

Southeast Asia Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

REGIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY AND RESILIENCE FORUM

Monthly Updates – August 2017



Following Haiyan typhoon, classes were held in open air, under trees and in damaged buildings. Hence, bringing children and youth back to a conducive learning environment was a priority. Photo by Japanese Red Cross Society.

Welcome to our August 2017 Southeast Asia news updates. In addition to these monthly updates we send to you every month, you could also find Southeast Asia Red Cross Red Crescent's resources, tools, events and updates at Resilience Library at <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org>.

Thematic Updates from Southeast Asia

ASEAN

The Pacific and ASEAN: The road to strengthening community resilience

From: <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/ifrc-and-asean/the-pacific-and-asean-the-road-to-strengthening-community-resilience/>



Despite differences in geography, population and economic base, the Southeast Asia and Pacific regions have one key aspect in common: they both face unprecedented risk posed by natural disasters and climate change. Over the past decade, countries in both regions have equally suffered from the impacts of typhoons hurricanes, flooding, earthquakes and droughts. The consequences of which are very real for the countries and people of these regions. Regional organisations in both contexts are playing an increasingly visible role in humanitarian action and sustainable development.

It was against this backdrop that a learning exchange on the “*Development and Operationalisation of Regional Governance Frameworks on Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation*” between the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), was facilitated by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in Jakarta, Indonesia from 24 to 25 August 2017. This exchange, the first of its kind between these regions, also brought alive commitments made in the 2016 World Humanitarian Summit Agenda for Humanity which sought to strengthen capacities and collaboration within and between regional organisations.

“The exchange between the representatives of the Pacific region Governments and Red Cross National Societies and ASEAN on Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change is a very good opportunity for IFRC to renew our commitment to support inter-regional cooperation and learning with the aim of fostering a more resilient world, where communities are at the centre,” says Mr. Giorgio Ferrario, IFRC’s Head of Country Cluster Support Team and Representative to ASEAN.

A delegation from the Pacific comprised of Governments and Red Cross National Societies from the three Pacific sub regions: Melanesia, Polynesia and the North Pacific as well as a representative from the Pacific Islands Private Sector Organisation (PIPSO) travelled to Jakarta for the two-day exchange. During this exchange, the delegation met with representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat (Environment and Disaster Management/ Humanitarian Assistance Divisions) as well as the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre). This Pacific grouping represented the governance task force of the Pacific Resilience Partnership who will be advising and overseeing the operationalisation of the *Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP)*.

“We are here to learn from the ASEAN countries regarding their policy development and how they have established their governance structure,” explains Ms. Jennifer deBrum, Coordinator for Joint National Action Plan at the Office of Chief Secretariat in the Pacific. “Through a strong disaster response mechanism in this region, the affected people can be reached in time and this is something that we hope to replicate in the Pacific.”

While the Pacific is just starting its journey, ASEAN is soon to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the ratification of its legally binding ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Relief (AADMER). This provides the framework and mechanisms for regional collaboration and coordination in disaster risk management. The Pacific were keen to learn from ASEAN what has worked well and what they would do differently if they had the opportunity to start over.

“The coordination mechanisms of the various working groups is something that the Pacific Islands Forum can adopt,” says Ms. Petesa Finikaso from the Tuvalu Government’s Environment Department. “Particularly, the emergency response mechanisms used by the Emergency Operation Centre to respond to disasters across ASEAN countries is a very good learning given my line of work specifically on disaster preparedness in Tuvalu.”

Meanwhile, the Vanuatu Red Cross Vice President, Mr. Hannington Alatoa was impressed by how ASEAN has been able to coordinate its 10 member states to do “mega things” in relation to DRR and CCA. After visiting AHA centre, the Director of Vanuatu’s National Disaster Management Office, Mr. Shadrack Welegtabit was keen to explore how disaster management training opportunities in ASEAN can also be extended to the Pacific and how response coordination models could be replicated by National Disaster Management Offices in the Pacific.

Outcomes of this initiative and captured learnings from the exchange will form part of the recommendations of the Governance task force of the Pacific Resilience Partnership to be considered by Pacific Island Leaders. It is anticipated that this exchange is just a first step towards a platform for continued dialogue and collaboration between ASEAN and the Pacific Islands Forum on how to make communities in Asia Pacific safer and more resilient in times of disasters. The Red Cross is delighted to be a key partner in this journey.

“The IFRC stands ready to support further steps in the exchange,” explains Mr. Ferrario.

Disaster Risk Reduction

Demystifying the Global Agenda Frameworks into Practice

From <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/events/demystifying-the-global-agenda-frameworks-into-practice-29-30-august-2017-bangkok-thailand/>

The regional forum on “***Demystifying of the Global Agenda Frameworks into Practice***” took place from 29-30 August 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand. The 2-day Forum aims to identify the challenges, linkages, and potential key entry points for integrating the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Sustainable Development Goals, Paris Agreement on Climate Change Adaptation, and the World Humanitarian Summit towards achieving a common goal of making communities resilient to disaster and climate risks in the Asia-Pacific region.



Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), GIZ, UNESCAP, UNDP and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) altogether in a partnership (partners), see this as an opportunity to develop a deeper knowledge on the key linkages within the global frameworks to ensure that the operationalization of these frameworks at the country- and local-level serves as a vehicle to bring about positive changes towards investment decisions and strengthened risk governance.

The partners aim to organize the event together with other partners, and bring all relevant stakeholders including governments, UN agencies, RCRC National Societies, Civil Society Organizations and the private sector to help guide an integrated and inclusive approach to building national and local resiliency capacities as an effective approach towards the implementation of global goals. For key messages, discussions and outcomes, and relevant documents, refer to this [link](#). *The forum was organized as part of the Regional Resilience Initiative supported by the Canadian Red Cross and Canadian Government.*

Cross- Border Contingency Planning between Thailand and Laos

From: <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/event/lao-thai-cross-border-workshop-march-2017/>



Neighbours across the Mekong river, both Lao PDR and Thailand frequently experience floods, storms, droughts, heatwaves and other meteorological events that can have a devastating impact on the most vulnerable populations and their livelihoods. To better respond to future disasters, almost hundred participants from the Red Cross National Societies of Laos and Thailand as well as the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation and Department of Health from both sides of the river came together to discuss about common and potential risks, scenarios and the development of contingency plans.

During the workshop, the participants discussed the ways to minimize the impact of disasters through coordinated scenarios as well as response and preparedness plans. “This workshop helps us to understand each other’s strengths and weaknesses as well as the opportunities to work together in the most sustainable way. Thai Red Cross would like to build on this and further replicate with other neighbouring countries in the future”, said Mr. Sawanit Kongsiri, Assistant to Secretary General of the Thai Red Cross Society.

“This is also a golden opportunity for our branches to exchange their direct contacts and coordinate at branch level to effectively mobilise resources to respond to future challenges”, added Mr. Thongphachanh Sonenasin, Vice President of Lao Red Cross Society.

Based on the existing information collected before and during the workshop, three different disaster scenarios were developed. Supported by range of facilitators, the participants then discussed contingency planning in regards of those scenarios, aiming to prepare both National Societies at various levels to better respond by making decisions in advance about the management of human and financial resources, coordination and communications procedures, and being aware of a range of technical and logistical responses.

“As the role of Red Cross is to support government during disaster, it was a good practice to bring various stakeholders to discuss these plans. It is important to have good coordination mechanisms between Red Cross Chapter and government agencies”, said Ms. Naowarat Akepapan, Uttaradit Red Cross Chapter President, Thai Red Cross Society.

Concluding the workshop, both Red Cross National Societies agreed to encourage and support cross-border cooperation at branch level through exchange visits and capacity building for effective disaster response and preparedness as well as health and care. It was also agreed that among several branches from both sides, pilot initiatives will be started to build a model for future replication. Related documents: [Agenda](#) and [concept note](#). *The workshop was organized as part of the Regional Resilience Initiative supported by the Canadian Red Cross and Canadian Government.*

Building Urban Resilience in Southeast Asia (ECHO funded)

From <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/disaster-risk-reduction/urban-disaster-risk-reduction/building-urban-resilience-in-southeast-asia-project/#1504843066137-2f21a6ae-12d6>

At Regional Level: Regional Forum on “*Demystifying of the Global Agenda Frameworks into Practice*” took place from 29-30 August 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand. For further details, see above at page 1 or refer to the [link](#).

A mock-up of the case study has been prepared and consulted with partner national societies for inputs and feedback on the design, a fine-tune version will be available in September for further consultation with ECHO. In conjunction with the case study development, a collective discussion was taken among IFRC CCST, German RC and ADPC on the possibility of complementing and overlapping each other during the process.

In Laos: Lao RC has conducted a 3-day Youth in School Safety (YSS) training of facilitators from 25-27 July to further enhance the student’s facilitation skills and VCA assessment to come up with needs based mitigation measures. The training attended by 36 participants (23 females) including 5 teachers, 20 students, and Lao Red Cross staff. The training consists of two parts (i) facilitation skills and (ii) demonstration and assessments at their schools to come up with risk informed mitigation planning. Eventually, five school based risk informed mitigation plans were drafted with strong participation of their parents and school teachers including their commitments to providing funding to address some identified risk reduction measures.



In Viet Nam: GRC-VNRC team has focused efforts on conducting the following activities:

Result 2: Innovative PAPE for disaster risk reduction, targeting specific vulnerable group brings about positive, safer behavior, improved preparedness and social change in five wards of Quy Nhon City, Binh Dinh.

