

Southeast Asia Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

# REGIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY AND RESILIENCE FORUM

Monthly Updates – **January 2018**



*Volunteers and staff of the Indonesian Red Cross branch in Bali are providing essential services at the evacuation sites including setting up emergency shelters, building toilets, providing sanitation and hygiene promotion, psychosocial support, health promotion and first aid, as well as distributing relief goods (masks, tarpaulins, baby kits, hygiene kits, and blankets). Photo by Indonesian Red Cross Society*

Welcome to our January 2018 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>.

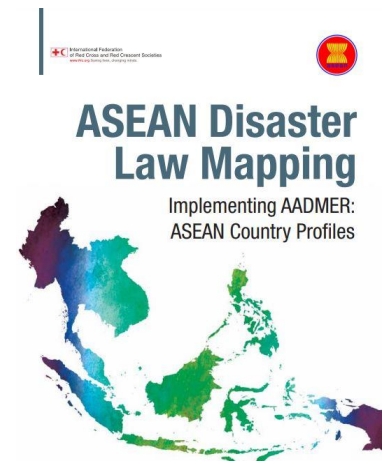
## Thematic Updates from Southeast Asia

### Disaster Risk Reduction

#### At Regional Level:

##### Launch of the Disaster Law Mapping ASEAN Agreement on AADMER

In 2017, IFRC partnered with ASEAN under the Regional Resilience Initiative (RRI) to explore the level of implementation of disaster preparedness and response commitments in ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) against domestic disaster risk management laws and policies. The resulting research, launched on the first week of February 2018 and available as narrative reports and an online platform, provides an overview of trends in domestic implementation of AADMER. It also maps country level provisions against the corresponding AADMER commitment and establishes a platform for ongoing learning between disaster management practitioners and policy makers within ASEAN. Click [here](#) for more information.



#### Regional Meeting on Building Stronger TB and TB/HIV Community Partnerships for Advocacy in Asia and the Pacific



The Stop TB Partnership, IFRC, and regional TB/HIV community advocacy networks share a vision of a world where everyone, including those most vulnerable and marginalized, can access healthcare. This includes access to tuberculosis and HIV testing, treatment, care, and support. The Stop TB Partnership and IFRC work together to strengthen regional advocacy efforts to hasten the end of TB and HIV epidemics and to build connections between community advocates, National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and other key actors.

During 23-25 January 2018, the two parties organized a meeting titled “Stop TB Partnership and IFRC Joint Regional Meeting on Community TB and HIV Advocacy” with the aim to strengthen the regional TB advocacy efforts in Asia and the Pacific by building on the existing regional community networks of People Affected by HIV and TB and a network of Red Cross and Red Crescent health and HIV & TB practitioners. Click [here](#) for more information.

#### ASSI Regional Training and Learning Exchange Workshop on School Disaster Management

Representatives from IFRC Bangkok and the Thai Red Cross Society participated in the ASEAN Safe School Initiative (ASSI) regional training and learning exchange workshop on School Disaster Management which was held in Bangkok during 24-26 January 2018. Also participated were representatives from ASEAN member states, NGOs and the ASEAN Secretariat.

The participants also visited the Sang-Um school (school safety project implemented by Plan International) to learn about good practices and strategies for school disaster management. Click [here](#) for more information.



## Highlight Updates from National Societies

### Indonesia

#### Indonesian Red Cross Provide Relief Assistance to Victims of Southern Java Earthquake



*Photo by Indonesian Red Cross*

A 6.4 magnitude earthquake struck the South of Java, Indonesia on 23 January 2018, with the center in Lebak, Banten. The earthquake was also felt quite strongly in Jakarta, Bogor, and surrounding areas.

The Indonesian Red Cross Society (PMI) of Lebak district has conducted an assessment in Malingping district and Bayah sub-district, which is estimated to be the worst affected area. As for the Bogor area, PMI has mobilized 60 PMI volunteers to conduct assessment in several areas, namely: Jasinga, Naggung, Luwi Liyang, Luwi Sedeng, Megamendung, Caringin, Cijeruk, and Cibinong. Click [here](#) for more information. Photo by PMI.

### Laos

#### Lao Red Cross Offers Cold-Weather Relief Assistance



*Relief operation in Phongsali district. Photo by Lao Red Cross*



*Relief operation in Khammuan district. Photo by Lao Red Cross*

On 20 January, Lao Red Cross Society, Phongsali Branch, handed warm clothes to about 30 families -- 479 people, of which 237 are women -- who suffered from a sharp drop in temperature. Most of the people in the community are shifting cultivation farmers with no steady income. Click [here](#) for more information.

