

Southeast Asia Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

REGIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY AND RESILIENCE FORUM

Monthly Updates – **September 2017**



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Thematic Updates from Southeast Asia

Southeast Asia Red Cross Red Crescent Leadership Meeting in Hanoi

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On 21-22 September 2017, the leaders from 11 Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Southeast Asia, heads of International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Asia Pacific and Country Cluster Support Teams in Indonesia and Thailand, representative from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Asia Pacific attended the 14th Southeast Asia Leadership Meeting in Hanoi, Vietnam. The opening ceremony was also attended by the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, representative from the Central Party of Vietnam, Department of Foreign Affairs, and in-country Partner National Societies.

After two days, the leaders agreed upon a mechanism for effective preparation of the annual meetings and acting upon the outcomes of each meeting - a Steering Committee which is composed of the Troika (the previous, current and future host of the Meeting) and representatives of ICRC and IFRC. On the One Billion Coalition for Resilience, there was consensus on the need to develop common tools for measuring and reporting on the successes in building resilient communities in the region. Another main topic was Red Cross Red Crescent strategy for engagement with ASEAN and preparations for the Statutory Meetings in Turkey in November 2017. Click [here to read the outcome \(Hanoi Statement\)](#)

Following the two-day Meeting, there was also a signing ceremony on humanitarian cooperation among the Cambodian Red Cross, Lao Red Cross and Viet Nam Red Cross Society.

ASEAN

ASEAN Moves to Strengthen Regional Resilience through Legal Preparedness

From <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/disaster-law/asean-moves-to-strengthen-regional-resilience-through-legal-preparedness/> and <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/event/asean-disaster-law-mapping-consultation-8-september-2017-bangkok-thailand/>

ASEAN Member States, Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies and key partners came together last month in Bangkok at the *ASEAN Disaster Law Mapping Consultation* to discuss how to strengthen preparedness and response through law and policy.

The consultation, organized by IFRC and the ASEAN Secretariat, was designed to invite feedback from Member States and National Societies on the first draft of the *“Institutionalization of AADMER in Domestic Law and Policy in ASEAN: Regional Synthesis Report”*. The research falls under the *ASEAN Peer to Peer Learning: Disaster Law and Policy Platform*, a partnership between the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM), under the leadership of its Chairperson, Lao PDR, and the IFRC. The research aims to provide an evidence-base for identifying and addressing good practices, gaps and challenges in institutionalizing the ASEAN

Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) provisions in domestic legal frameworks. It gives an overarching picture of “legal preparedness” among ASEAN Member States and will be a useful resource for future peer learning within ASEAN on matters of disaster law and policy.



Based on these AADMER provisions, a checklist of questions and criteria was prepared and answered through desk-based research of national DRM laws, guidelines and plans that were readily available in English. The analysis of the draft report identifies strengths and weaknesses among disaster preparedness and response themes across the region. It also provides which countries can share good practices against identified AADMER themes for purposes of peer learning. It is intended that this narrative report will be supplemented by an Online Platform, which will provide a user-friendly repository of information of country-level profiles, key laws and policy documents for ASEAN countries at the national and regional level.

The research found that domestic disaster risk management frameworks in ASEAN are generally sufficient to meet the AADMER provisions on disaster preparedness and response. However, there needs to be more attention to strengthen institutional mandates and resources for the general management of international assistance in their own territories, and clearer provisions relating to regional preparedness and response, including sending assistance or transit of assistance, or coordination through the AHA Centre. However, it is important to note that the research does not cover assessment of actual implementation, and has not included sub-national guidelines and plans that may better reflect the status of AADMER institutionalization.

During the consultation participants validated the importance of the disaster law mapping as a tool by which they can assess their own legal frameworks. However, given the limitations of the study, feedback zeroed in on the need for a more in-depth country level assessment, involving sub-national guidelines and plans, most of which they have personal knowledge of but may still need to be translated into English.

The revised research, incorporating feedback received during the consultation, will be shared with ASEAN countries in the coming week and it is hoped that the research will soon be accessible to all stakeholders who are interested in strengthening disaster risk governance in Southeast Asia.

The project team wishes to thank Canadian Red Cross and Global Affairs Canada for their generosity in supporting this initiative.

Disaster Risk Reduction

Building Urban Resilience in Southeast Asia (ECHO funded)

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At Regional Level: Regional Lessons Learned Workshop is scheduled for 7-8 December 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand. The workshop aims to identify lessons learned, challenges, achievements, and define recommendations on the ways forward to continue building resilience in Southeast Asia as a result of DIPECHO’s contributions in the region for the last two decades. It is expected that different stakeholders, especially at the regional, national and local levels, will have a stronger understanding on how the impacts of DIPECHO interventions on vulnerable communities throughout the region by:

- Final list of good practices and achievements as well as related challenges, lessons and gaps in Southeast Asia confirmed and verified by partners;
- Documentation of the recommendations to build on DRR in Southeast Asia, which includes priority actions, advocacy messages and strategies to enhance the investment in DRR in the region.

A mock-up of the case study has been consulted with partner national societies and ECHO for inputs and feedback. In addition, two other case studies on innovative and participatory risk mapping and school safety have been drafted and shared among partners for further inputs. It is expected that all three case studies will be finalized early November for publication before the regional lessons learned workshop.

In Laos:

Lao Red Cross received an ECHO auditor team who spent three days (20-22 September) in Laos to visit to three schools of Nasaiythong, Donnoun and Vientiane. The visit attended by the project targeted students and teachers who have been trained and part of the project since its onset. The auditors had chance to listen to student presentation sharing their knowledge on disaster and training they participated in. The students also shared their school disaster risk reduction plans and hazard/risk mapping to the visitors.

Result 2- Innovative PAPE for disaster risk reduction, targeting specific vulnerable group brings about positive, safer behaviour, improved preparedness and social change in five wards of Vientiane.