In July & August, the GRC, the Binh Dinh chapter, the ward authorities and the volunteers have finalized the preparation of the campaign on the four behaviours related to the risks of fire in households: (i) Being able to appropriately extinguish 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.

- Thus, the design of the key visuals, symbols and icons has been finalized. They will be displayed on billboards, flyers, Tee-shirts and Facebook page.
- An agreement between the Binh Dinh Chapter and the Binh Dinh fire brigade has been signed to support the communication campaign. The fire brigade participated in the review of scenarios and scripts for theatre events and for key messages for radio programme at ward and hamlet levels. They also provided comments for the design of leaflets demonstrating the four behaviours.



Flycam view on the flashmob event in Quy Nhon City.

been posted on the page and has reached nearly 3000 people online since its upload on the 1st September and a total of nearly 6000 people have visited the Facebook page so far.



Flycam view of the popular square for families and youth where took place the flashmob event

Cảng and Nhơn Phú wards will also convey Key messages on Fire Safety through wards' loudspeakers radio programmes in September.

- The ward authorities have agreed on the dates for their communication campaign for documenting the PAPE approach in the Urban context of Quy Nhon.

- A Flashmob in Quy Nhon city on the 20th of August with the participation of 52 young people from 5 wards. The aim was to attract the population interest on the campaign and to invite them to visit the [Facebook page](#) which has been setup in July. The Facebook page displays illustrations on four key behaviors: (i) being able to appropriately extinguish 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. A video of the Flashmob has

- Three project wards organized 15 hamlet's events and 02 ward's events (Thị Nại, Nhơn Bình and Ghềnh Rằng). All the events included a Knowledge contest on Fire Safety and theatre plays. The Hamlets' events attracted a total of around 623 participants mainly families, and the event at ward level about 190 people. The fire brigade and the ward and hamlet authorities were actively involved in each event to judge the theatre performances and distribute prizes to the contest participants. More events at ward level are planned in September and similar events in Hải Cảng and Nhơn Phú wards will take place also in September. In parallel, Key messages on Fire Safety were broadcasted through wards' loudspeakers radio programmes during the whole month. Thị Nại ward also set up 01 mobile loudspeaker team with 25 cyclists including youngsters and elderly persons. Hải

Result 3: Increased capacity of local government authorities and Red Cross for disaster preparedness and response in five wards of Quy Nhon City, Binh Dinh.

In the 5 targeted wards, by end of June the Technical Support Groups (TSG) have finalized their Disaster Preparedness and Response maps with the methodology developed by the project. In August, they developed the budget and plan for sharing those maps with all the relevant stakeholders from local to national levels. This includes uploading the DPR maps on the DMC's VinAWARE data base and printing and displaying the maps on the Ward People's Committee offices and other government and public buildings. The TSGs and the Binh Dinh chapter also prepared the agenda and budget for a Disaster Preparedness and Control planning workshop which took place the 8-9th August. Based on the DPR maps, ward level Disaster Prevention and Control Plans were developed by each ward using the DMC guidelines for planning (2014) and in line with the National CBDRM Programme.

In the Philippines:

Recent work under this project has focused on strengthening the strategy of the project through the implementation of number of trainings related to leadership, disaster management, psychosocial support, fire management and participatory video. Furthermore, there had been clear advances in the completion of the VCA process at school level, as of now six (6) of them are at an advanced stage of revision. In addition, first steps have already been achieved with the identification and setting up of school EWS. Four (4) out of eight (8) proposals had been submitted and discussed with the project team. All in all, the project is progressing according to schedule and continue to be on track toward project completion in December 2017.

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).

1.2.5 Red Cross Youth formation and orientation (for students) and Leadership Development Program (LDP): On August 19 & 20, 2017 another Leadership Development Program was conducted in Batasan Hills National HS. The training was closely coordinated with RCY department (at Chapter level), and was attended by 105 persons (28 male and 77 female).

1.2.7 Conduct re-echo sessions with other teachers and students: The procurement for the installation of DRR Corner Bulletin Boards still on process.

1.2.8 Set-up School DRRM Teams and provide further specialized training such as DRR, CCA, health and hygiene promotion, child protection, gender and diversity, etc.: On August 26 & 27, 2017 a specialized training was conducted at Pres. Corazon C. Aquino Elementary School (Brgy. Batasan Hills). It was attended by 76 teaching and non-teaching personnel (14 male and 62 female) and the main topics discussed were disaster management, psychosocial support and fire management. Speakers were invited from PRC and Bureau of Fire.