Similarly, on 24 January, President of the Lao Red Cross led the relief operation, in cooperation with the Khammuan Branch, to provide relief assistance to the people of Khammuan who were suffering from cold weather, by providing warm clothes, blankets, and food.

## Philippines

### **Philippine Red Cross Carries Out Relief Operations in Response to Mayon Volcanic Eruptions**



*The PRC Red Cross Youth conducted hygiene promotion to children displaced by Mayon volcano's looming eruption at San Jose Elementary School in Oas, Albay*

Several eruptions of Mount Mayon in Albay Province, the Philippines have left many people displaced and many residences damaged. The Philippine Red Cross (PRC) has mobilized its volunteers to provide assistance to the local residents from the week leading up to the first eruption and after. Face masks, water tanks, and basic necessities are among the aid provided to the affected people. Ambulance service was mobilized to help those in need and psychosocial therapy has also been provided to the evacuees. PRC relief operations continue toward the end of January. Click [here](#) for more information.

The Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) was allocated to the PRC to support its operation. Click [here](#) for more information about the DREF fund.

## Singapore

### **Singapore Red Cross Blood Donation Campaign Featured in Major Local Media**

Singapore Red Cross (SRC)'s public campaign for blood donation has received a boost when the country's most popular media *The Straits Times* published three of its stories on both of its paper and online media on 23 January to help draw people to support the campaign. The Strait Times highlighted the [blood donation process](#), frequently asked [questions about blood](#), and [the experience](#) of a blood donation campaign volunteer.

## Thailand

### **Enhancing Disaster Risk Reduction Capacity in Thailand Project**



*Staff of Relief and Community Health Bureau assisted villagers during Table Top exercise. Photo by Thai Red Cross Society*

During 22-23 January, Sunisthida Phetduang, Head of the Relief Department, and staffs of the Relief and Community Health Bureau of the Thai Red Cross Society conducted the Table Top Exercise and community evacuation drill to the community leaders as part of the activities under the "Enhance Disaster Risk Reduction Capacity in Thailand" Project. There were 50 participants from three villages in Singburi Province, namely: 1) Moo-4 Ban Pla-lhai; 2) Moo-6 Ban Tonwha; and 3) Moo-7 Ban Mha in the Prasuk sub-district, Inburi district.

The Table Top Exercise and community evacuation drill are important parts of the disaster preparedness activities to reinforce the understanding of the role and responsibilities of all parties as well as the readiness of the community. They also help test the emergency response plan. Moreover, the Table Top Exercise

helps increase collaboration among community networks to deal with situations that may arise in the community.



## Thai Red Cross Employs 700 People With Disabilities in 2017

Around 700 persons with disabilities were hired by the Thai Red Cross (TRC) in 2017 with the support from the Thai Bankers' Association and Microsoft (Thailand). This is the first year running for the initiative which is part of the Association's corporate social responsibility initiative to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities, by providing them access to job opportunities. TRC was chosen as a partner as it was recognized as one of Thailand's most important social organizations, with its local-level engagement in every province of Thailand. Computer hardware and software necessary to assist their performance were donated by Microsoft and the Association, all of which have been delivered to the Thai Red Cross as well as their branches in all 76 provinces and 240 districts.

The June 2017 report from the Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities shows that there are over 1.8 million persons with disabilities registered with the department, of which about 800,000 persons are between the working age of 15-60 years old. However, only 28 per cent of them, or around 228,000 persons, are working. Click [here](#) for more information.



*A Thai Red Cross staff with visual impairment is in charge of manning the hotline. Photo by Thai Red Cross Society.*

## Timor-Leste

### Timor-Leste Red Cross Provides Dissemination Training for Highschool Students



On 10 January 2018, Timor-Leste Red Cross (Cruz Vermelha de Timor-Leste or CVTL) Dili Branch provided dissemination training for over 700 new high school students, from the school named Four September.

The aim of the discussion with the students was to encourage them to be involved with the CVTL Youth Group and how to become a member and involved with the youth volunteers in Dili Branch. The dissemination training was to teach the students about the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and promote the seven fundamental principles of Red Cross. Click [here](#) for more

information.

## Viet Nam

### Typhoon Damrey Operations in Binh Dinh Viet Nam

13,615 people (6,191 female) from 3,581 households in 11 communes of five districts in Viet Nam's Binh Dinh Province have received assistance from the Viet Nam Red Cross (VNRC) in the aftermath of typhoon Damrey, the most devastating typhoon in many decades. The assistance came through both the provision of unconditional cash transfer, to enable affected households to purchase essential items and services, and conditional cash transfer to purchase breeding cows. The above assistance has been made possible by the generous support of the New Zealand Government through the IFRC.

