

Southeast Asia Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

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Monthly Updates – **December 2017**



Quang Ngai Red Cross Chapter unpacks a household kit delivered to the Damrey Typhoon victims. Photo credit: Viet Nam Red Cross

Welcome to our December 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

Disaster Risk Reduction

At Regional Level:

[Regional Lessons Learned Workshop on 20 years of DIPECHO Actions in Southeast Asia](#) was held on 7 to 8 December 2017 in Bangkok to mark 20 years of the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Department's Disaster Preparedness Programme (DIPECHO). A study covering the past 20 years of DIPECHO supported interventions in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and in Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction (CBDRR), was presented and discussed at the workshop. The study highlighted how the DIPECHO programme resulted in the protection of lives and livelihoods by helping communities and institutions become better prepared to face disaster risks, and by promoting disaster preparedness in national and regional frameworks and agendas.

The workshop was attended by more than 50 participants (both practitioners and decision makers) and it aimed to review the study on the two decades of DIPECHO's contributions to DRR in the Southeast Asia region. Three major themes, namely: (i) CBDRR and Urban Disaster Preparedness; (ii) Mainstreaming of DRR into Development; and (iii) Regional Partnerships were identified and discussed alongside good practices and lessons learned from each thematic area as well as the identification of good practices for advocacy.

The second day saw an overview of DIPECHO program in Southeast Asia, after which a panel discussion was held on DIPECHO's key findings and recommendations in three technical thematic areas to share solid examples and impacts as a result of DIPECHO's interventions in the region. Subsequently, the donor panel discussion ensued, consisting of ECHO, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), GIZ, and USAID, focusing on their reflections and takeaways on how best donor community as well as targeted countries can build on the successes and continue to do more.



Participants took part in discussions on DIPECHO's key findings and recommendations to share solid examples and impacts as a result of DIPECHO's interventions in the region.

Way forward:

- Ownership is number one priority, as it plays a key role in determining the success of a program/initiative.
- Integration: bringing together many actors in DRR. How to bring the private sector is an area that we all need to explore more as how to meaningfully engage the private sector.
- The issue of scale: with pilot projects, institutionalization and ownership are the elements that increase the scale.

Highlight Updates from National Societies

Brunei

Youth in School Safety (YSS) Training of Facilitators

From: <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/event/youth-in-school-safety-yss-training-of-facilitators-2-5-december-2017-brunei-darussalam/>

Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent, in close coordination with the Ministry of Education, organized a training titled “Youth in School Safety (YSS)” with an aim to expand the program to all schools over the country. It was conducted on 2-5 December 2017 in Brunei Darussalam, with the participation of 16 persons (13 women and three men).

Comprehensive School Safety has been a priority of DRR in Asia since 2006 with the launch of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction global campaign on *Safer Schools*. It has been an important part of DRR in the education sector, addressing the risk of children in schools and community contexts. The *Global Comprehensive School Safety Framework* requires children and youths to play a specific role in their school safety by guiding teachers and parents to join the school safety in an effective way.



“Youth in School Safety” (YSS) facilitators’ training was designed for youth empowerment at schools to strengthen the bonds between school children and Red Cross youths, teachers and parents in their specific roles in school safety by equipping them with basic knowledge and skills for the School-Based Disaster Risk Reduction (SBDRR).

The training methodology, with a participant-centered and experiential learning approach, relies on a non-cognitive methodology, meaning those feelings, experience, or the physical body, rather than intellectual analysis, adopted from *Youth as Agents of Behavioral Change* toolkits. It supports youth to analyze the school-based risks which are not only about the disaster, but all comprehensive risks such as school bullying, violence, school hygiene, and road safety, as well as to gain knowledge and put them in practice by addressing/identifying specific gaps/issues and their root causes in their existing knowledge and practice, giving all possible solutions to such issues on their own, through scenario-based games, role-plays, simulation, and visualization exercises. In a second phase, children and youth share experiences with their peers and reflect together and make a “from their heart to their mind” learning journey to become ethical leaders for school safety.

Cambodia

Gender and Diversity Refresher Training in Cambodia

From: <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/event/gender-and-diversity-refresher-training-national-level-21-22-november-2017-cambodia/>

The Cambodia Red Cross (CRC) conducted the gender and diversity refresher training during 21-22 November 2017.



Guided by the 2011-2020 Strategy, CRC has conducted various initiatives with a focus on (community-based) women's and children's health, with an emphasis on giving support to mothers and newborns, and assisting orphans with HIV/AIDS. In addition to the gender and diversity components of its health portfolio, CRC has a long history of addressing gender and diversity concerns through its Vulnerable Group Assistance program, which provides support to people with disabilities, orphanages, the elderly, people living with HIV/AIDS, and widows. The Vulnerable Group Assistance program is a mechanism for disaster preparedness.

CRC currently has a Gender and Diversity Policy, which was enacted in 2003 and is in the process of review and update.