1.4.1 Conduct (or update) a comprehensive Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment through a participatory approach: The VCA reports were completed in Bagong Silangan Elementary School (Brgy. Bagong Silangan), Pres. Corazon C. Aquino Elementary School (Brgy. Batasan Hills), Batasan Hills National HS (Brgy. Batasan Hills) and Bagong Silangan (Brgy. Bagong Silangan HS. These reports are currently being reviewed at NHQ (PRC). Furthermore, Diosdado P Macapagal ES and Dr. Josefa Jara HS (Brgy. Tatalon) VCA reports are been reviewed at Chapter level. Betty-go Belmonte ES and Carlos L. Albert High School's VCA reports (Brgy. Dona Imelda) are officially finalized and submitted to NHQ (PRC).



Earthquake drill at Diosdado Macapagal Elementary School. Photo by Philippine Red Cross

1.5.2 Identifying and setting up school early warning system. As for now, 4 out 8 proposals had been submitted to PRC.

1.6.1 Distribution of updated IEC materials: Procurement on process for second batch (new version) is still ongoing and once complete, the distribution will be expedited by September 2017.

Result 2 – Innovative PAPE for disaster risk reduction, targeting specific vulnerable group brings about positive, safer behaviour, improved preparedness and social change in 15 at – risk urban and pre – urban areas in four countries

2.2.2 Development, reproduction, and distribution of innovative and inclusive PAPE and IEC materials
Brgy. Batasan Hills's PAPE Activity Plan was finalized by barangay officials and youth representative while the finalization of plan is still ongoing in Brgy. Bagong Silangan. As part of PAPE campaign, on August 16-18, 2017 was conducted a participatory video training in the 4 barangays that was attend by 24 participants. The main goal was to produce new materials for the target group at community level.

Result 3 - Increased capacity of local government authorities and Red Cross for disaster preparedness and response in 4 Brgys in Quezon City, The Philippines

3.2.1 Participatory development of risk maps involving representatives on local people, including vulnerable groups, government authorities, and PRC staff. The barangays Batasan Hills and Bagong Silangan are currently in the process of plotting the collected information regarding their risk analysis, infrastructures and capacities. On August 8, 2017, a re-echo session about Quantum Geographic Information System was conducted at Barangay Doña Imelda, attended by 5 representative of Doña Imelda and Tatalon barangays.

3.5.1 Conduct (or update) a comprehensive Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment through a participatory approach Brgy. Batasan Hills is currently working on step 4 (analysis), while Brgy. Bagong Silangan, Doña Imelda and Tatalon are already in the process of reporting (step 5)

In Cambodia: the following events have reached 2,453 people (1,416 females) through:

- Continued implementation of awareness raising activities on key preventive messages on storms, lightning and fire in communities
- Continued implementation of awareness raising activities on key preventive messages on storms, lightning, drug-use prevention, health and hygiene promotion in schools
- Continued revision of project outputs, i.e. School Risk Assessment Reports, Community Vulnerability Matrixes, School DRR Plans, Community DRR Plans, etc.
- Implementation of PAPE campaign at community level – focus on lightning and storms
- Implementation of Dissemination Workshop on Cambodian Law on Disaster Management of DCDM and CCDM, including the districts of Poipet and Svay Chek of Bantaey Meanchey Province.
- Continuation of preparation of Household Emergency Plans with school pupils in the three participating high schools
- Implementation of training on participatory (GIS) mapping methodology for CRC Staff, community representatives, volunteers and local authorities (37 participants)
- Implementation of PAPE refresher training for RCY
- Implementation of First Aid refresher trainings in the three participating schools
- Implementation of PAPE campaign at community level – focus for August on flood preparedness
- Organization of technical meeting to review produced risk maps through the participatory methodology

Asia Pacific Disaster Resilience Centre: Embracing innovative attitudes, technologies and approaches in community disaster resilience

From <http://www.apdisasterresilience.org/rii.html>



Bringing together different stakeholders from various fields and organizations, Asia Pacific Disaster Resilience Centre (APDRC) held the '1st Interactive Innovation Workshop' last 11-12 May 2017 in Seoul, Korea. The workshop was attended by 57 participants representing 24 different organizations, including Indonesian and Philippine Red Cross to share their insights and best practices on innovation with Asia Pacific National Societies. This year's workshop focused on different approaches to innovation, disaster resilience serious games and technology-based experimental learning. [Click here to read more](#)

Strengthening Disaster Resilience through 'Extreme Event': a disaster resilience game

From <https://www.koshland-science-museum.org/announcements/extreme-event-road-asia-pacific-disaster-resilience-centre> and <https://www.koshland-science-museum.org/announcements/extreme-event-road-disaster-resilience-spreads-across-asia-pacific-region>



As a part of its efforts to strengthen Disaster Resilience capacity locally in a fun and engaging way, the Asia Pacific Disaster Resilience Centre (APDRC) introduced “Extreme Event” at the Summer Camp Gathering for East Asia Red Cross Youth Members, 24-28 July 2017, hosted by Mongolian Red Cross Society. 'Extreme Event' is an award winning in-person role-playing game developed by the US National Academy of Sciences / Koshland Science Museum, to train skills in prioritizing resources, building coalitions, and adapting to changing circumstances. The game also enhances critical thinking and improves civic literacy related to disaster resilience.