VNRC staff have been deployed in the field just few days after the typhoon hit, providing 450 household kits to the most affected households and conducting needs assessments and beneficiary selection for the above-mentioned interventions.

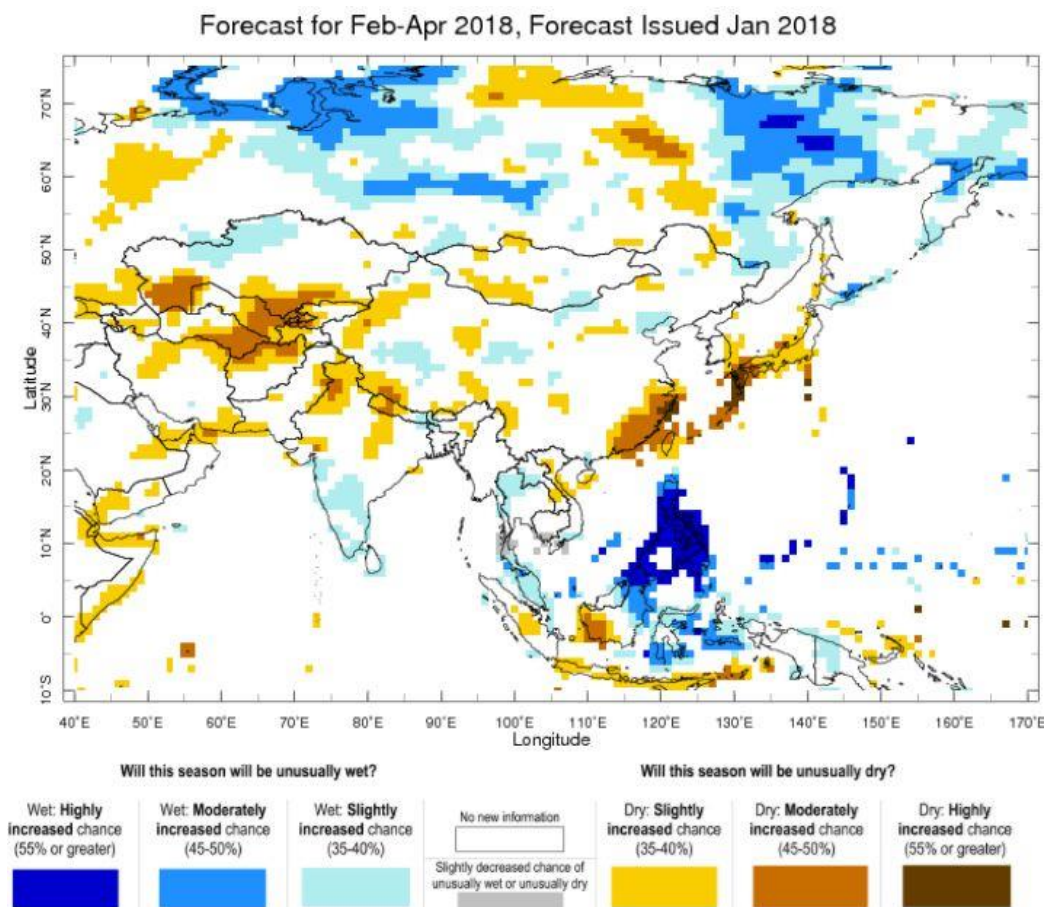


A beneficiary satisfaction survey, in combination with post distribution monitoring, was conducted on a random basis at the end of the operation in all targeted communes. All surveys showed that the operation has selected the right beneficiaries and the interventions were well received by the people. In addition, representatives from the New Zealand Government visited Phuoc Hoa commune of Tuy Phuoc on 1 February to monitor the operation interventions. Good feedback was given to the IFRC and VNRC for an effective and timely outreach to affected people. Click [here](#) for more information about the Typhoon Damrey disaster relief operations.