The first PAPE campaign was conducted in Bo-Oh Village on 23 and 24 September with the aim to disseminate key messages of disaster (flood, storm and road safety) to over 100 households in the community level. The campaign was led by 17 students (LRC volunteers), 1 village staff, 1 IFRC staff and 2 DM staffs. The campaign was conducted through door to door visit and group focus discussion supported by some IEC materials such as comics of 7 disasters, posters (Hygiene, disaster and climate change), and hand fan of 6 disaster (flood, hygiene, road safety, drought, storm and climate change). It is estimated that the campaign has reached at least 525 people (274 female).

On 29 September, a joint event was organized with the Lao RC Health department to celebrate the World First Aid Day in Chanthabuly school, Chanthabuly district, Vientiane Capital city. During the event, approximately 200 students participated together with Lao RC staffs, school teachers and other partners. There were 24 students to support the First Aid booth and disaster risk reduction booth during the event in order to share knowledge and information that they have learnt from building urban resilience project through posters, handmade banners, comic and hand fans in the booth, also had a quiz activities on disaster booth to let participants learn and share knowledge on disaster.



In Viet Nam:

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

In September, the campaign on four behaviours related to the risks of fire in households has carried on:

At city and National level

- the Facebook page which was setup in July (<https://www.facebook.com/dapluaantoan/>) has reached around 80,000 people mainly from the Binh Dinh province. 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. The contents of the Facebook page are developed by youth volunteers from the five target wards of Quy Nhon city with the support of one young representative from the VNRC chapter, and one student volunteer from the RMIT University from the Communication department in Hanoi. The content includes key messages on the four behaviours, short reports and interviews of all the campaign events taking place in Quy Nhon and live broadcasts of those events. In September, a short movie contest has also been launched on the Facebook page. Individuals and groups of youths are invited to develop short movie to illustrate the four key behaviors that the campaign promote. This is one of the illustration about the participatory approach used by this project to encourage peer to peer awareness building and promotion of safer behaviors.

At ward and hamlet level

- All the project wards have finished the communication events that they have planned. This included Knowledge contests on Fire Safety and theatre plays. 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 (families and youth). In parallel, Key messages on Fire Safety were broadcasted through wards' loudspeakers radio programmes reaching potentially the entire population of the five wards. Moreover, as in Thị Nại ward in August, Hai Cang and Thi Nai have also set up mobile loudspeaker teams with 25 cyclists for each team including youngsters and elderly persons. The messages conveyed by those mobile teams are similar than those shared via loudspeakers and this aimed at ensuring that most of the population has been reached.



*Distribution of leaflets in local market of Quy Nhon city.
Photo by VNRC*



Distribution of leaflets to motorbike taxi drivers in Quy Nhon city. Photo by VNRC

The distribution in the five wards of 20,000 leaflets with illustrations of four behaviours, and the setting up of 8 billboards in key public spaces also ensured the campaign outreach.

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 September, the five wards have finalized their Disaster Preparedness and Response plans using the QGIS maps and database developed with the new DPR mapping methodology. Those plans have been approved by the ward authorities. Based on this achievement, the city and province authorities have expressed their willingness to replicate the approach in other city wards.

The new mapping methodology has demonstrated its relevance for enhancing local government capacity in Disaster Preparedness and Response (DPR). Using a free software, the methodology is adapted to staffs with limited computer skills and the DPR maps provides georeferenced and easy to understand information to local authorities and people. Database also lists down the most vulnerable groups so this provides an excellent foundation for developing realistic and actionable DPR plan. In September, feedbacks on the methodology has also been gathered from the three implementing countries (Cambodia, Philippines, Vietnam). The feedbacks will be used in October and November to finalize the DPR mapping methodology.

In the Philippines:

Efforts have focused on the provision of further specialized trainings mainly related to disaster management, psychosocial support and fire management, together with two significant workshops on Participatory Approach for Safe Shelter Awareness (PASSA) Youth and Youth Action on Developing Plans for Tomorrow (Y-ADAPT). Furthermore, it has been taking the first steps towards the completion of the cross visits and exchange experiences within the Philippines, as six (6) different areas had been visited.

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 and Leadership Development Program (LDP): On September 23 & 24, 2017, another Leadership Development Program was conducted in Badging Silangan High School in coordination with the Red Cross Youth department. It was attended by 105 participants (28 male and 77 female).

1.2.7 Conduct re-echo sessions with other teachers and students: Later this month, the installation of DRR Corner Bulletin Boards for four schools were completed as well as distribution of materials to be used.

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

Throughout this month, 2 major specialized trainings were conducted, as follows:

- Bagong Silangan High School (on September 16 & 17, 2017) and it was attended by 87 teaching and non-teaching personnel (26 male and 61 female).
- Batasan Hills National HS (on September 23 & 24, 2017) and it was attended by 132 teaching and non-teaching personnel (25 male and 107 female).

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 a comprehensive Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (VCA): The VCA for Bagong Silangan ES (Brgy. Bagong Silangan), Pres. Corazon C. Aquino ES (Brgy. Batasan Hills), and Bagong Silangan HS (Brgy. Bagong Silangan) are currently being reviewed at NHQ (PRC) and all of them are at an advanced stage of revision.

1.5.2 Identifying and setting up school early warning system: The total amount for the implementation of the Early Warning System had been increased (from Php 40,000 to Php 80,000).

1.6.2 Conduct curricular and/or extracurricular activities in accordance to local context: refresher sessions, spreading messages on DRR, CCA, health and hygiene promotion, first aid, mural paintings and poster making competitions, drills and simulation exercises, youth camps and gatherings

Throughout this month, several extra-curricular activities had been conducted as follows:

Activity: Earthquake Drill at:

- Bagong Silangan ES w/ HS, Pax: total population of both schools have participated in the drill on September 13, 2017
- PCCAES school Batasan Hills & Batasan Hills National High School, Pax: total population of both schools have participated in the drill on September 15, 2017

Activity: Lifesaving exhibit through recycled materials: Pax: 400 people participated in the activity on September 27, 2017

Activity: Y-ADAPT Training: Pax: 1 focal teacher and 1 focal student from different schools with a total of 32 participants (10 male and 22 female) had participated on September 4 – 6, 2017. This YADAPT initiative aimed to increase awareness and sharing experiences among school population towards climate change by taking concrete actions.