The review process is being conducted by a team consisting of: Head of Organizational Development, Head of Human Resources and the Head of Communications.

During a scoping mission in December 2014, after discussing the needs of a strategic gender and diversity approach to guide all policies, programs, and tools with CRC senior management, it was agreed that such an approach is needed by CRC. The Disaster Management department of CRC also agreed that a gender and diversity perspective and an approach to promote gender and diversity equality is needed within CRC. The following recommendations were made: CRC needs to advocate for gender concepts more broadly in society; a standard Gender and Diversity regulation and policy should be integrated across CRC; as auxiliary to the government, CRC should encourage the endorsement and implementation of the Gender Policy – CRC should promote awareness of gender within government and help them to promote their policy more widely.



The two-day refresher course was conducted at the Svay Rieng Province with the participation of 25 CRC provincial branches. There were 25 participants (eight women) including branch directors, branch deputy directors, and branch officers.

The course included a mixer of interactive sessions, videos, presentation, case studies, group discussion, exchanges among participants based on knowledge, experiences and lesson learned from the implementation, and previous training. Plenary discussion held after each session allowed participants to ask questions and share ideas.

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

From: <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/event/16-days-of-activism-against-gender-based-violence-25-november-9-december-2017-cambodia/>

Several reports show that Cambodia has seen a gradual decrease of domestic violence against women and girls since 2000. However, according to Cambodia Gender Assessment in 2014, there are still a number of challenges facing the country in its effort to end gender-based violence (GBV), including but not limited to:

- Growing number of reports on rape and sexual violence in the family;
- Sexual harassment at workplaces and in communities;
- Limited access to social and legal support services to survivors.

Between 25 November to 9 December 2017, CRC conducted activities under the campaign “16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence” on the topic “Leave No One Behind – End Violence Against Women and Girls.” The expected results and measurements for success include:

- At least 30 Red Cross Youths attending the half-day workshop on GBV.
- At least 750 youth from four universities attending GBV awareness
- At least 200 youth, Red Cross staff, and volunteers attending the 16 Days Campaign for the elimination of violence against women at the CRC National Head Quarter
- A large number of people around country received GBV information through the National TV and Newspapers.



Youth participating in role-playing activity



CRC Deputy Secretary General Men Nearysopheap handed certificate to a participant.

A number of activities were conducted at four universities, with 872 students participated, from 25 November to 7 December. The activities included a mix of brainstorming, plenary discussion, presentation, and Q&A facilitated by the resource persons from the Ministry of Women Affairs.

On 9 December, CRC conducted a special event at the CRC National Head Quarter with 200 participants including representatives from the Ministry of Women Affairs, CRC leaders, staff, Red Cross youth and Red Cross youth advisors, deans and directors of universities, students, Red Cross partners, and other stakeholders).

Total number of participants attending in the 16 Days Activism was 1,072 participants, of which about 40% are women.

Gender and Diversity Approaches to Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment Training

From: <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/event/gender-and-diversity-approaches-to-vulnerability-and-capacity-assessment-training-4-8-december-2017-kampong-chhnang-cambodia/>

Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (VCA) is a key assessment process used by the CRC and some of its branches for participatory community assessments. The VCA process allows the CRC to understand people's exposure to and the needed capacity to be resilient to natural hazards. The VCA also enables local priorities to be identified and appropriate action taken to reduce communities' risk to disasters. It eventually assists in the design and development of programs, drawing on sustainable solutions from within the community.

The training was conducted during 4-8 December with the aim to equip participants to be sensitive to gender and diversity considerations while conducting the VCA process (planning, conducting, monitoring and analyzing). The five-day training included four days of in-class sessions and one-day field visit.



Objectives

- To assess risks and hazards facing communities and the capacities they have for dealing with them; involve communities, local authorities, and humanitarian and development organizations in the assessment from the outset.
- To draw up action plans to prepare for and respond to the identified risks
- To identify risk-reduction activities to prevent or lessen the effects of expected hazards, risks and vulnerabilities.

There were 19 participants (10 men and nine women) from 18 CRC provincial branches. Participants in the training came from a variety of professional background, including from disaster management, health first-aid, and youth adviser.

Cambodian Red Cross Discusses Safe Migration With IFRC

From: <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/event/cambodian-red-cross-discusses-safe-migration-with-ifrc-28-november-1-december-2017-cambodia/>



The CRC representatives met with Helen Brunt, IFRC Senior Migration Officer, from 28 November to 1 December 2017 to discuss on migration issues. The meeting was aimed to i) discuss migration with leadership, staff, and volunteers of CRC, including scope for potential IFRC support and National Society peer-to-peer exchanges, ii) meet with key local authorities in Preah Vihear Province and support CRC in their auxiliary role and relationship with the Cambodian Government, and iii) learn more about CRC's Restoring Family Links (RFL) and 'safe migration' awareness-raising activities.