APDRC is currently putting together a pilot Extreme Event training package with step-by-step guide for facilitation (including a video). This training package will be tested by the Asia Pacific National Societies, and APDRC will be collecting feedbacks for further customization as part of its roll out. For further information, contact apdrc@apdisasterresilience.org

Gender and Diversity

Southeast Asia Gender and Diversity Network Meeting and Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV) Training | 31 July - 4 August 2017 | Manila, Philippines

From <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/event/southeast-asia-gender-and-diversity-network-meeting-and-sexual-and-gender-based-violence-sgbv-training/>

When a disaster strikes, women, children and the elderly often struggle with more than just losing their homes and belongings. They face other dangers and threats to their security, usually in the form of sexual and gender-based violence. In Nepal, for example, early and forced marriage increases in the face of heightened poverty and desperation after the 2015 Nepal Earthquake. Other times, women and adolescent girls in cyclone shelters are concerned about the lack of lighting and locks in toilets. Pregnant women avoid coming to shelters due to difficulties in climbing stairs and absence of clean birthing facilities.



Understanding the importance of addressing these challenges, a Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV) in Emergencies training took place in Manila, Philippines in August. It was followed by the Southeast Asia Gender and Diversity Network meeting. Co-organised by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the Philippine Red Cross, the trainings saw the participation of 10 National Societies in Asia, Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners, Inter-Agency Standing Committee REGA, USAID, International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), and the Family Planning Organisation of the Philippines.

“I believe the training is essential to all those who are involved in spreading information about sexual and gender-based violence,” said Saiful Nordin, the International Humanitarian Law, Legal and International Relations Manager for Malaysian Red Crescent. “It encompasses the essential element of sexual and gender-based violence response, and shows us the best manner to act for the best interest of the survivor.”

The training covered key concepts and definitions SGBV, the prevalence of this issue in disasters and how Red Cross and Red Crescent staff can offer support to survivors of SGBV. Participants also learned from IPPF about the Minimum Initial Services Package (MISP) which provides critical healthcare in emergencies. The Philippine Department of Social Welfare and Development and a local Manila-based women’s support service centre also shared their experience in SGBV. At the end of the training, participants developed an action plan on integrating SGBV in the work of their National Societies existing disaster response, health and social services work at community level in Asia.

“I am learning so much about the commitment of Movement partners at the leadership level in addressing sexual and gender-based violence,” said Kai Spratt, senior regional gender advisor, USAID, Regional Development Mission for Asia. “I’m going to encourage all of our missions to reach out to their National Society to see how we can coordinate and share lessons learned.”

The training comes at a timely moment as the Government of Canada is adopting a feminist international assistance policy, which aims to advance gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls as the most effective way to reduce poverty and build a more inclusive and peaceful world. “The Canadian Red Cross just signed a five-year agreement with the Philippine Red Cross on disaster management and community health,” said Paul Drossou, country representative, Canadian Red Cross Philippines. “We will integrate sexual and gender-based violence along with disability inclusion through working with our community health volunteers into the project.” For more information and reference materials on the SGBV training, visit the Gender and Diversity page on our Online Resilience Library. *The training was organised as part of the Regional Resilience Initiative supported by the Canadian Red Cross and Canadian Government.*

Highlight Updates from National Societies

Singapore

More nurses in humanitarian efforts – locally and abroad

From <https://www.redcross.sg/media-centre/press-releases/585-more-nurses-in-humanitarian-efforts-locally-and-abroad.html>



Singapore Red Cross (SRC) and Singapore Nurses Association (SNA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 12 August, which provides collaborative platform for nurses to participate in local community services and overseas humanitarian programmes. The MoU signing was witnessed by Guest-of-Honour, SNA Patron Mrs Mary Tan, wife of President Tony Tan, at a ceremony marking the opening of the newly renovated SNA’s Training Centre, on the occasion of SNA’s 60th Anniversary.

The partnership will facilitate nurses’ active involvement in community outreach and advocacy; as well as health promotion and mentoring for the elderly and vulnerable

persons. This will be done through SRC’s local services, such as ElderAid, HoME+ (Home Monitoring & Eldercare) and Clinic-on-Wheels (to be launched end-year). Additionally, nursing students would have the

opportunity to participate in SRC's overseas humanitarian programmes, whilst nursing professionals would be able to deliver in-country training programme to build the capacity of nurses from the region. Such efforts are expected to directly benefit some 500 persons from vulnerable communities in the first year.