Mr. Reyson Afuang, discussing Lifting and Moving during one of the sessions of the ABC-DRR Youth Camp Held last Sept 1- 3, 2017 at Green County Farm and Resort, Meycauyan Bulacan. Photo by Philippine Red Cross



Students from Pres. Corazon C. Aquino Elementary School, utilizing the PRC Workbooks in aide during their school Re-Echo Sessions. Photo by Philippine Red Cross

1.7.1 Identify small mitigation based on SDRRM Plan and conduct technical assessment; Coordinate with stakeholders for support/co-funding. Proposals are being finalized by the schools. City Engineering is working on the Programs of Works of each project.

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
Different activities related to PAPE campaign had been implemented later this month. The latest activity was on September 23, 2017 in Barangay Batasan Hills, which saw the participation of more than 84 people. This activity was implemented in coordination with barangay personnel and volunteers.

On September 19-21, 2017, the Participatory Approach for Safe Shelter Awareness (PASSA) Youth Training was held with 4 youth representatives from the 4 barangays. There was a total participation of 30 persons (14 males and 17 female). The goal of PASSA training is to develop local capacity to reduce shelter-related risk by raising awareness and developing skills in joint analysis, learning and decision-making 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.

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. Barangay Tatalon and Doña Imelda are ready for final revision of the table-top activity.

3.5.1 Conduct (or update) a comprehensive VCA through a participatory approach: The barangays Tatalon, Doña Imelda, Bagong Silangan and Batasan Hills are on the process of completing the step 5 (reporting).

3.6.2 Carry out research study to select an area with a successful urban DRR model within the country and organize a study visit: Later this month, a visit was conducted to potential barangays, suggested by the Office Civil Defense and Philippines Red Cross, to be considered for the cross visit and experience exchange in relation to DRR good practices that can be replicated to the project barangays.

In Cambodia: within the reporting period, the CRC-FRC team has focused efforts on the following activities:

- Implementation of PAPE campaign at community level (fire prevention) through radio messages/radio shows.
- Organization of school first aid competition (first aid Olympics) with a participation of 156 persons (96F, 60M)
- Community consultations on the identification of beneficiaries for community micro-scale structural mitigation measures (25F, 39M).

Youth

5th Southeast Asia Youth Network Annual Meeting

From <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/event/5th-southeast-asia-youth-network-seayn-annual-meeting-and-youth-empowerment-in-community-programme-4-8-september-2017-manila-philippines/>



The 5th SEAYN annual meeting has been held from September 7 to 8 in Manila, Philippines, hosted by the Philippine Red Cross (PRC), SEAYN Chair with the partial funding support from the RRI, IFRC CCST Bangkok. It was followed by the Youth Empowerment in Community Action (YEC) programme from September 4 to 6 2017, the second Youth-led module in the region. The meeting has reviewed about SEAYN 2016-2017 activities, briefed about the upcoming global meeting; General Assembly and Youth Conference in 2017 and its participation. The members also presented their NS Youth specific updates and action plan 2017-2018 and carried on three important things such as 1) Revision of Terms of Reference 2) Election

of Youth Leader for the positioning in the APYN Steering Committee, 3) Development of action plan 2017-2018 by discussing the thematic agenda such as Gender and Diversity, Youth for School Safety, Partnership with ASEAN, UN and other stakeholders, Advocacy as well as Fundraising. All detailed information is accessible [here](#).

Migration

The Rights of Migrants in Action Global Consultative Meeting

From <http://ifrc-media.org/interactive/newsletters/rights-of-migrants-in-action-issue-8/#global-consultative-meeting>



The Rights of Migrants in Action Global Consultative Meeting held in Brussels, Belgium, from 26-28 September 2017, presented a unique opportunity for the project's 43 partner civil society organizations (CSOs), together with representatives of National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies from implementing countries, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), European institutions and relevant external actors to: enhance regional and inter-regional cooperation and networking, share best practices and lessons learned, validate the draft Global Findings on Human Rights of Migrants, Human Trafficking and Domestic Labour Migration, and explore mechanisms to translate policy recommendations into

practice.

The active engagement of participants to the meeting guaranteed the successful collection of global, regional and national experiences, good practices and lessons learned, a store of information that can be used to support and enhance related activities in migration as well as the establishment of similar funding mechanisms in the future. For more information, visit the Rights of Migrants in Action newsletter [here](#).

Highlight Updates from National Societies

Laos

Water and sanitation in emergencies training in Oudomxay Province

From <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/event/water-sanitation-and-hygiene-promotion-in-emergencies-e-wash-training-sep-2017-oudomxay-laos/>



Oudomxay Province is located in the northern part and borders with China, with the population of 307,600 populations. In August 2016, the torrential heavy rain has triggered flood and flash flood in this area and affected at least 5,000 people. The flood has submerged several villages in Muang Xay, Pak Bang, Muang La, and Muang Houn Districts.

A Training of trainers (TOT) on Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Promotion in Emergencies (E-WASH) was organized in Oudomxay Province on 20-22 Sep 2017 for Lao Red Cross WASH focal staff in preparedness of disaster management and risk reduction, health and hygiene promotion in this disaster affected area. This training is followed by the training on Emergency WASH response and preparedness for Lao Red Cross Volunteers, 25-26 Sep 2017 in Houn District, Oudomxay Province.

The objectives of the trainings:

1. To improve the knowledge and skills about water and hygiene related diseases of Red Cross Health personnel in 9 red cross provinces in the northern Lao PDR.
2. To demonstrate the drinking water quality, water treatment and sanitation, hygiene promotion in emergencies.
3. To be familiar with technical and practical on the processes of water treatment and water quality by using AP700 Man-Packs and practical on temporary emergency latrine / permanent latrine constructions during emergencies.
4. To develop and discuss about E-WASH Planning at provincial and district levels in preparedness and response in emergencies.

These two trainings were the second batch after Khammoune Province in March 2017 for the Emergency WASH activities conducted by Health Promotion Department, Lao Red Cross and IFRC Bangkok office. The trainings focused on the key technical and practical sessions. The AP700 Man-Packs will be placed in Oudomxay Provincial Red Cross Branch to support for emergency responses for 9 provinces located in the northern part of Lao PDR.

