogs and movement,” Secretary General Sheikh Kadir Abdullah said.

Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society’s membership is divided into three main groups: cadets, youth volunteers and general volunteers.

“The cadet school is made up of students from the Youth Cadets between the ages of 12 and 18. They make up 80 per cent of our members.”

Meanwhile, youth volunteers are aged 18 to 35 and come from various sectors: education, government and corporate.

General volunteers come from diverse communities in the country and are aged 40 and above.

Currently, Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society has over 1,000 members, with secondary school pupils making up the majority.

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*“We are hoping more people will come forward to join us or just become a volunteer to provide services of not just first aid but much more,”*

**Sheikh Kadir said.**

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The Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society is not classified as a non-governmental organisation. Instead, it has a special role in accordance with the Constitution of Brunei Darussalam.

**Sheikh Haji Abdulkadir Abdullah,**

Secretary General, Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society





## Blood donation drive

Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society is actively involved in recruiting youth and members of the public to donate blood. **SAVE A LIFE** is our slogan to developed awareness amongst the community to give blood to save a life. The Blood Donation Campaign is usually run in four districts withing the four branches of Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent. Our Yearly Target is to recruit 100 new donors and 100 pints of blood every campaign.





## Climate Change Programme

In commemorating Earth Day every year, Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent – through its Youth Development Program – initiated a Youth Engagement Program in Green Projects. This involves promoting recycling habits amongst youth and school children; increasing awareness of the impacts of global climate change and risks to future generations; developing an increased sense of responsibility by planting more trees; and reducing gas emissions to save the environment. Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent plant 100 trees every year in public parks in Brunei Darussalam with co-operation from the Municipal Board Department. This is a yearly activity carried out by Red Crescent youth for the youth.





### Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent spreading awareness on climate change

*Director of Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) of the Belait District, Harris Abd Latip, recognises climate steps to take to prevent or help reduce climate change. However not a lot of people are aware of it..”*

*After attending a regional Red Cross Red Crescent ‘Climate Change Master Training’ course in Thailand – learning about climate adaptation and mitigation in Southeast Asia, impacts on health and so on – Harris Abd Latip, and his fellow BDRCS volunteer Ahmad Akbal Adiyusa Hj Mohd Yusuf, have taken on the goal of disseminating information to the public (from students to village heads to government agencies. Read more at: <http://pbsmnbdb.blogspot.com/>*



## Gender and diversity focal person nominated

This June, Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society was among the first National Societies in Southeast Asia to nominate a Gender and Diversity Focal Person. Appointed by the Secretary-General, Ms. Datin Hajah Siti Hajar Bte Pokss Dp Haji Awg Yussof is a long-standing advocate for gender and diversity issues, acting as Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent's Director for Gender and Diversity and representing the National Society as member of IFRC's Southeast Asia Regional Gender and Diversity Network.

Ms. Datin Hjh Siti Hajar will attend the Southeast Regional Gender and Diversity Training of Trainers 5-8<sup>th</sup> October. She will also attend the first annual gender and diversity network meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> October, marking the first time Southeast Asia's Gender and Diversity Focal Points will come together.

## Fight Against Cancer Programme

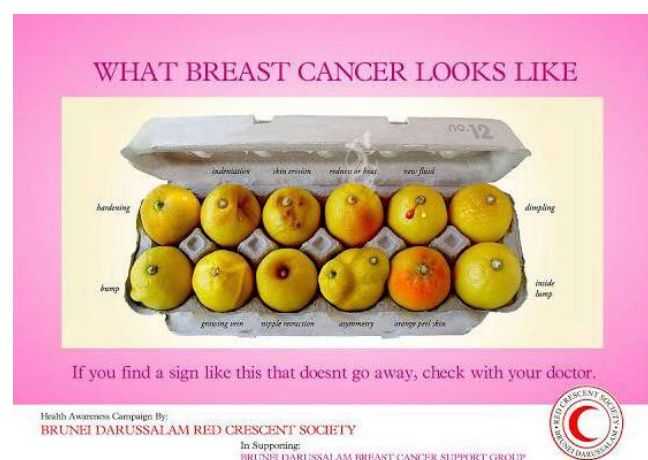
IN CONJUNCTION with the National Campaign on Prevention of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) 2014 recently launched by His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, on September 9, a Health Colloquium was held at Dewan Al-'Afiah, Ministry of Health (MoH).

At the colloquium, titled 'Awareness and Prevention of Cancer', the guest of honour was Pehin Orang Kaya Johan Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Adanan bin Begawan Pehin Siraja Khatib Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Mohd Yusof, the Minister of Health, launched a poster on cancer awareness.