Explaining the significance, Mr Benjamin William, Secretary General/CEO of Singapore Red Cross said, "This partnership holds great potential for Singapore's nursing expertise to be embedded in the humanitarian services that SRC delivers internationally and locally. It will also ignite in the Red Cross Youth members, an interest in the nursing profession, which in turn will help secure our future healthcare. This is a lifesaving partnership, where the impact can be significant and manifold."

Thailand

Thai Red Cross Society provides relief for flood-affected communities

From <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/thailand/the-thai-red-cross-society-flood-relief-operations/>



Since July 2017, the northeast region of Thailand has been affected and inundated by monsoons. As of 1 August 2017, a total of 5,366 villages in 43 provinces have been affected.

The Thai Red Cross Society provided relief in the flooded areas after the heavy rain by providing relief kits consisting of food, drinking water and useful daily items were distributed. As of 5 August 2017, 8,432 relief kits, worth over of 8,432,000 baht have been distributed to families in 10 badly affected provinces in Sakon Nakhon, Ubon Ratchathani, Sisaket, Lopburi, Roi Et, Surin, Nakhon Ratchasima, Phichit , Chaiyaphum and Mukdahan.

Her Majesty Queen Sirikit, President of the Thai Red Cross Society also designated Mr. Phan Wannamethee, Secretary General of the Thai Red Cross Society, to be a representative to distribute 2,375 relief kits to flood victims, in Mukdahan and Phichit.

Lt.Gen. Amnat Barlee, M.D., Director of the Relief and Community Health Bureau (RCHB) said "As the flood water moves southwards, the Rapid Assessment Team of the Thai Red Cross Society is currently monitoring the situation closely. Relief supplies are also being restocked."

All Red Cross Chapters are under alert and prepared to help victims until the situation is resolved to normal.

Thai Red Cross prepares for the care and the support for elderly people in communities

From <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/event/final-evaluation-for-thai-red-cross-volunteers-training-of-trainers-tot-for-elderly-self-care-and-for-elderly-care/>

The number of elderly people is growing: Thailand is currently ranked the third most rapidly ageing population in the world. In 2015, over 10 percent of the Thai population, or more than 7-8 million people, were 65 years old or older. By 2040, a projected 17 million Thais above 65 years of age will account for more than a quarter of the population. Thai Red Cross has been piloting the two training modules: 1) Elderly Self Care in 6 provinces and 2) Elderly Care by care givers in 6 provinces.

The final evaluation meeting of capacity development for Thai Red Cross Volunteers – Training of Trainers (TOT) for Elderly Self Care and for Elderly Care in 12 Provinces was conducted in Long Beach Cha-Am Hotel, Phetchaburi Province, Thailand during 23-24 August 2017.



There were 84 participants who received the training course on Health Ageing-Elderly Self Care and Elderly Care by Care givers by Thai RC's Training Center. In each province, 7 trainers conducted the two trainings for Red Cross Volunteers with 18 hours of training courses or 3-day training at provincial or district levels.

In January to July 2017, 12 Provincial Red Cross Chapters have been piloting / providing the TOT training on Healthy Ageing for 84 trainers (7 trainers per province). A total of 2,300 volunteers were registered into the TRC's system, and 280 elderly patients were supported or supervised by volunteers in the communities.

The implementation of Healthy Ageing Program in 14 provinces will be scaled up in 2018 by the support from Provincial Red Cross Chapters. Moreover, volunteer recruitment in the Healthy Ageing Program will be registered into One Million Volunteers System. The IFRC's Healthy Ageing Training Toolkit will be applied to fit local contexts. The Health Assessment Forms of IFRC Healthy Ageing toolkits will be integrated into TRC's healthy ageing training toolkits.

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Grab taxi drivers training on basic First Aid | Phuket | 31 August 2017

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Phang Nga Red Cross Station.

Phuket as one of the most popular tourist spots in Thailand, saw the Grab taxi drivers training on basic first aid in Thailand conducted on 31 August 2017 in Phuket Province with the technical support from the facilitation team of Phang Nga Red Cross Station No. 14, Thai Red Cross, Phang Nga Province.