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Indonesia

One thousand five hundred volunteers from all over Indonesia gathered in Bogor

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A total of 1500 volunteers of Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) in Indonesia conducted a meeting in Gunung Pancar, Karangtengah Village, District Babakanmadang, Bogor on 16 to 20 September 2017.

This event was also attended by representatives of participants of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of 5 friendly countries such as the Singapore Red Cross, Hong Kong Red Cross, Timor-Leste Red Cross (CVTL), the Italian Red Cross, and representatives of volunteers of the Malaysian Red Crescent.

Chief executive of the activities Arifin Muhammad Hadi said with a theme of building community resilience, this event was packed with a variety of activities through sharing and learning among which was the Flood Early Warning Action System (FEWEAS), classroom sessions shared learning and the success of the various program areas which is packed with life skills for disaster risk reduction (DRR), which includes, success stories of Early Warning Community based Management of Community Radio, a success story of DRR based on agriculture-based tourism, the role of volunteers in Pandemic Preparedness, a success story of DRR based on Livelihood and Economic Management, self-management and evacuation shelter, clean water facility development, photo based mapping drone, Mangrove Restoration & Casuarina Beach, DRR-based Food Security, Inclusiveness in DRR Program.

Myanmar

School based risk reduction project supported by Hong Kong Red Cross



Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) conducted Youth in School Safety (YSS) from 11 to 14 September. The facilitators were the MRCS Youth who received YSS training from IFRC in 2016 and the participants were 21 Red Cross Volunteers from Mayangone, Kamaryut, Bahan, Thanlyin, Khayan and Hlaing Thar Yar Townships (F10/M11).

MRCS together with American Red Cross and Mobile Knowledge Resources Centre of SEED Asia in Myanmar conducted disaster awareness session in all schools under the current project, covering 40 schools, including 8 project schools under Hong Kong Red Cross funding. The focused topics are earthquake, floods and fire.

Disaster mitigation related construction in 8 project schools are ongoing, including the construction of latrines and elevating the class room floor.

Philippines

First Batch of Red Cross Chapter Facilitators Ready to Advocate and Raise Awareness on Disaster Law in the Philippines

From <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/event/philippines-disaster-law-training-for-philippine-red-cross-chapters-20-22-september-2017-philippines/>



The Philippine Red Cross, in partnership with the IFRC, recently concluded a training of Chapter facilitators on disaster law in the Philippines. This was made possible through the Regional Resilience Initiative (RRI) funded by Global Affairs Canada through Canadian Red Cross.

Philippine Red Cross Chapter Administrators and technical staff coming from 20 Chapters across Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao were provided an orientation on disaster law basics and facilitation tools and skills to carry out the orientation.

Training participants were selected based on their knowledge of basic disaster risk management (DRM) concepts and principles, relevant experience in community-level work, and regular interaction with local government stakeholders and DRM institutions such as Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (LDRRMC). The trainees are expected to be the first pool of local Chapter officers who will have the skills to facilitate local level disaster law trainings to communities in the future, so they are better equipped to exercise their rights, roles and responsibilities prior and during disasters.

Keeping communities at the center

The training not only touched on the basics of advocacy and humanitarian diplomacy, but also cross-cutting disaster law themes, and other successful advocacy strategies implemented at the local level. During the training, information was shared by resource persons from IFRC as well as key departments of Philippines Red Cross, including Health Services, Welfare Services, and Disaster Management Services. The Office of Civil Defense, Department of Interior and Local Government, CARE Philippines (Partners for Resilience), and Ateneo de Manila University Development Studies Programme also shared insights with participants.

This approach forms part of a new approach to ensure disaster law is more accessible, known and understood at community level. It focuses on **3Rs** -- rights, roles and responsibilities -- in disaster risk management law. With their wide network of staff and community volunteers, Red Cross Chapters have the opportunity to carry out this work at the community level and, vice versa, to bring community voices in the decision-making table.

The first day focused on basic domestic legal and policy documents covering the four pillars of DRM -- disaster prevention and mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. It also included a discussion of cross-cutting themes in disaster law, such as the Dignity, Access, Participation and Safety (DAPS) Framework, gender and diversity, disability inclusion, special laws on the protection of women and children and disasters, and integrated risk management. From these concept-based lectures, the training progressed towards local level DRM planning guidelines and basic advocacy skills, tools that will enable training participants to apply their knowledge in disaster law in influencing community-level DRM programmes and advocacies.

One of the highlights of the training was the interactive simulation of the “3Rs Lego Game”, where participants used Lego picture cards to identify the respective rights, roles and responsibilities of stakeholders in a disaster response setting like Typhoon Haiyan. Another highlight was the “advocacy elevator pitch” exercise, an

interactive session that allowed participants to role play as advocates and practice their skills at quick but effective advocacy messaging.

The dissemination of rights, roles and responsibilities under disaster law frameworks serves as an important highlight of Philippines Red Cross role as a leading actor of community-based driven advocacy and action nationally and in Southeast Asia.

The local level disaster law course is scheduled to be rolled out by the trained facilitators with assistance from PRC NHQ this October in their respective chapters. The recently published IEC (Information, Education, and Communication) brochure on [Disaster Law Key Messages for Inclusive Community Participation](#), will also be used and distributed during the training.

Singapore

Singapore Red Cross committed US\$20,000 worth of relief items to communities affected by conflict in Rakhine

From: <https://www.redcross.sg/media-centre/press-releases/609-singapore-red-cross-commits-us-20-000-worth-of-relief-items-to-communities-affected-by-conflict-in-rakhine.html>



Photo: Myanmar Red Cross volunteers assisting the people who fled from Maungdaw and Buthedaung to Sittwe in Rakhine State; Photo by Myanmar Red Cross Society

Due to the humanitarian crisis in Rakhine, Myanmar, Singapore Red Cross (SRC) launched a public appeal for donations to support the affected communities in Bangladesh and Myanmar on 8 September. In addition to assistance provided recently to Rakhine, SRC will further commit US\$20,000 worth of relief items to be distributed to those affected by the current clashes in Rakhine, including those currently residing in Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps in Rakhine.