The visit provided IFRC a unique opportunity to experience first-hand activities conducted by CRC related to migration. Since the start of 2017, 'Safe migration' messaging has been included in awareness-raising activities primarily focused on RFL and 'safer rural communities' in Preah Vihear Province which borders Sisaket Province in Thailand – an initiative supported by ICRC.

This mission to Cambodia also provided the opportunity to meet with leadership of CRC and share updates on IFRC's Global and Regional Migration Strategies and plans, as well as meet with local government officials and introduce the RCRC Movement's humanitarian mandate in relation to migration and cross-border movements of people in the Mekong region.

Violence Prevention Integration into CBHFA Training, 12-14 December

From: <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/event/violence-prevention-integration-into-cbhfa-training-13-14-december-2017-kampot-cambodia/>

GBV in Cambodia remains a significant issue and is a result of gender inequality and traditional gender norms existing within Cambodia's societal structure. Gender inequalities are also reflected in sexual relationship where females are not given equal opportunities in decision making.

Following the research study by the Ministry of Women Affair, the Cambodia Gender Assessment 2014 has shown that out of 417 male participants, 22 percent of them had experienced physical violence in the past year and 25 percent had experienced physical or sexual violence in their life time. In 2013, out of 1,831 men and women's violence, it was found that 35 percent of every male partner had use physical or sexual violence against an intimate partner.

Rape and sexual violence is perpetrated by family members, acquaintances and sometime strangers, and it often occurs in home, school, workplace, and in the community. There are limited studies in Cambodia with robust data reported by victims of rape and sexual violence. Rape is typically an under-reported crime.

The Cambodia violence against children survey showed that more than 50 percent of both men and women experience at least one incident of physical violence prior to age 18.

The Cambodian Constitution enshrines the right of all Cambodians to life, personal freedom, and security (article 42), and guarantees that there shall be no physical abuse of any individual (article 38).



In order to further promote this gender and diversity initiative, CRC currently builds on existing gender policy, which was enacted since 2003, to be the comprehensive gender and diversity policy through consultative review with technical expert from IFRC, Ministry of Women Affair, and CRC leadership including department directors/deputy directors/managers as well as directors and deputy directors from all 25 CRC branches. The policy was finally endorsed and disseminated to all 25 Red Cross branches during the training of trainer on gender and diversity held in December 2016 last year.

To bring up this initiative forward, and as an auxiliary to the Royal Government of Cambodia, CRC conducted the training on violence prevention integration into CBHFA to selected CRC program staff and branches during 12-14 December 2017 in Kampot Province. The training provided a broader picture of violence root cause, impact, and prevention mechanism to all participants that can be used to mainstream or integrate in their program, branch development work, and in other disseminating activities.

Objective

- Build the knowledge/capacity/skill of selected CRC-NHQ/branch/program staff in the field on violence prevention and respond module and ensure participant can train their Red Cross volunteers on how to answer tricky questions and deliver related key message persuasively
- Introduce tools/guideline/framework and learn experience/lesson learnt/mechanism related from relevance ministries/organization.
- Understand how to effectively mainstream violence prevention and respond into CRC's programming/activities and identify the opportunities it brings.



Indonesia

Indonesia Red Cross Received EU Support in Delivering Relief to Victims of Bali Volcanic Eruption

From: https://eeas.europa.eu/headquarters/headquarters-homepage/37275/eu-supports-victims-mount-agung-eruptions-bali_ja



PMI staff delivering relief to the victims. Photo credit: European External Action Service

Series of volcanic eruptions of Mount Agung in Bali which started in September 2017 has left over 150,000 people in urgent need of evacuation. With the funding of EUR 100,000 from the European Union (EU), the Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) was able to deliver emergency assistance to the most affected families. The aid directly benefited 11,000 people in some of the worst-hit districts of Bangli, Buleleng, Gianyar, and Karangasem. The funding is part of the EU's overall contribution to the Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) of the IFRC. Click [here](#) for more information on DREF fund to support the relief operations.

Video Highlighting Feedback on WASH Project in Indonesia

At the end of August 2017, IFRC Geneva in collaboration with Open Lab and in coordination with the Indonesian Red Cross Society (Palang Merah Indonesia-PMI) and IFRC Indonesia carried out a participatory video monitoring process in the district of Berau, East Kalimantan Province. The *Most Significant Change* approach was used, facilitated by the *Our Story* mobile application in collaboration with the community of Tumbit Melayu to gather their feedback on the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Promotion (WASH) project implemented by PMI with the support of IFRC. Click on the links to see the stories of change document by the [women](#), [men](#), [youth](#), and [elderly](#) in the community.