Grab taxi drivers (male 11, female 3) participating in the first aid training. There were 6 key topics focusing on both technical and practical sessions related to standard basic first aid for 6 hours including basic first aid procedures, bandaging hands, feet, head and arms sling, the wounds, choking, stroke, heart diseases, CPR-cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and referral and transportation to hospitals which was facilitated by four first aid instructors/ specialists from Thai Red Cross,

This basic first aid training is the sixth training held. Grab Thailand plans to organize a total of 11 or 12 basic first aid training courses with the technical support from Thai Red Cross (Training Centre for First Aid and Health Care) and IFRC CCST Bangkok in 2017. 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

Viet Nam

Translating Disaster Law to community messages

From <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/disaster-law/translating-disaster-law-to-community-messages/>



Laws sometimes get a bad reputation for being inaccessible. But knowing the rights, roles and responsibilities provided in law is crucial, especially when it comes to community-level disaster risk management. Last week Vietnam Red Cross (VNRC), with support from IFRC Disaster Law Programme and Community Engagement and Accountability, progressed its development of community-level dissemination modules through a wide stakeholder consultation of key messages drafted of the 2013 Natural Disaster Prevention and Control Law.

To ensure that messages were clear and accessible, two roundtables were held – one at national level and one at provincial level. The national roundtable, attended by Central Steering Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention and Control, the Disaster Management Centre (assigned to implement the CBDRM), Women's Union, Partner National Societies and NGOs, discussed and trialled key messages, also looking at possible communication channels and materials to reach community-level stakeholders.

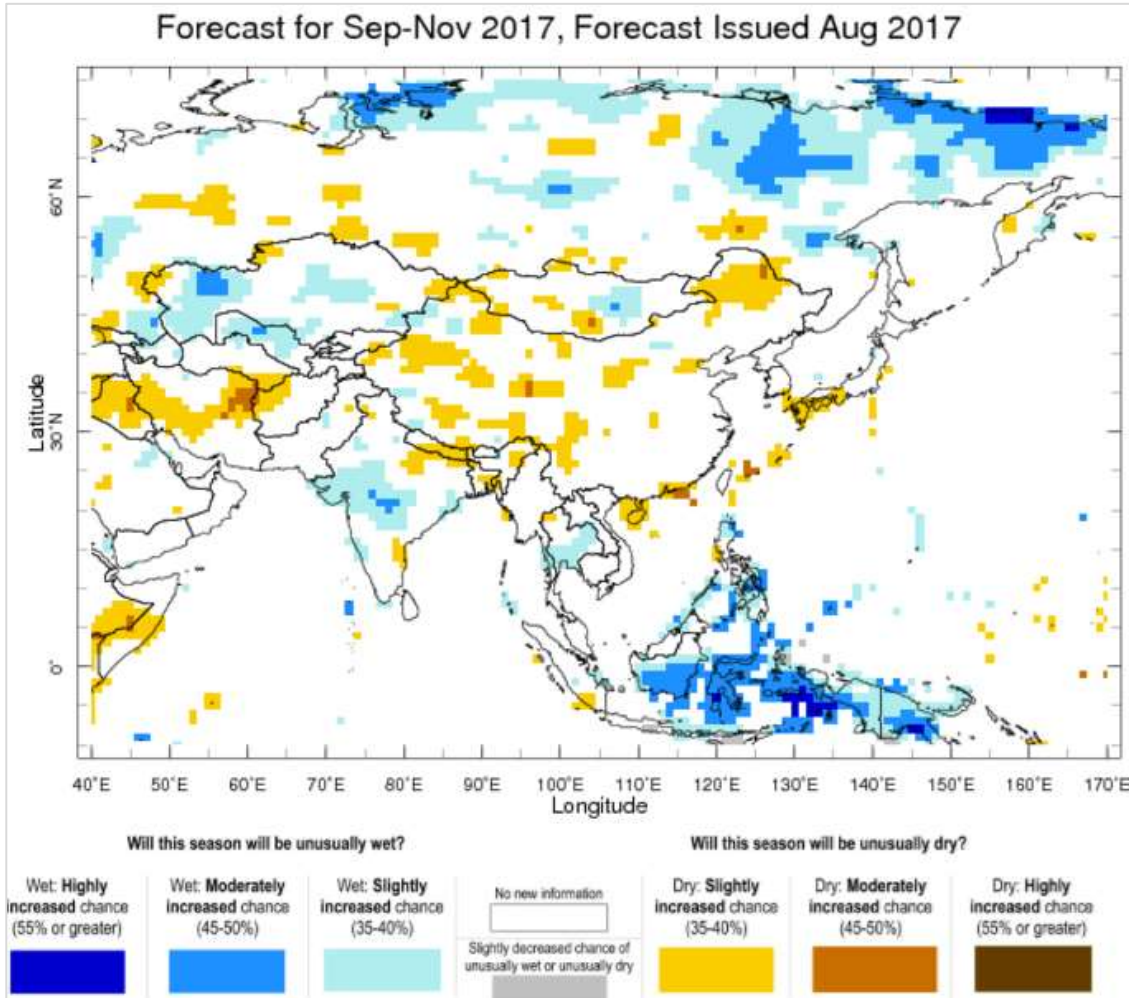
The key messages were revised based on feedback from the national roundtable and trialled at the roundtable held in Thanh Hoa province, attended by the Sub-National Steering Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention and Control, Women's Union, the Disabled People's Association, the Elderly Association, student and teacher representatives, as well as six VNRC district branch representatives.