Working with the Myanmar Red Cross and Red Cross Movement partners, SRC will commit to support all the communities affected by the current violent clashes in Rakhine.

The Red Cross Movement is supporting more than 15,000 people who moved to Sittwe, Maungdaw, Buthedaung, Yathataung, Kyauktaw, Pommagyun and Minbya from the affected area. The Red Cross teams have been providing tarpaulin flooring, water tanks and bathrooms, while health care, food and water are still needed for the communities in IDP camps.

“We are saddened by the situation in Rakhine with the loss of lives and homes. The Singapore Red Cross is reaching out to all the communities affected by the conflict, regardless of religion or ethnicity. We hope that the hostilities will cease soon, and the affected communities will be able to rebuild their lives”, said Benjamin William, Secretary General and CEO of Singapore Red Cross.

SRC has been providing humanitarian assistance in Rakhine since 2012. In July this year, a team from SRC was deployed in Rakhine with USD \$50,000 worth of shelter items, school kits and teaching kits to communities affected by flooding in Rakhine. Earlier, the Singapore Red Cross had also provided assistance to the IDP Camps in Rakhine.

Singapore Red Cross advocates first aid learning online and in heartlands on World First Aid Day

From: <https://www.redcross.sg/media-centre/press-releases/610-singapore-red-cross-advocates-first-aid-learning-online-and-in-heartlands-on-world-first-aid-day.html>



Photo by Singapore Red Cross

To commemorate World First Aid Day, the Singapore Red Cross (SRC) launched InstaSave - a series of step-by-step first aid videos on Instagram - at a community outreach graced by Guest-of-Honour, Mr Desmond Lee, Second Minister for Home Affairs and National Development at Taman Jurong CC on 9 September. Themed "First Aid Is For Everyone", the annual outreach is part of the humanitarian organisation's ongoing efforts to demonstrate the importance of first aid in building community resilience.

Reinforcing why learning first aid is critical, Minister Lee shared in his speech, "In the spirit of keeping Singapore secure and strong, it is essential that we all learn and know how to apply our first aid skills. Emergencies may happen at home, in school, at work, or even from a terrorist attack. When we are proficient in first aid, we can react to such situation calmly. In the long run, it will help strengthen security, community cohesion and community resilience."

InstaSave marks the latest initiative by SRC to make first aid more accessible to all in the community, starting with the youth and those on-the-go. Developed in partnership with local advertising agency DDB Group Singapore, this campaign comprises a collection of six bite-sized instructional first aid videos hosted on SRC's Instagram. Each addresses one of the six common conditions of emergencies in Singapore - cardiac arrest, seizure, choking, severe bleeding, stroke, and burn wounds. For easy access in case of emergencies, Instagrammers can download the videos and 'save for later' within the app. Instagram users are also encouraged to help spread the word by sharing the videos with their followers, tagging @sgredcross and including hashtags #instasave and #savenowtosavelater.

Mr Benjamin William, Secretary General and CEO for the Singapore Red Cross, said, "Through the years, SRC has remained at the forefront of national efforts to have a first aider in every home. To achieve this, we have to continue to stay relevant, and even get ahead of the curve, by being creative and innovative, but at the same time remaining pragmatic. InstaSave has potential to turn a photo-sharing community of 1.4 million Instagrammers to a lifesaving force."

At the event, residents were also treated to an educational and fun-filled carnival featuring activity booths, complimentary health checks, and first aid games. Through these activities, they learnt first aid knowledge and tips from Red Cross Youth leaders.

As part of SRC's outreach efforts, Red Cross Youth distributed first aid kits to 300 elderly households in the vicinity. Echoing this year's theme, which emphasised making first aid more accessible for people of all ages, the youth volunteers also guided residents on the use of the items in the first aid kit and basic first aid skills. At the same time, in an effort to reach out to and engage vulnerable members of society, the youth also distributed food aid packs to needy residents. This is in line with SRC's Community-Led Action Resilience (CLARE), which mobilises neighbourhood-based volunteers to provide first response, first aid, eldercare and befriending service to vulnerable groups in their community.

Mr William concluded, "First aid is for everyone, and no one is too old or too young to pick up these life-saving skills. I am heartened to learn that many youth in our midst today are proficient in first aid. It is encouraging to witness their passion for humanitarian causes and desire to spread first aid awareness within the community."

Singapore Red Cross International Bazaar returns to bring the world together for humanity

From: <https://www.redcross.sg/media-centre/press-releases/612-singapore-red-cross-international-bazaar-returns-to-bring-the-world-together-for-humanity.html>

Hundreds of representatives from diplomatic missions, local and international enterprises, schools, and volunteers banded together for humanity at the Singapore Red Cross (SRC) International Bazaar 2017, held at Suntec Convention Centre on 23 September. Last organised in 2015, the signature fundraiser featured more than 50 stalls that showcased an array of food, beverages, products offerings from all over the world. The bazaar was declared open by guest-of-honour Mrs Josephine Teo, Minister, Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister for Home Affairs & Manpower.

In his opening speech, Mr Tee Tua Ba, Chairman of the Singapore Red Cross, shared, "Today, we are proud to present a fiesta put together by close to 20 diplomatic missions and 50 groups, including corporates, civic groups, schools and friends of Red Cross. We have come together, from diverse backgrounds and cultures, with one common purpose - to serve humanity and save lives." His sentiments were echoed by H.E Lee Sang-deok, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea, "Singapore Red Cross leads the way to plant seeds of hope in people's mind and to safeguard the power of humanity. In this regard, the International Bazaar will give us an opportunity to learn benevolence, giving, and sharing."

Aptly themed 'Together for Humanity', the bazaar was a truly global extravaganza featuring international cuisine, local delights, traditional goods, and more. Global highlights included delicacies like Arabian chicken kabsa rice, Ceylon tea, Japanese sake, Korean kimbap, glazed fried chicken, Qatari jareesh, Swiss cheese raclette, Ukrainian chocolates, coupled with uniquely Singaporean offerings such as pastries, gourmet ice cream and limited-edition Tiger Balm sets that are exclusive to the bazaar.