Laos

Amendment of Lao Red Cross Law

From: <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/laos/amendment-of-lao-red-cross-law/>

Following the recommendations from the fourth ordinary session of the National Assembly held on 23-24 November 2017 at Vang Vieng, Vientiane Province, to amend the Lao Red Cross Law, the drafting committee organized a meeting to report and do the necessary amendment on 27 November 2017 together with related committees from the National Assembly. Representatives from line ministries were consulted to ensure the harmony of the law on 29-30 November 2017. Then, on 19 December, the committees have finally agreed on the conformity of the law. Now, the LRC Law is under the process of reviewing and proof reading after which it will be submitted to the President of the National Assembly and President of Lao PDR respectively to enter into effect.

Malaysia

Understanding the Legitimacy and Mandate of Malaysian Red Crescent Society

From: <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/event/understanding-the-legitimacy-mandate-of-malaysian-red-crescent-society-16-17-december-2017-kota-kinabalu-malaysia/>

Malaysian Red Crescent Society (MRCS) had undergone the Organizational Capacity Assessment and Certification (OCAC) in 2015 and had positively identified gaps on matters pertaining to policies, the absence of review on regulatory mechanisms, enhance understanding of the legality, and the mechanic of administration of the Society at various levels.

MRCS has also completed the organization-wide Branch Organizational Capacity Assessment (BOCA) in 2016. According to the assessment, the trend indicated that there are still some room for improvements on matters pertaining to emblems, state (branch) planning, and policies.

Arising from the two assessments, MRCS has organized a Policy Development workshop to formulate policies that were considered necessary and pertinent to the National Society. Since then, the policies had been endorsed by the National Council of the MRCS. Along with this, another bold step was taken to review the MRCS Corporation Rules.

The output of the Policy Development and Review of the MRCS Corporation Rules has come into effect. Nonetheless, it is unclear how well the contents are understood at state and district level for effective implementation.

On this basis, MRCS is proposing to organize a workshop to provide a better understanding of the legal base and current policies so that officials at all level understand their obligation, roles, and responsibilities to function efficiently and effectively as how a humanitarian organization is expected. The workshop will also promote an understanding of some of the basic principles of law which would assist the MRCS at state and district level to administer in accordance with the general principles of law, thus ensuring that the principle of humanity is safeguarded.

Workshop Objectives:

- To provide officials at governance and senior management at State and District level with a greater understanding of the domestic legal foundation, regulatory mechanism on operational context, and other Movement Statutes & Guidance.
- To give greater insight on the Red Cross Red Crescent Emblem, including the Third Additional Protocol vis-à-vis the consequences for National Societies.
- To strongly emphasize and caution on some areas of Conduct in MRCS context.

Myanmar

IFRC Thailand's Final Evaluation of SBDRR Program

From: <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/event/ccst-thailands-final-evaluation-of-school-based-disaster-risk-reduction-program-27-november-2-december-2017-myanmar/>

IFRC Country Cluster Support Team in Thailand conducted a final evaluation of the SBDRR program in Myanmar during 27 November – 2 December 2017.

Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) started to implement the SBDRR program in 2012. MRCS received the funding from the Chinese Red Cross (Hong Kong Branch) through the IFRC to implement the SBDRR program in eight schools as a pilot project in three townships — Kyauktan, Thakeda, and Hlaing Tharyar — from 2015 to December 2017. The project objective is to integrate and apply the multi-spectral approach to school safety by addressing issues related to multi-hazards and their impacts through ensuring that both disaster management and health concerns are equally addressed while implementing the SBDRR initiatives to raise the resilience levels among school-going children, teachers, parents, and communities, in order for them to prepare for known threats, act preventively, and respond effectively in times of need.

The purpose of the evaluation is to draw lessons that will be useful for the improvement of the existing and future program implementation. Additionally, the National Societies in the region will benefit from the knowledge sharing, and mainstreaming of similar components into their long-term initiatives.

As a result of the evaluation, the project has fulfilled the requirement of all stakeholders. The facility improvement activity has opened the door for good cooperation on other components. The training content is relevant to the

local context and disaster encountered. The improvement on health promotion particularly the personal hygiene and first aid is clearly seen. The good cooperation among stakeholder is also observed. Moreover, this project has strengthened better cooperation among schools and other organization which could promote sustainability of the project and may lead to interventions in other schools.

In this connection, the IFRC and MRCS conveyed their appreciation to the Chinese Red Cross (Hong Kong Branch) for giving a great opportunity through its funding to IFRC and MRCS in implementing this project.

Philippines

Philippines: IFRC warns of worsening conditions following deadly Tropical Storm Tembin

From: <http://media.ifrc.org/ifrc/press-release/philippines-ifrc-warns-worsening-conditions-following-deadly-tropical-storm-tembin/>

Tropical storm Tembin made landfall in Mindanao on 22 December. Four days later, thousands of survivors still found themselves in desperate need of humanitarian assistance.

“Our teams in Mindanao are doing all they can to reach everyone who needs them. But the work is difficult and often slow,” said Philippine Red Cross (PRC) Chairman Gordon. “Around the world, people are spending this time period with their families. For people affected by Tembin, what should be a peaceful time is instead full of uncertainty and fear. We need to help them.”

