



Introduction to Disaster Law – Part 2

ACE Programme 2017

Overview of the session: Part 2

Theme 2: Law
and DRR

Background,
multi-country
study, DRR
checklist

Disaster Law
developments
in South East
Asia and role
of RCRC

Country case
study:
Indonesia

Wrap up,
questions,
comments

Why law and DRR? Experience highlights the importance of legal frameworks for DRR

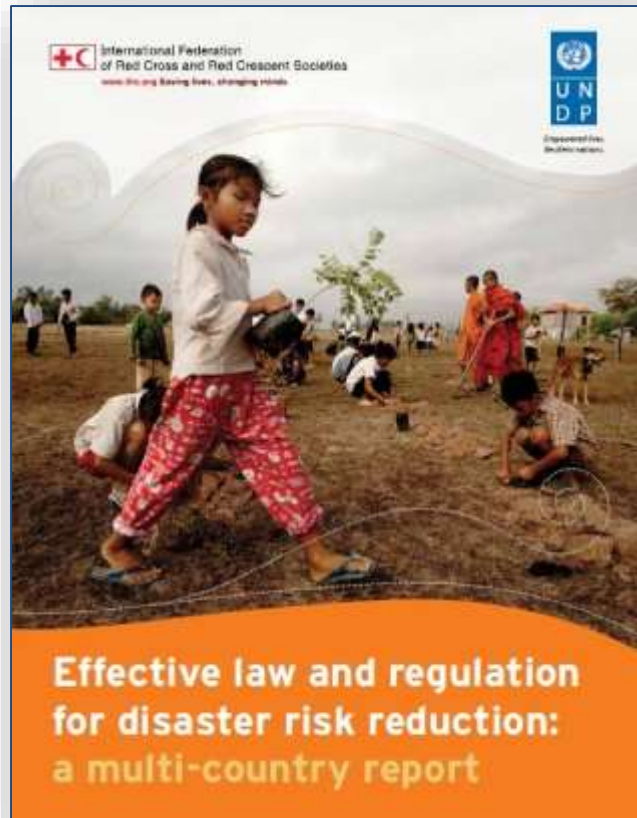


Vietnam:

- Seen the benefits of having strong laws / regulations for DRR in terms of saving lives.
- Legislation on early warning, the establishment of dykes, drains (prevent flooding) and safe shelters and community awareness activities = a substantial reduction in lives lost from flooding and storms.
- The flood level in the Mekong Delta in 2011 was similar to 2000 BUT the number of deaths from floods dropped from 600 down to 60.