High Commissioner for Sri Lanka, H.E Nimal Weeraratne, said, "The High Commission of Sri Lanka in Singapore is pleased to be a partner and join Singapore Red Cross in celebration of its signature biennial fundraiser event." The High Commission put up a Ceylon Tea Promotion counter showcasing Sri Lanka's unique premium quality fine Ceylon Tea.



Photo by Singapore Red Cross

significance of giving back to society, Ya Hui quipped, "Charity is not just about donations. It's about the joy and laughter you bring to people."

In addition to patronising the various stalls, members of the public were also treated to a visual feast with all-day cultural and musical performances by friends from Greece, Indonesia, Japan and Sri Lanka. Other crowd favourites included a dog show, magic show, cheerleading show, as well as games stalls and activity booths designed to engage attendees of all ages.

At the International Bazaar, Mediacorp artiste Ya Hui also made her first public appearance as the Singapore Red Cross's latest celebrity ambassador. During the event, Ya Hui held a mini autograph session for those who have purchased the limited edition Singapore Red Cross bears, and also auctioned off some of her personal items to raise funds for SRC. Emphasising the

Through the International Bazaar, SRC targets to raise \$200,000, All proceeds will go towards supporting the local humanitarian services of the Society to help the disabled, elderly and vulnerable within the community. These include the Red Cross Home for the Disabled, TransportAid, ElderAid and FoodAid.

Thailand

Grab taxi drivers training on Basic First Aid in Bangkok, 19 September 2017

From <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/event/grab-taxi-drivers-training-on-basic-first-aid-19-september-2017-bangkok-thailand/>



This was the seventh Grab taxi drivers training on 6 hours standard basic first aid in Thailand conducted on 19 September 2017 in The Palazzo Hotel, Ratchadapisek Road, Huay Kwang, Bangkok. The training was held with the technical support from the First Aid Training Center, Thai Red Cross Headquarter.

A total of 18 Grab taxi drivers participated in the basic 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 were facilitated by four first aid instructors/ specialists from First Aid Training Center, Thai Red Cross Headquarter. All participants received the certificates after completing the training course.

In 2017, Grab Thailand will organize about 11-12 basic first aid training courses in the series with the technical support from Thai Red Cross (Training Centre for First Aid and Health Care) and IFRC CCST Bangkok. 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

Typhoon Doksuri DREF Operation launched in Viet Nam

From: <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/disaster-risk-reduction/disaster-response/disaster-relief-emergency-fund-dref/#1507614633274-df7d2d12-56d6>

Typhoon Doksuri made landfall in central provinces of Viet Nam on Friday, 15 September 2017 causing serious floods in many communities along the costal line in the six provinces of Thanh Hoa, Nghe An, Ha Tinh, Quang Binh, Quang Tri and Thua Thien Hue. According to the Central Steering Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention and Control (CCNDPC), at least 14 people were killed, 112 injured and four others missing after Doksuri swept through Viet Nam on Friday and Saturday. The typhoon, the tenth to hit Viet Nam this year, caused widespread rainfall of between 100-250mm in provinces from Thanh Hóa to Thừa Thiên-Huế and left 1.3 million people without power.

The typhoon has caused severe damage not only to civil properties but also to community infrastructure such as schools, public buildings, and river and sea dykes among others.

In response to the Typhoon, National Disaster Response Teams (NDRTs) and four Provincial Disaster Response Teams (PDRTs) were activated and deployed to the four most affected provinces of Nghe An, Ha Tinh, Quang Binh, and Quang Tri to assist the local chapters to evacuate people to safer places before the typhoon hit as well as coordinate with local chapters to prepare for emergency response. These teams have also actively been involved in the relief distribution and needs assessment after the typhoon.



Viet Nam Red Cross team visiting an unroofed house in Ky Anh district, Ha Tinh (Photo by VNRC)



Distributing relief items at an evacuation centre in Ha Tinh. Photo by VNRC

The Viet Nam Red Cross headquarters has released its pre-positioned stock including 600 shelter tool kits and emergency response funds (equivalent CHF 67,000) to provide initial support to the affected population. Resource mobilization is on-going in order to continue with its emergency operation and the future recovery program.

VNRC carried out a rapid assessment in four provinces on 16 September 2017. The assessment team used a participatory approach for data collection, ensuring the involvement of communities. The rapid assessment team submitted their initial findings on 17 September 2017 and analysis was immediately undertaken by VNRC headquarters.

Based on the collected data, the main impacts of the typhoon have been observed to be shelter and livelihoods as well as rice, vegetable and other crops. The Government of Viet Nam has confirmed rice support to all affected families for a period of three months and cash grants for reconstruction of shelter. However, according to the assessment, there is still a gap in assisting the most affected families to recover from their losses. Therefore, VNRC has launched a national appeal and requested for a disaster relief emergency fund (DREF) Operation (CHF 236,580) to provide assistance to 3,600 households in two hard-hit provinces of Ha Tinh and Quang Binh. The assistance is in form of cash grant to 700 households and shelter tool kits to 2,900 families. The operation expects to end within 60 days.

Gender and Diversity Mainstreaming in Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (VCA) Guidance

From <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/event/gender-and-diversity-mainstreaming-in-vulnerability-and-community-based-capacity-assessment-vca-guidance-of-the-vietnam-red-cross/>

The Vietnam Red Cross (VNRC) held the workshop “*Gender and Diversity Mainstreaming in Vulnerability and Community-based Capacity Assessment (VCA) Guidance of the Vietnam Red Cross*” on September 19, 2017 in Hanoi with the technical and financial support from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the French Red Cross (FRC), the American Red Cross and the French Development Agency (AFD). This activity was a part of the “[Gender-sensitive community-based disaster risk management project in ethnic minority areas of North-West Vietnam](#)” implemented in Son La and Lai Chau between April 2014 and September 2017.

The VCA guidelines list and describe the different steps that are to be followed to assess a community’s vulnerability and capacity towards disasters, to engage the community and related organizations into disaster prevention and preparedness activities. This document was developed and applied by the VNRC in 1997 and updated in 2016-. In 2014, the government of Vietnam adapted the VCA methodology to develop the Community-Based Disaster Risk Assessment methodology (CBDRA) and issued Decree 1002 on awareness raising and community-based disaster risk management (CBDRM).