As responders reach the worst affected areas, details of the havoc wrought by Tembin (known locally as “Vinta”) continue to emerge. More than 500,000 people in 23 provinces have been affected. The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council confirmed that 164 people have lost their lives to the flash floods and landslides, with 176 were still missing. The number of casualties was expected to increase as the public authorities verify information being received from the provinces.

In addition to causing the loss of human lives and internal displacement, Tembin has substantially affected shelter and livelihoods and caused damage to crops and critical infrastructure including roads, bridges, and power transmission lines.



Philippine Red Cross staff and volunteers assist in the evacuation of the families affected by the storm.

Volunteers and search and rescue teams from the PRC have been active since the hours before the storm made landfall, and were working to reach people in need with water, food, and emergency shelter. Hot meals were served, and welfare services provided in the evacuation centers, where over 50,000 people were staying after being evacuated prior to the landfall of the storm.

To support these efforts, IFRC joined the PRC in appealing for 2.8 million Swiss francs to assist more than 20,000 people affected by the storm in four of the worst affected provinces of Lanao del Norte, Lanao del Sur, Zamboanga del Norte, and Cagayan de Oro.

“People have gone through a massive shock. In just minutes, they lost everything, and then had to fight for their lives as walls of mud and water washed through their homes,” said Patrick Elliott, IFRC Operations and Programmes Manager in the Philippines.

“Now we must ensure that affected communities have immediate access to essential items and services including cash, food, water, sanitation, shelter and healthcare, as well to information, psychosocial support, and protection,” said Elliott.

Philippine Red Cross Scales Up Partnership With Myanmar Red Cross and Bangladesh Red Crescent Societies

From: <https://www.redcross.org.ph/press/news/myanmar-red-cross-and-bangladesh-red-crescent-society-visit-the-philippine-red-cross>

PRC has scaled up its partnership with Myanmar Red Cross and Bangladesh Red Crescent Societies through peer-to-peer education, sharing of expertise, knowledge, and skills on DRR and community resilience.

Held at the PRC National Headquarters Tower in Mandaluyong, the visit was aimed to capture lessons learned from various kind of urban projects implemented by the PRC.

The delegations started their visit with a courtesy call with PRC Chairman Dick Gordon, PRC Secretary General Atty. Oscar Palabyab and PRC Assistant Secretary General Elizabeth Zavalla. This was followed by an orientation about the PRC and presentation of programs from Disaster Management Service, Health Service, and Haiyan Operations. The delegates were also toured to PRC's Operations Center and blood bank. A simulation exercise was also conducted by the Emergency Response Unit showcasing PRC's equipment.

Philippine Red Cross Turns Over Houses, Health Facility for Yolanda Survivors in Cebu

From: <https://www.redcross.org.ph/press/news/red-cross-turns-over-houses-health-facility-for-yolanda-survivors-in-cebu>

PRC has turned over 100 houses and a health facility in a relocation site built for Yolanda survivors in San Remigio, Cebu as part of the organization's commitment to the ongoing Yolanda recovery program.

During the ceremonial turn over on 15 December, PRC Chairman and CEO Richard Gordon said the new houses and health facility would ensure the resilience of Yolanda-affected families to future disasters.

"We did not just build houses here. We also ensured that what we built would reduce the vulnerability of Yolanda survivors in the future. This is the reason why we also trained them how to predict, plan, prepare and practice for any incidences," Gordon said.



Over 100 houses were built by the Philippine Red Cross in a relocation site for the Yolanda victims.

Aside from providing houses, the PRC also built a primary health care facility. Beneficiaries in the relocation site were also given access to water and sanitation facilities as well as livelihood opportunities such as agriculture and micro-enterprise.

Aside from the turnover in San Remigio, Gordon also led the inauguration of the building and facility of the new Northern Cebu branch of the PRC.

The new branch, which is under the PRC Cebu Chapter, will bring the services of the humanitarian organization closer and more accessible to the people of Northern Cebu.

The latest Yolanda recovery project in Cebu was implemented in partnership with the Japanese Red Cross Society, French Red Cross, German Red Cross, and the IFRC.

For more than four years now, the PRC has been implementing its Yolanda recovery and rehabilitation program in nine provinces including Cebu.

Overall, the humanitarian organization's Yolanda recovery program has already built 78,769 houses, 107 schools, 90 health facilities, and 531 classrooms. The PRC also improved livelihoods of 62,683 families and provided hygiene promotion trainings to 68,456 families.

Singapore

Singapore Red Cross Organized Charity Concert

From: <https://redcross.sg/news-stories/events/615-passage-of-life-singapore-red-cross-charity-concert.html>

Singapore Red Cross (SRC) organized a charity concert, "Passage of Life," at Gateway Theatre on 16 December 2017 to raise funds for SRC's local humanitarian efforts including ElderAid, FoodAid, TransportAid, Home Monitoring, and Eldercare (HoME+), and the Red Cross Home for the Disabled.