What has IFRC been doing to address this? *Multi-Country Report*

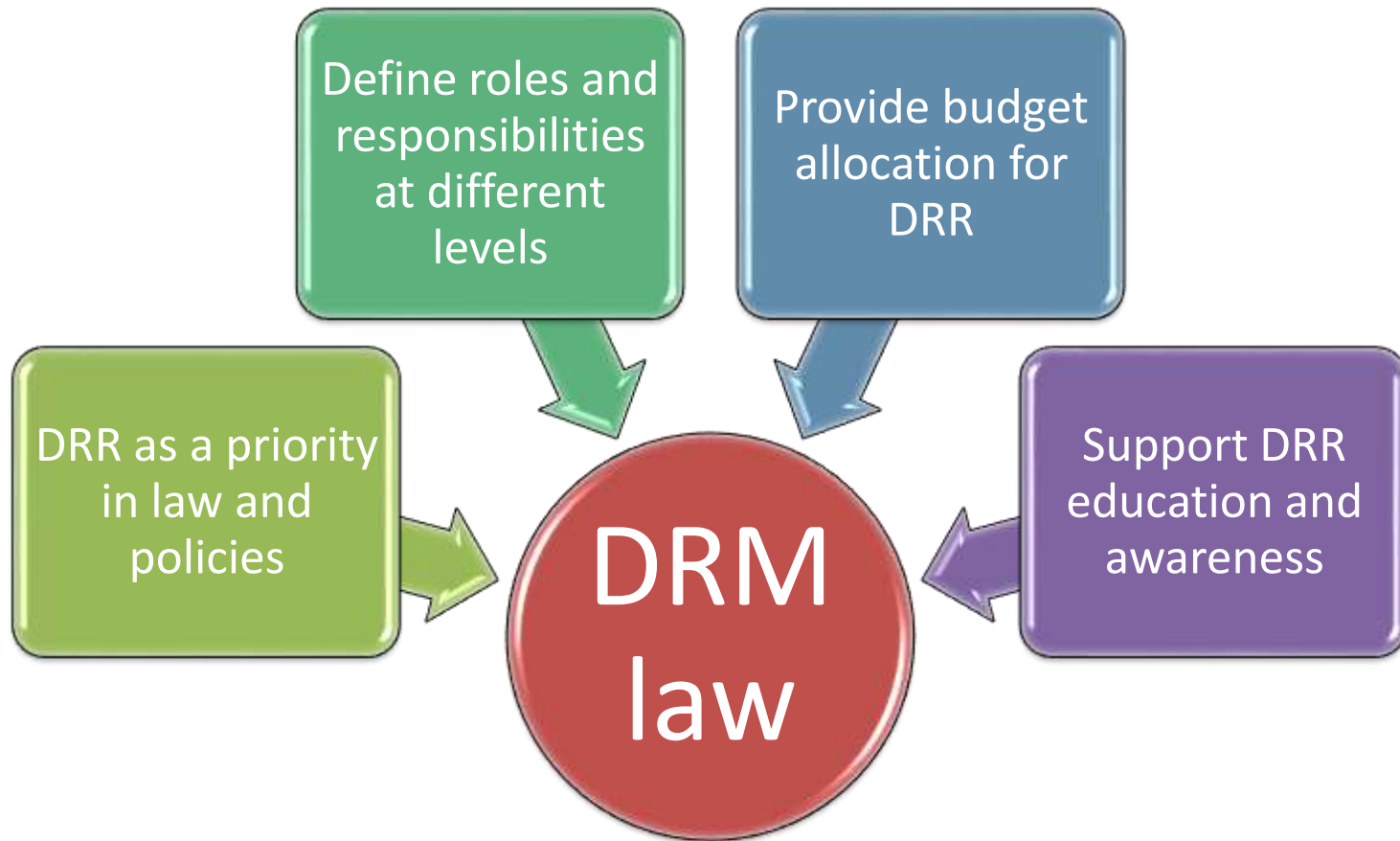


IFRC and UNDP launched a global study in 2014 looking at 31 countries:

- Examples of good practice legal provisions
- What helps or hinders implementation
- Recommendations for reviewing or drafting laws

- **Aim to support legislators, public administrators and development practitioners to prepare and implement legal frameworks for DRR**

Findings: Role of Disaster Risk Management laws

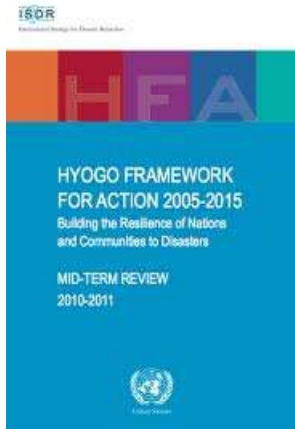


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Findings: sectoral laws are equally important!



Background: where did this idea come from?



HFA Priority 1 – DRR – a national and local priority through: “policy, legislative and institutional frameworks for disaster risk reduction”



Resolution 7 - International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in 2011 – calls on states to review existing legal frameworks for DRR

Disaster Law: International Commitments



**Sendai Framework
for DRR: focus on
DRR legislation and
IDRL Guidelines**



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**Resolution 6 on
Disaster Law,
2015**

International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent

New tools: The Checklist on Law and DRR



- A succinct and easy to use tool to support the strengthening of legal frameworks for DRR by:
 - Drawing on key findings of the multi-country study
 - To help guide a review and revision process of laws and regulations for DRR
 - For use by lawmakers, NDMOs, RCRC Societies, other DRR advocates
 - Handbook also prepared to guide implementation of the checklist

True or False?

- If you have a good disaster management law, your legal framework for DRR is complete

- Answer: False

Key points to remember!



- ✓ Disaster management laws are important: BUT other sectoral laws are equally as important for risk reduction
- ✓ Effective laws and regulations serve as a foundation for building community resilience and making people safer
- ✓ The Checklist on Law and Disaster Risk Reduction provides guidance for reviewing and improving legal frameworks for DRR – so please go ahead and use it! 😊

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What is the role of the IFRC's Disaster Law Programme?