The workshop was attended by many Gender and Diversity, and DRR experts



The participants giving opinions on Gender and Diversity mainstreaming

While these VCA guidelines have been highly appreciated and widely used it has been clearly lacked consideration for Gender and Diversity (G&D). It is clear that **women, men, boys, girls, people with disability and people belonging to diverse ethnic, social, cultural, economic and religious groups** may have different level of vulnerability and capacity towards disasters. A Gender-and-Diversity-sensitive and inclusive VCA will help us understand and address the specific needs, capacities and priorities of each group in a comprehensive way and ensure that no one is neglected. Gender and Diversity play a vital role in achieving VCA's goals, improving disaster response capacities of all specific groups and all the community.

“When I conducted assessments in remote areas, I realized that women’s roles had been overlooked. The integration of Gender and Diversity in VCA will help us recognize women’s roles and understand the diversity of our target groups. We will know how women, men and people from diverse groups are affected differently by a disaster. Then we will have more suitable solutions and we won’t miss anyone.” – Mrs. Nguyen Phuong Mai, Son La Red Cross, VCA facilitator.

Contributing to the workshop were VCA facilitators, and Gender and Diversity and Disaster Risk Reduction experts from government and non-government organizations such as the Red Cross Branches of Lao Cai, Son La, Lai Chau, Thanh Hoa, Quang Tri; General Department of Disaster Management; Vietnam Women’s Union, Vietnam Red Cross, French Red Cross, American Red Cross, and IFRC.

Based on the IFRC [“Gender-and-diversity-sensitive Vulnerability Capacity Assessment Guidance Note”](#) and [“Minimum Standard Commitments to Gender and Diversity”](#), the workshop collected ideas to integrate Gender and Diversity into VNRC’s VCA process.

“These tools introduced by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies are very interesting. However, it should be adapted to suit Vietnamese context and culture and support VCA facilitators - those who will use it - in collecting data. Moreover, it should make local people feel comfortable to demonstrate their skills and knowledge and encourage their participation in the assessment.” – Mr. Do Quoc Anh, Officer, Vietnam Women’s Union.

Mr. Tran Si Pha, Deputy Director, Disaster Management Department, Vietnam Red Cross (VNRC) considered the experience of local VCA facilitators as a vital factor in maximizing the guidance’s effectiveness and achieving its’ goals for community. *“This guidance is an important tool, but it also depends on the facilitator’s skills and those skills do not simply come from training. Those skills are your own.”* Stated Mr. Tran Si Pha. He also stated after this workshop that the VNRC will finalize the guidelines based on the ideas presented and discussed at the workshop, and will organize (tentatively in November 2017) a training of the VCA facilitators based on the updated (G&D-inclusive) VCA guidelines.

Breaking Dengue: Communities in Vietnam receive support and guidance on clearing mosquito breeding sites

From <https://media.ifrc.org/ifrc/2017/09/13/37409breaking-dengue/>



Since early this year, Vietnam has seen over 100,000 reported dengue fever cases which killed 26 people. Over 76,800 people have been hospitalised, an increase of 42 percent compared to the same period in 2016.

In response to this health crisis, the Viet Nam Red Cross Society recently joined city authorities and other agencies in a dengue prevention and response campaign which was held in Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi. Over 1,200 representatives from the Viet Nam Red Cross Society Chapters, Women's Union, Youth Union, Veteran's Union, teachers and army personnel, including hundreds of Red Cross staff and volunteers, participated in the campaign kick-off meetings in the two cities.

The kick-off meetings were followed by community cleaning activities to clear mosquito breeding sites and household visits to provide knowledge and skills on dengue prevention. This includes emptying water containers to clear mosquito larvae breeding sites and spraying chemicals to kill mosquitoes.

"We now know the importance of cleaning our homes and disposing our waste properly so that there will be no larvae, and hence no dengue," said Hoang Thi Quynh Nga, a resident of Hoang Lien ward in the Hoang Mai district of Hanoi. Here, the Red Cross chapter distributed 100 mosquito nets to the students and residents renting in the ward and dormitory. The clean-up and communication activities on dengue prevention and treatment will be held on a weekly basis and continue until the end of the year.

"There are many approaches to prevent dengue from spreading," said Nguyen Sy Truong, the Chairman of the Viet Nam Red Cross' Hanoi Chapter. "The most important thing is that everyone is aware of these dengue prevention methods and for them to take responsibility in preventing the spread of this disease."

