



SOUTHEAST ASIA RCRC YOUTH TRENDS

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Southeast Asia Youth Network Action Plan 2016-2017

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The 2nd ASEAN Regional Conference on School Safety was held between Feb 14-15 2017 by building on the initial efforts on school safety by the co host of IFRC Bangkok office under the Canadian Red Cross Funding. One thematic session “enhancing the ASEAN youth engagement in School Safety” was hosted by the SEAYN inviting youth representatives from different Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies (NSs) such as Cambodia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore and Thailand as well as DRR practitioners from Brunei, Lao, Philippines and Vietnam.

Lai Wai Keat, former chair of SEAYN presented youth engagement in School Safety at SEAYN level reiterating on YSS toolkit (done in Malaysia and Myanmar) and Myat Thiri Soe, Myanmar RC youth presented the toolkit and success of implementation. Lai also presented on the youth engagement recommendation in the plenary session on behalf of ASEAN youths.

Mr Novey Dolde, the representative from the Philippine Red Cross and Chair of SEAYN attended the Solferino Forum and presented about Red Cross Youth activities in PRC and SEAYN in Italy from 22 to 25 June 2017.



YOUTH ACT !



Myanmar Red Cross Society



In collaboration with Football United at University of New South Wales (UNSW), Myanmar Red Cross Society launched a program called “Football based Youth and Community Development Program” on 14 June 2017 targeting university youth. This program aimed to train university youth with leadership skills and management skills by engaging them in the area of community resilience, community development, disaster risk reduction and health promotion.

“It is much more than football and sport, it is about healthy and friendly environment for positive youth development, engagement platform between universities and community, an innovative learning space for university students who are trying to equip themselves to challenge 21st century’s demands, and initiative for inter-university collaboration to conduct action research in sport for social change discipline” said by Dr Tun Aung Shwe, director of Football United Myanmar program.



Timor Leste Red Cross



Timor Leste (CVTL) held the biennial National Youth Assembly from 11th to 12th May where 26 youth delegates from each of CVTL’s 13 branches came to Dili for the Youth President election as well as a forum on youth issues. During the two days, the youths discussed about the role of youth in CVTL and how to make their voices heard. It was also an opportunity to explore the contribution of the Youth on how they can position in the National Board and encouraged the youths to be part of Red Cross Youth so as to engage and support more young people throughout the country.

YOUTH ACTS !



Thai Red Cross Society



In memory of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej who has spent his life serving the community and committed to universal values and human rights during his 70-year reign, Thai Red Cross Youth Bureau carried a youth project of voluntary services for vulnerable people. Youth volunteers are from 23 universities and a total of 29 projects were carried such as community service, health promotion, knowledge sharing and environment preservation.



Youth activities included different capacity building in schools, organising the voluntary camps for children in remote areas. Also those included waste recycle management in the community, weir development/restoration in upcountry, dengue prevention, stress management and basic health counselling, drug use prevention, livelihood self-accounting, First Aid training for youths and knowledge transfer on social media for elderly people.

YOUTH SPEAKS!



Singapore Red Cross



73 RCY cadets participated in the Warrant Officers Programme (WOP) where “leaders of leaders” are trained with the skills, knowledge and values to lead and develop a holistic experience for RCY trainings in schools.

“As leaders, you can influence others to look out for the weaker members in the community, and be resilient and ready to respond in times of crisis,” said Ms Sim Ann, Senior Minister of State for Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Trade and Industry, who joined the opening ceremony. She also shared how youth leaders need to be more resilient, innovative and able to inspire those peers around them to overcome the challenges today.



Lao Red Cross Society



Two programmes of Lao Red Cross [Youth Empowerment in Social Inclusion](#) were held in March 22-24 and in May 24-26 by mobilizing Lao RC YABC peer educators and 40 core group youth targeting 200 students of the national University of Lao in March and 200 students and teachers in Vientiane-Hochiminh School in May. It addressed the issues of exclusion, discrimination and stereotyped opinions and violent communication among students especially about the marginalised group, and developed theatre dramas and musical performance. After the event, 60 students registered to commit to join the RCY activity with their talents and volunteering and all 400 audience got inspired a change.



Myanmar Red Cross Society

Myanmar Youth in School Safety (YSS) facilitators implemented the school safety training in 12 project schools targeting 355 beneficiaries by their own initiative. In February, 2017, the review workshop was held among Organizational Development Department and Disaster Management Department of MRCS jointly and discussed on the progress of YSS by inviting 16 youth facilitators. During the workshop, the achievements, challenges, way forward, action plan and integration of departments were discussed. As a follow up, another meeting for the YSS facilitators was held on 1st July 2017 and reviewed and finalized the plan of previous meeting and discussed to develop more IEC materials for students’ take-home message and visibility.

YOUTH SPEAKS!



Cambodian Red Cross Society



With the support of the European Union (EU) and Finnish Red Cross, as well as IFRC Cambodia, Cambodia Red Cross carried the social inclusion activity by using the same module developed by the IFRC Bangkok office. The activity started with the YABC session on the theme of social inclusion and combined with some different sessions on interpersonal skill development, Peer to Peer Network, Active listening, Coordination Skills and School Safety Tool “Fire Drill” . The number of participants reached 36 youths and volunteers from the schools and communities. During the session, they discussed real life experiences relating to the topic and developed an action plan on how to disseminate the knowledge and also, how to change the mindset and building urban resilience in Cambodia.



And another 36 youths from the High School Youth Club and some volunteers from the community in Oambel District Banteay Manchev Province attended the two days programme on 4th to 5th April 2017 where they studied about the Youth as Agents Behavioural Change (YABC) and integrated Youth School Safety (YSS).

SEAYN ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

We are pleased to inform you that the 5th SEAYN Annual meeting cum YEC Programme will be held in Manila, Philippines on 4-8 September 2017 hosted by the SEAYN Chair, Philippines Red Cross (PRC) with the co-support of IFRC Bangkok Country Cluster Support Team (CCST).

The annual meeting will be held alongside a two-day YEC programme by engaging SEA youth and PRC youth jointly in communities with the theme of social inclusion, non-violence and peace and respect for gender & diversity. More importantly, in this meeting, an election among youth members (at age up to 30) will be held for the position of the Asia Pacific Youth Network(APYN) steering committee.

Join the online discussion and share your opinions and challenging issues via the SEAYN FACEBOOK PAGE: [RCRC South East Asia Youth Network](#)