Possible communication outlets and opportunities for disseminating the key messages were also discussed, for instance the Women's Union's weekly meeting at the market was identified as a good opportunity to reach local women. The 3Rs Lego game, which has been adapted for the Vietnamese context, was also tested at the provincial roundtable. The game outlines key stakeholders in disaster risk management and asks participants to identify the rights, roles and responsibilities of various stakeholders through the different phases of the disaster risk management cycle. Based on feedback, the key messages, materials and modules will be revised and finalised by the end of the month and accompany the Training of Trainers in disaster law community-level dissemination to be held in October 2017.

Weather Forecast

September - November 2017

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Upcoming Events

Upcoming events for September to November 2017			
September	4-8	5th Southeast Asia Youth Network (SEAYN) Annual Meeting and Youth Empowerment in Community Programme	Manila, Philippines
	5-6	Training on Focus Group Discussions as part of the IFRC-ASEAN research on Sexual and Gender-Based violence in disasters	Vientiane, Lao PDR
	5-7	National and Provincial Level DL Messaging Consultation	Ha Noi
	4-8	5th Southeast Asia Youth Network (SEAYN) Annual Meeting and Youth Empowerment in Community Programme	Manila, Philippines
	6	Open session of the ACDM technical working on Preparedness and Response: presentation by IFRC	Bangkok
	7	Open session of the ACDM technical working on Prevention and Mitigation: presentation by IFRC	Bangkok
	8	ASEAN Disaster Law Mapping Consultation	Bangkok
	11-15	Emergency WASH training in Laos by Lao Red Cross	Lao PDR

	16-20	Community Based Action Teams (CBAT) gathering	Bogor, Indonesia
	18-20	Global Communications Forum	Bangkok
	18 - 20	National Climate Change Law Consultation	Lao PDR
	20-22	Philippines Disaster Law Training for PRC Chapters	Philippines
	21-22	14th Annual Southeast Asia Red Cross Red Crescent Societies Leadership Meeting	Vietnam
	24-30	Training on Focus Group Discussions as part of the IFRC-ASEAN research on Sexual and Gender-Based violence in disasters	Aklan, Philippines
	26-28	Gender and Diversity “7 moves” training	Myanmar
	26-28	'Rights of Migrants in Action' Global Consultative Meeting	Brussels, Belgium
	TBC	Resource mobilization training for VNRC headquarters and chapter staff	Viet Nam
October	Various dates	Celebration of International Disaster Reduction Day / ASEAN Day for Disaster Management	Throughout Southeast Asia
	9-13	Red Cross Red Crescent Induction as part of the AHA Centre Executive (ACE) Programme	Semarang, Indonesia
	11	Disaster Law Housing, Land and Property Rights Roundtable	Philippines
	12 – 13	Disaster Law Dissemination, Know your 3Rs ToT	Viet Nam
	16-20	ACDM meetings, including the ASEAN Day for Disaster Management (ADDM)	Luang Prabang, Lao PDR
	16-21	Gender and Diversity in VCA field School	Cambodia
	26	Cambodia Disaster Law Road Map workshop	Cambodia
November	15-17	Asia Pacific Regional PMER meeting	Kuala Lumpur
	14-21	Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ERAT) Training	Thailand
	24-30	Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) training	Malaysia
	TBC, various dates	Advocacy events in selected countries for 16 days of activism against gender-based violence (Nov 25 – Dec 10)	Various countries

New Publications



Regional Community Safety and Resilience Forum 2017 Report

The Regional Community Safety and Resilience Forum 2017 report details the key discussions and recommendations on: Sustainability of National Societies, engagement with ASEAN, 1 Billion Coalition, organizational development, youth and social inclusion, health and care, school safety, cross-border cooperation and global agenda frameworks. The report also includes the road map for regional collaboration. [Click here to download](#)



Sexual and Gender-based Violence in Disasters in ASEAN project – Progress Report July 2017

The progress report details the progress of the research initiated by IFRC with the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) Working Group on Prevention and Mitigation in collaboration with their membership. It addresses the issues of gender and sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) in emergencies, with a specific focus on SGBV before, during and after disasters in the ASEAN region. [Click here to download](#)



Youth Policy (2017)

The policy sets the standard in working with and for young people throughout the IFRC. It serves as a global point of reference to ensure consistency in decision-making and builds on and replaces the IFRC Youth Policy and Strategy (1991) and the IFRC Youth Policy (2011). National Societies are accountable to adhere to this Policy by adapting it to their context, aligning their existing policy with it or developing a new policy respectively. [Click here to download](#)