A labor of love by fundraiser and former Red Cross Youth Terene Seow, the Chinese dance drama depicted the Peranakan culture through the life story of Hui Niang, portraying hope, courage, love, and resilience.



Thailand

Eleven Grab Taxi Drivers Equipped with Basic First Aid

From: <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/event/eleven-grab-taxi-drivers-equipped-with-basic-first-aid/>



Thai Red Cross First Aid Training Center staff demonstrated to Grab taxi driver how to perform first aid.

The 9th first aid training was offered to the Grab taxi drivers on 27 December 2017 at the Thanapoom Tower on Petchaburi Road, Bangkok. The six-hour standard basic first aid training was conducted to provide technical support from the facilitation team of the First Aid Training Center, Thai Red Cross Head Quarter.

Eleven Grab taxi drivers participated in the training. There were six key topics focusing on both technical and practical aspects of the standard basic first aid, including: basic first aid procedures; bandaging of hands, feet, and head; use of arm sling; treatments of wounds, choking, stroke, and heart diseases; cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR); and referral and transportation to hospitals. The training was facilitated by four first aid instructors/specialists from the First Aid Training Center, Thai Red Cross Head Quarter. All the participants received certificates after completion of the training course.

In 2017, there were ten training courses organized by Grab Thailand. In total, there were 216 Grab drivers participating in the training courses.

Additionally, in 2018, Grab Thailand is planning to organize about 4 basic first aid training courses (one training per quarter) with the technical support from the Thai Red Cross (Training Centre for First Aid and Health Care) and the IFRC CCST Bangkok. For further information, please contact Mr. Worawat Thiensuan, Grab Thailand Coordinator at worawat.th@grabtaxi.com and Dr. Pornsak Khortwong, IFRC Health Officer at pornsak.khortwong@ifrc.org.

Thai Red Cross Provides Relief to Flood Victims in Nakhon Si Thammarat

From: <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/thailand/the-thai-red-cross-society-flood-relief-operations/thai-red-cross-provides-relief-to-flood-victims-in-nakhon-si-thammarat-20-december-2017/>

On 20 December 2017, Mrs. Thanika Promprasong, Head of Sirindhorn Red Cross Health Station (TRC Health Station No.12 Thung Song), Nakhon Si Thammarat Province and Committee of the Nakhon Si Thammarat Provincial Red Cross Chapter, together with Senior Assistant Chief Officer of the Pakpanang District and related agencies, were provided with the Thai Red Cross relief kits to help 1,195 flood victims in Pakpanang District of the Nakhon Si Thammarat Province.



Gender and Diversity Sensitization in Thai Red Cross's Supervisor Skill Development Training

From: <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/event/gender-and-diversity-sensitization-in-thai-red-cross-supervisor-skill-development-training-4-december-2017-thailand/>



On 4 December 2017, a two-hour introductory session on Gender and Diversity was conducted at TRC' Supervisor Skill Development (SSD) training by TRC Gender Focal Point together with IFRC. The total of 109 staff (five men and 104 women) from different departments in Bangkok and other provinces learned about the key concepts of Gender and Diversity as well as the importance of its programming. The SSD (50-hour) is one of the three management development courses internally organized on a yearly basis by the Human Resources Bureau, with objectives to teach the newly appointed supervisors on the management principles, to build capacity on management method and how to be a supervisor, as well as to create

a network to exchange knowledge and experience among them. Initiated by TRC endorsed Gender Focal Point, this was the first time that Gender and Diversity was integrated in such fundamental course.

Viet Nam

Typhoon Damrey Operations in Viet Nam

From: <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/disaster-risk-reduction/disaster-response/disaster-relief-emergency-fund-dref/#1513039762375-dc1a7088-3da7>



Khanh Hoa Red Cross Chapter visits and validates a list of beneficiaries for the cash transfer programming before being disbursed. Photo credit: VNRC

At least 30,246 people (11,696 households) in the six hard-hit provinces (Thua Thien Hue, Quang Nam, Quang Ngai, Binh Dinh, Phu Yen, and Khanh Hoa) of Viet Nam have received assistance from the Viet Nam Red Cross (VNRC) in aftermath of one of the most devastating typhoons in many decades. The assistance came through either the provision of non-food items (i.e. shelter tool kits, household kits, water purification tablets) or direct and unconditional cash transfer, to enable affected households to acquire essential items and services. The above assistance has been made possible by the IFRC DREF and the New Zealand Government through the IFRC.

VNRC has been seen in the field just a day after the typhoon, providing emergency assistance to the most affected households and carrying out needs assessments which both are highly appreciated by the people and other stakeholders.