The minister presented the poster to Pengiran Datin Paduka Hajah Mariam Pengiran Haji Matarsat, President of Brunei Darussalam Women's Council and Datin Hajah Sahaidah Hj Awang Taib, President of Brunei Breast Cancer Support Group (BBCS).

The event was organised to raise public awareness on cancer risks and how to prevent them. It also shared facts and must-know information on breast cancer and colorectal cancer.

The colloquium began with a mass recitation of Surah Al-Fatihah and Doa Selamat followed by a welcome speech by Haji Julaini Haji Abdul Latif, President of the Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent (BDRCS) Society.







The event continued with a forum on cancer diseases, nutrition and physical activities moderated by Haji Julaini. Four panels comprising health professionals representing various fields – Dr Chong Vui Heng, Dr Hajah Roslin Hj Sharbawi, Norhartina Hj Sharbini and Awang Ilham Hj Mohd Ali – participated in the forum.

The colloquium was attended by members of registered non-governmental organisations (NGOs) such as Brunei Darussalam Women’s Council (BDWC) and the 13 women councils under it, members of BBCS, Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society and various associations across the country, youth from first aid units as well as village heads from Berakas ‘A’ and Berakas ‘B’.for the youth.



## **Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent First Aid Academy**

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Recognizing the importance of making first aid available to all, and not only to those who can afford it, the Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent First Aid Academy subsidizes first aid and CPR training to the public, charging only a nominal fee, for the benefit of the community.

The Academy conducts Standard First Aid, Refresher First Aid, Occupational First Aid, Refresher Occupational First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) courses. These are conducted by fully certified and experienced trainer and volunteer professionals. Besides conducting courses in our premises, the instructors in our Academy also reaches out to the community, conducting courses at the workplace, schools, and the community.



**BE A HERO  
SAVE LIFE  
LEARN  
FIRST AID**



Our First Aid modules are accredited as per standard issue guidelines, and as practised by The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC). Our CPR training follows the endorsed guidelines of the National Resuscitation Centre of Brunei Darussalam.

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**Background**

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**Courses**

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## With support from peers, Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent builds capacity in First Aid

From the 26-27<sup>th</sup> August Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society, with support from IFRC Southeast Asia's regional delegation and Singapore Red Cross, conducted a successful Training of Trainers workshop for Senior First Aid Instructors. Eighteen instructors further enhanced their skills and knowledge in providing First Aid services in the community and also learned how to train more volunteers in First Aid. The event marked the beginning of recognition by Brunei Darussalam's Minister of Health.



### INTRODUCING



BRUNEI DARUSSALAM RED CRESCENT is setting up its own CHARITY SHOP to raised fund for its activity, project's and its operation expenses



BDRCS Welcome any contributions from members of public to donate new or used clothing, toys, kitchenware, ETCS that are still in GOOD CONDITION and fit to be sell.



CALL: MUNA (8200793)

SAVING LIFE

## Fundraising Activity

Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent is actively organizing fundraising activities to raise funds to finance our First Aid Services and other Red Crescent Youth Activities. Fundraising is also to allocate some funding for logistic purposes.

In support of those affected by the Nepal Earthquake, Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society launched a 60-day fundraising project called, 'Water Pledge for Nepal Earthquake' (1 May until 30 June 2015), with the aim to pledge of 10,000 Bottles of 1.5 liter of Mineral Water to all BDRCS Members and Volunteers throughout four districts.

**WATER FOR LIFE**  
NEPAL EARTHQUAKE HUMANITARIAN FUND

**WATER PLEDGE FOR NEPAL EARTHQUAKE** is a fund raising project by Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society as part of our National Society contribution to Nepal Earthquake Victims.

**MECHANISM:**  
Pledge of 10,000 Bottles of 1.5 liter of Mineral Water to all BDRCS Members and Volunteers throughout four districts.

**DURATION:**  
Pledge duration will be from 01 May until 30 June 2015 (60 Days). Please Contact your own District Branch for further information.

**SAVE LIFE**





## Health Awareness Programme

Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society recently organized a Health Awareness Program with the Ministry of Health, Brunei Darussalam. 'CANCER AWARENESS CAMPAIGN' is an effort by Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society to inculcate knowledge about healthy lifestyles to prevent cancer and other non-communicable diseases amongst youth and grassroots community. Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society has produced posters and hand out to be distributed throughout villages and shopping complexes. The program officiated by The Minister of Health Brunei Darussalam last June, 2014.



**WHAT BREAST CANCER LOOKS LIKE**

If you find a sign like this that doesn't go away, check with your doctor.