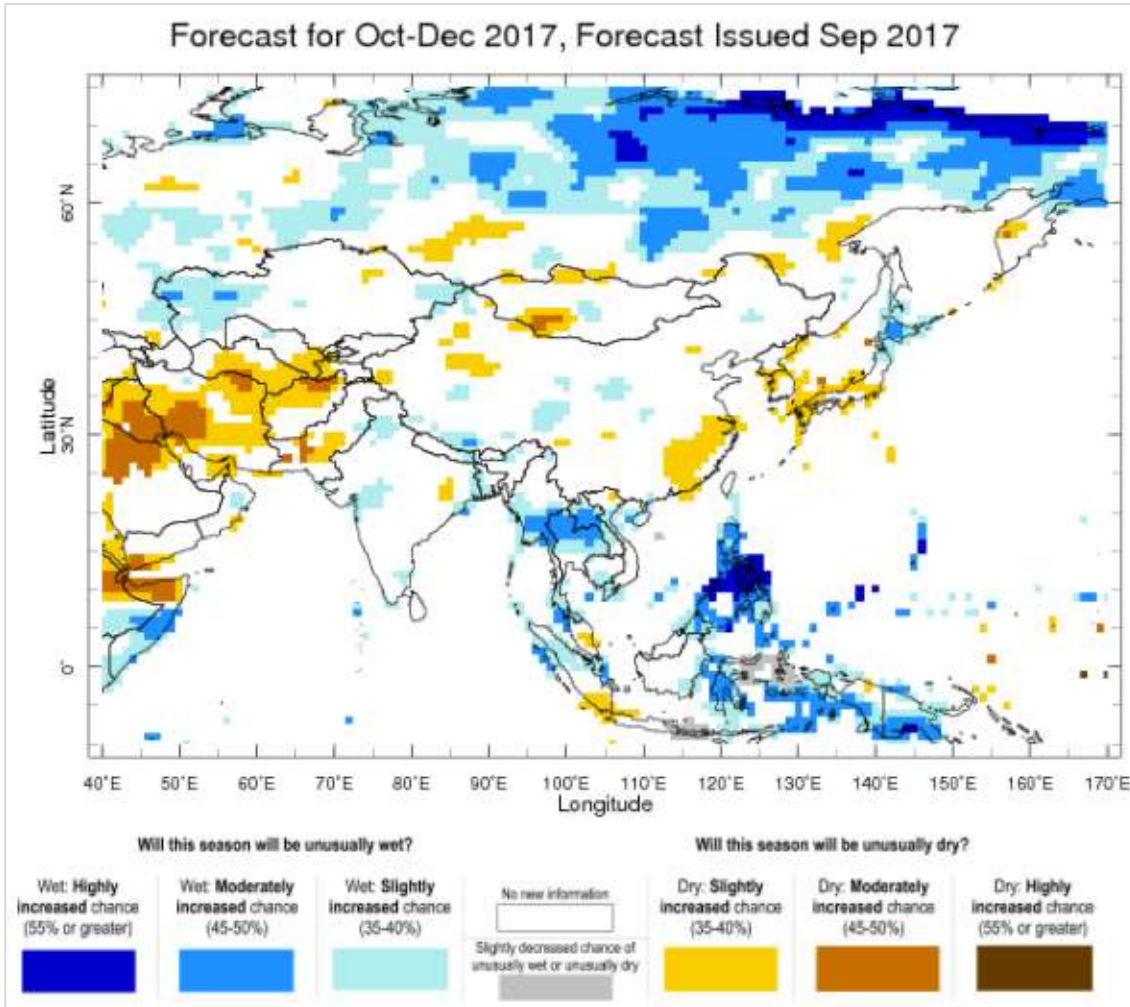
The caseload is stretching hospitals beyond their capacity, with doctors and nurses working overtime and on weekends, with insufficient space for patients. The National Children's Hospital, where the most severe dengue-cases are being treated, receives on average 800 to 1,000 patients each day.

Compared to previous years when dengue was more concentrated in rural areas, this year, Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City are among the hardest hit. The Ministry of Health attributed this unusual rise in dengue to the higher temperature, increasing rainfall and rapid urbanisation, which promotes breeding sites for mosquito larvae.

Weather Forecast

September - November 2017

For the interactive map from IFRC IRI, click [here](#)



Meteorological agency in the respective Southeast Asian countries:

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Upcoming Events

Upcoming events for October to November 2017

October			
	Various dates	Celebration of International Disaster Reduction Day / ASEAN Day for Disaster Management	Southeast Asia
	2-3	Strengthening convergences for Humanitarian Action in ASEAN: An AIPR Symposium on IHL	Philippines
	2-6	National Moot Court Competition on IHL	Philippines
	2-6	2nd Asia Pacific Civil and Military Relations Forum	Malaysia
	4	Big Communities of Practice on Community Engagement meeting	Philippines
	9-13	Red Cross Red Crescent Induction as part of the AHA Centre Executive (ACE) Programme	Semarang, Indonesia
	9-11	IFRC Gender and Diversity Network Training of Trainers and Sexual and Gender based Violence in Emergencies	Malaysia
	10	World Mental Health Day	Various countries
	11	Disaster Law Housing, Land and Property Rights Roundtable	Philippines

	12-13	NASHA write shop for the HASAP Project (Select PRC Chapters)	Philippines
	12 – 13	Disaster Law Dissemination, Know your 3Rs ToT	Viet Nam
	15	Global Handwashing Day	Various countries
	16	World Food Day (Theme: Food Security and Migration)	Various countries
	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
	18-20	National Climate Change Law Consultation	Lao PDR
	20-22	Resource mobilization training for VNRC headquarters and chapter staff	Viet Nam
	21	Million Volunteer Run	Manila, Philippines
	25-27	Philippine Red Cross Disaster Law Course for Chapters (Pilot)	Manila, Philippines
	26	Cambodia Disaster Law Road Map workshop	Cambodia
	26-28	PASSA training for Viet Nam Red Cross provincial chapters	Da Nang city, Vietnam
November	6-8	Canadian Red Cross monitoring visit / RRI technical working group meeting	Bangkok, Thailand
	12-17	DPRK RCS delegation Regional Visit (peer to peer learning exchange program CBHFA)	Philippines
	14-17	Violence Prevention Integration into CBHFA Training	Cambodia
	14-21	Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ERAT) Training	Thailand
	15-17	Asia Pacific Regional PMER meeting	Kuala Lumpur
	14-21	Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ERAT) Training	Thailand
	20-24	Basic WASH in Emergency Response Training	Philippines
	24-30	Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) training	Malaysia
	TBC	Official launch of Virtual Volunteer Application	Philippines
	Various dates	Advocacy events in selected countries for 16 days of activism against gender-based violence (Nov 25 – Dec 10)	Various countries

New Publications



Hanoi Statement

Hanoi Statement was the outcome of the [14th Southeast Asia Red Cross Red Crescent Leadership Meeting](#) held in Hanoi, Vietnam, from 21 to 22 September 2017. The meeting covered a number of issues including the follow-up to the outcomes of the 13th Southeast Asia Red Cross Red Crescent Leadership Meeting, the One Billion Coalition for Resilience, the Red Cross Red Crescent strategy for engagement with ASEAN and the preparation for the Statutory Meetings in Turkey in November 2017. [Click here to download](#)

Featured Videos

Community Voices 2017



Throughout its work, the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies promote community resilience, by raising the voice of vulnerable communities to the forefront. The **playlist in Youtube** consists of 6 short videos of community voices from Southeast Asian countries, among which Indonesia, Philippines, Myanmar, Thailand, and Laos, that support community resilience is accessible [here](#).

The videos in the playlist were produced as part of the Regional Resilience Initiative with funding support from Canadian Red Cross and the Canadian Government.