Disaster Law Disseminations Continue in Viet Nam

From: <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/event/trainings-of-trainers-on-disaster-law-4-8-december-2017-viet-nam/>

In December 2017, the Viet Nam Red Cross continued to disseminate disaster law to local-level stakeholders and communities through two trainings of trainers held in Can Tho Province in the Mekong Delta on 4-5 December and in Binh Dinh Province (Central Viet Nam) on 7-8 December. The objective of the trainings was to train a pool of Disaster Law facilitators, based on a "fun and participatory" methodology to make disaster law topics accessible to communities.

The training included sessions on disaster law and Vietnam Red Cross law under the tagline of "Know Your Rights, Roles and Responsibilities in Disaster Management." Participants joined in role-playing exercises and games, including a walk-through scenario developed for the Vietnam context and a jeopardy-style quiz. Lively discussions, laughter and acting talents broke out in the room.



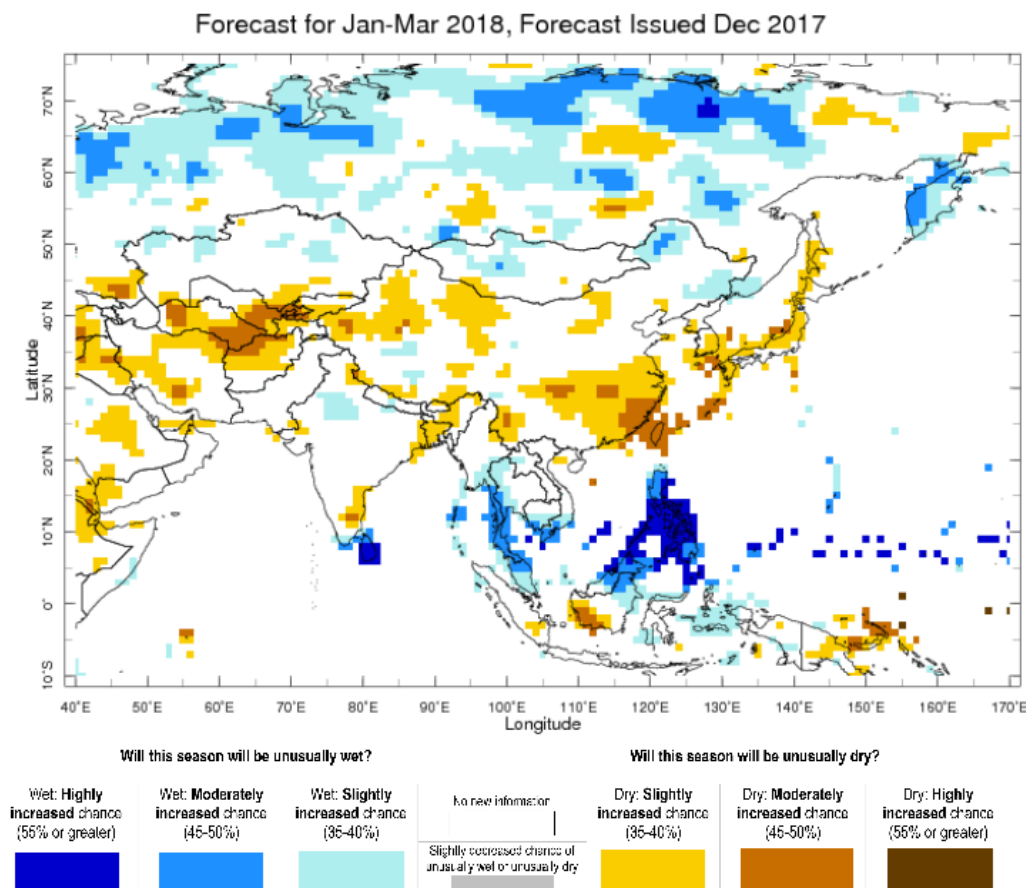
Disaster Law Training of Trainers in Can Tho city, Can Tho Province. Photo by: VNRC HQs

These trainings are part of a wider initiative of the IFRC to support Disaster Law disseminations in Southeast Asia, with funding support from Canadian Government and the Canadian Red Cross. It is expected that the trained participants will roll-out the training modules in their communities, thus contributing to an increase in the general knowledge of the population related to disasters and risk reduction.