## Weather Forecast

February - April 2018

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

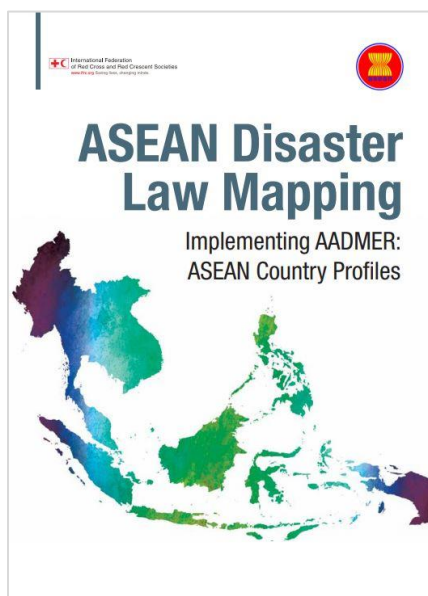


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## Upcoming Events

Upcoming events for February to April 2018			
February	7-13 Feb	World Urban Forum	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
	21-23 Feb	RRI Lessons Learning Workshop	Bangkok, Thailand
	21-22 Feb	Healthy Aging Training for Red Cross Volunteers	Svay Rieng, Cambodia
	27-28 Feb	E-WASH Training for Red Cross Volunteers	Champasak, Laos
March	12-13 Mar	IFRC AP Coordination meeting	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
	12-16 Mar	3 <sup>rd</sup> National Disaster Response Team (NDRT) training for Thai Red Cross under OFDA project	Thailand
	14-16 Mar	IFRC Global Migration Task Force Meeting	Turkey
	15-16 Mar	FAO's Regional Conference on Resilience in Agriculture	Hanoi, Vietnam
	20-22 Mar	IFRC Real-time Evaluation Training of Trainers	Bangkok, Thailand
	20-22 Mar	Advance E-WASH Training of Trainers	Luang Prabang, Laos
	25-30 Mar	ASEAN CMC Meeting	Thailand
April	23-27 Apr	IFRC DCPRR Extended Meeting and AP NSs DRM Reference Group Meeting	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
	TBC	UNISDR Asia Partnership (IAP) Meeting	Mongolia

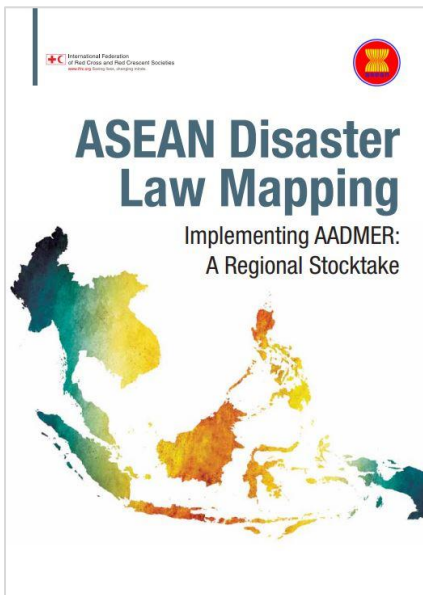
## New Publications



### Disaster Law Mapping – Implementing AADMER: ASEAN Country Profiles

The IFRC partnered with ASEAN to explore the level of implementation of disaster preparedness and response commitments in AADMER against domestic disaster risk management laws and policies. This report is the result of the disaster law mapping initiative. [Click here to download](#)





## Disaster Law Mapping – Implementing AADMER: A Regional Stocktake

The IFRC partnered with ASEAN to explore the level of implementation of disaster preparedness and response commitments in AADMER against domestic disaster risk management laws and policies. This resulting research report, “ASEAN Disaster Law Mapping – Implementing AADMER: A Regional Stocktake” was circulated around ASEAN member states, national societies and ASEAN Secretariat. [Click here to download](#)



## Viet Nam Red Cross Society working towards school safety

This brochure highlights and maps Viet Nam Red Cross Society activities to support school safety, including the challenges and way forward. The activities are grouped following the three pillars of Comprehensive School Safety. This is part of a series of products highlighting the [School Safety Mapping Initiatives](#) in Southeast Asian countries. [Click here to download.](#)



## Preparing for disaster: Protecting girls and boys in disaster [Vietnamese version]

A disaster preparation guide for the younger audience with the aim to protect boys and girls in disasters. The product is made in 7 ASEAN languages. The Vietnamese version is available for download [here](#). A high-resolution version suitable for printing can be requested to [resiliencelibrary.ccstbkk@ifrc.org](mailto:resiliencelibrary.ccstbkk@ifrc.org).





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## Featured story

### IFRC Partners With Grab To Raise Fund Via Mobile Application



Grab and IFRC, on 6 February, announced a partnership to raise additional funds for supporting vulnerable communities, including those affected by disasters. The collaboration will enable Grab users to convert their loyalty points of “GrabRewards” into donations to the IFRC. Allowing donations via smartphone app is the first global fundraising initiative for the IFRC. This is the next chapter of Grab and the IFRC working together to find innovative ways to support the disaster-prone Southeast Asian region, following an earlier partnership in 2016. From 31 January onwards, Grab users in Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam can visit their GrabRewards catalogue and convert their points into donations, with just a tap

on their everyday app.

“Working together with the Red Cross and Red Crescent to fund their programs and help people in crisis or despair echoes our mission to drive Southeast Asia forward. Grab wants to stand together with IFRC in responding to disasters and making vulnerable people more resilient,” said Jason Thompson, Managing Director, GrabPay Southeast Asia. Click [here](#) for more information.