Technical
assistance

Advocacy

Research and
capacity
building

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Disaster Law Progress in Southeast Asia

PRC and Govt working on review of DM law and DL trainings for communities

Philippines

Cambodia

IDRL study, DRR Law study
Adopted new DM law in 2015
Community Level dissemination

IDRL Study, DRR study
Contribution to NDRF
DM law review in 2018?

Indonesia

Thailand

IDRL workshop – Int. Asst. Guideline

Lao PDR

Vietnam

IDRL and DRR study, adopted DM law in 2013
Community Level Dissemination

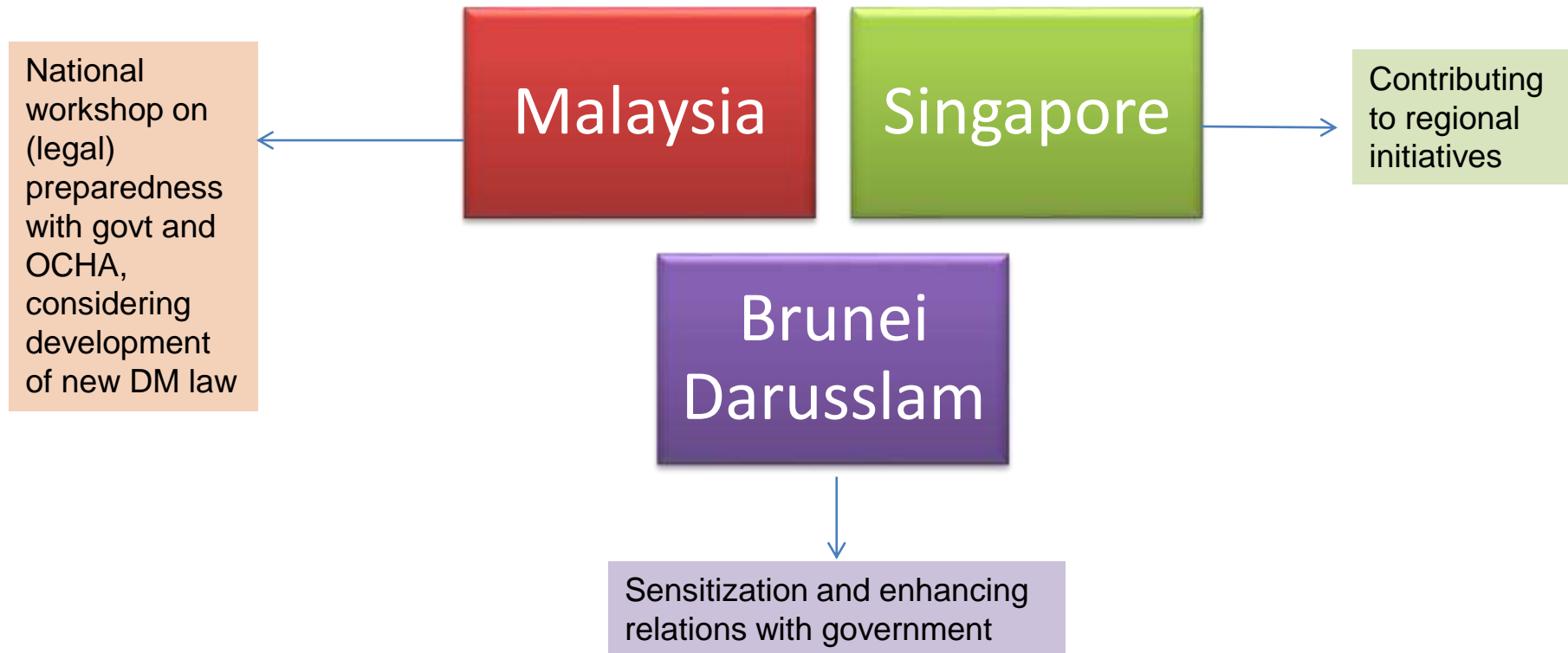
IDRL Study, Support to Climate Change Law 2017
DM Law 2018

Myanmar

New DM law and rules, IDRL Research in Progress

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What disaster law work have SEA National Societies been doing?





South East Asia: Leaders in Disaster Law!



Thank you!

Comments?



Questions?

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