Weather Forecast

January - March 2018

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Upcoming Events

Upcoming events for January to March 2018

January	22-25 Jan	Civil-Military Coordination Working Group	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
	23-25 Jan	Regional meeting on Building Stronger TB and TB/HIV Community Partnerships for Advocacy in Asia and the Pacific	Bangkok, Thailand
	25-26 Jan	Meeting of Asia Pacific Senior Management Team Meeting	Bangkok, Thailand
	31 Jan – 2 Feb	Typhoon Damrey Final Review Meeting	Quy Nhon, Vietnam
	TBC	Health and WASH Coordination Meeting	Philippines
	TBC	Training of Trainers on Health and Migration	Philippines
February	7-13 Feb	World Urban Forum	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
	21-23 Feb	RRI Lessons Learnt Workshop	Bangkok, Thailand
	TBC	Training of Trainers on HIV&AIDS and Substance Abuse Prevention	Philippines
	TBC	Youth Camp	Philippines
March	12-13 Mar	AP Coordination meeting	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
	12-16 Mar	3 rd National Disaster Response Team (NDRT) training for Thai Red Cross under OFDA project	Thailand

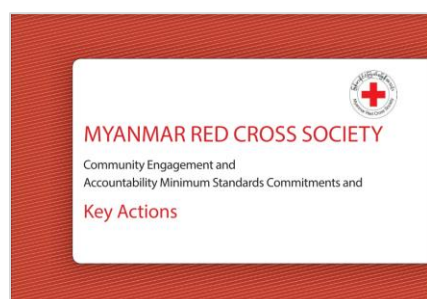
	20-22 Mar	Real-time Evaluations of Evaluators Training	Bangkok, Thailand
	25-30 Mar	ASEAN CMC Meeting	Thailand
	TBC	Training on HIV&AIDS and Substance Abuse Prevention - Chapter Level	Philippines

New Publications



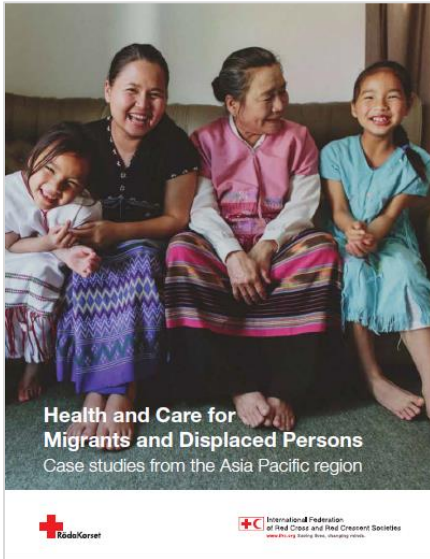
Myanmar Red Cross Society: A journey towards effective cost recovery

Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) embarked on a finance development journey in 2004, using a set of baselines focused on "measuring the impact of organizational development and change processes on the lives of vulnerable people". The activities defined under the development plan were put on hold during the Cyclone Nargis operation between 2008 and 2011, where capacity enhancement was focused on needs of the emergency operation. [Click here to download](#)



Myanmar Red Cross (MRCS): Community Engagement and Accountability Minimum Standards & Key Actions

In order to work towards the aim of the Strategic Plan 2020 to integrate CEA into all work of the Myanmar Red Cross Society, in 2016 a set of Minimum Standards and a supporting toolkit were developed with support from IFRC. These standards and tools focus on how to build on four foundational pillars of CEA – transparent communication, involvement, feedback mechanisms and community-led monitoring and evaluation – into all MRCS operations. [Click here to download](#)



Case Studies: Health and Care for Migrants and Displaced Persons

National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Asia Pacific undertake a range of diverse programs to address the health needs of migrants covering a wide spectrum of people on the move – including persons who have been trafficked, asylum seekers, refugees, labor migrants, and internally-displaced persons. This collection of case studies from the Asia Pacific region highlights a selection of these programs and activities. This collection is designed to help external partners, governments and National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies around the world to better understand the existing diversity and strength of work that is already happening across the Asia Pacific region to address the critical health needs of migrants. [Click here to download](#)



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Preparing for disaster: Protecting girls and boys in disaster

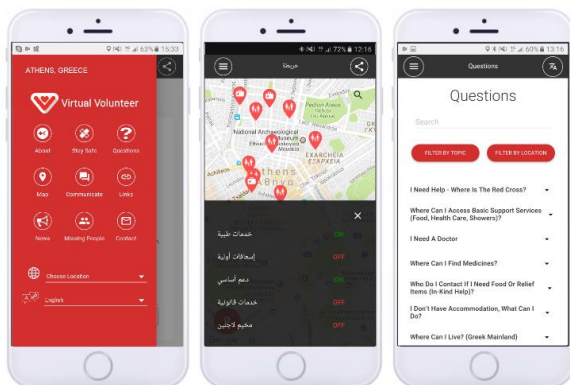
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Featured Tool



Virtual Volunteer Application

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement has launched the Virtual Volunteer web application which provides people migrating an access to reliable and practical information and support wherever they are. The virtualvolunteer.org is universally accessible. It merges the technological expertise of IBM with decades of Red Cross and Red Crescent experience delivering humanitarian aid to those most in need. Click [here](#) for more information about the Virtual Volunteer.

The Philippine Red Cross (PRC) has in December issued a [digital guidebook](#) for Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs). Through the application, the OFWs will have and easy access to vital information, swift responses, and emergency trunk lines of the Philippine Government's 911 and PRC's 143 numbers.