Health Awareness Campaign By:  
**BRUNEI DARUSSALAM RED CRESCENT SOCIETY**  
In Supporting:  
**BRUNEI DARUSSALAM BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

**will i survive**  
Your Survival Starts  
with Breast Cancer Early Screening

**PREVENT BREAST CANCER**  
**GET TESTED**  
THE SOONER THE BETTER

**Steps you can take to detect breast cancer**

**save life**

## Road Safety Awareness Programme

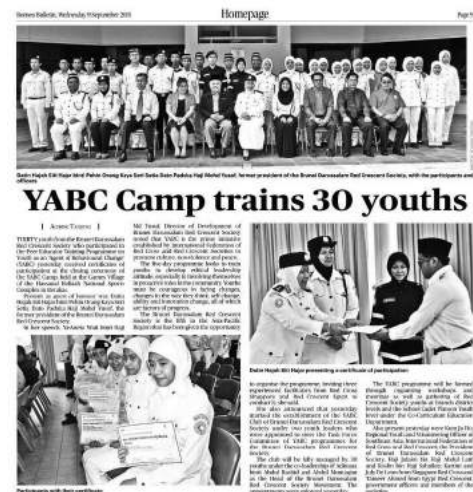
Every Year, Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent with Brunei Darussalam National Road Safety Council launch a Road Safety Awareness Program and Road Safety Pledge amongst youth and through the BDRCS School Cadets. Through every road safety campaign we collect 1000 new pledges and signatures. Road safety is one of our priorities as an intervention to save lives from accidents on the road. Such an awareness campaign through schools helps to educate our younger generation to be disciplined road users and to show care for others.



## Brunei Darussalam youth stepping up as agents of behavioural change

Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society is pleased to report that thirty youth from the National Society have participated in a peer educator training as part of the IFRC's Youth for Behavioural Change (YABC) programme. The YABC programme is designed by IFRC to promote culture, non-violence and peace. Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society is the fifth national society in the Asia-Pacific region to run the programme.

The five-day training presents another successful example peer-to-peer support between National Societies, with facilitators from Singapore Red Cross and the Egyptian Red Crescent attending. Looking to the future, action plans have been developed for the YABC club, including activities at individual schools and also national-level events. In December, the National Society intends to host a youth camp including YABC sessions.





\*Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society are also proud to announce the establishment of their YABC Club, to be led by two young leaders who will steer the Task Force Committee. The club will be fully managed by 30 youths under the co-leadership of senior members of Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society. They will organise workshops and meetings as well as bring together youths at branch district level and school cadet Platoon Youth level.

## Youth Camp

At the end of every year, Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent organizes a nationwide Youth Leaders Camp.



## Youth Development Programme

Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent is comprised of more than 80% youth volunteers, the majority of them Red Crescent Youth Cadets at schools. Every year BDRC will organize recruitment of new youth membership and orientation program to introduce Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement especially in Humanitarian Aid and the 7 Fundamental Fundamentals.



### Youth volunteers extend helping hand

Bilal Hanan  
TUTONG

YOUTH volunteers were among those observed assisting senior citizens and wheelchair-bound individuals during the annual distribution of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's karamah peribadi (personal gift) in Tutong yesterday.

Shah Wali, a 16-year-old student from Tutong South Zone Centre (P1E7) and member of the Red Crescent Society, was one of the volunteers tasked to ensure the smooth running of the event.

"This is my third year volunteering for this event. Basically we are here to assist the elderly and those in wheelchairs to receive their karamah peribadi from His Royal Highness, Prince 'Adul Mahidun," said Shah, adding that



## Other activities

### Joining together to mark World Red Cross Day

On May 8, with national societies around the world, Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent celebrated World Red Cross Day 2015.

On Monday 20 July BDRC Muara Branch assembled a group together to travel to Istana Nurul Iman (Junjung Ziarah) to His Majesty The Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam to commemorate Eidul Fitr 1436 Hijriyah. Officers, NCO's and Members of BDRC Brunei Muara, Tutong, Belait and Temburong were invited to join, wearing their ceremonial uniform.



## **Drafting of white paper (2016 – 2020) in Youth Development and Volunteer Capacity Building**

The white paper will address four main areas: (1) YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM in Road Safety, Climate Change, Disaster Reduction and Capacity Building. (2) VOLUNTEERISM in Health Awareness, Earth Program and Poverty Intervention. (3) DISASTER RISK REDUCTION in Community Resilience, Safe Community Program, First Aid in the Community and (4) FIRST AID ACADEMY to provide full spectrum of First Aid Modules and Syllabus. The White Paper will be launched by April 2016 in commemoration of 68th Anniversary of BDRC and In conjunction with World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day 2016.



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