

Southeast Asia Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

# REGIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY AND RESILIENCE FORUM

Monthly Updates – **April 2018**



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Welcome to our April 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

### At Regional Level:

#### 15th Annual Southeast Asia Red Cross Red Crescent Leadership Meeting



*Photo credit: Malaysian Red Crescent*

The 15th Annual Southeast Asia Red Cross Red Crescent Leadership Meeting was held in Melaka, Malaysia, during 10-11 April 2018, hosted by the Malaysian Red Crescent Society with the support from the IFRC. The preparations for the Asia-Pacific Regional Conference to be held in Manila in November 2018 and the revised IFRC Strategy on engagement with ASEAN were among the discussion items on the agenda. The meeting was participated by the leaders from 11 Southeast Asia National Societies. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Highlight Updates from National Societies

### Indonesia

#### Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) Improves Capacity of WASH Team for Response to Banjarnegara's Quake



*Photo credit: Indonesian Red Cross*

To improve the capacity of WASH (Water Sanitation, and Hygiene Promotion) team personnel, the Indonesian Red Cross held a field water service simulation training on sanitation and hygiene promotion. Located in Salatiga City of Central Java, the training was attended by 37 participants from 14 provinces throughout Indonesia during 23-26 April 2018. The WASH team was part of the response operation in the aftermath of the 4.4-magnitude earthquake that struck Banjarnegara district on 18 April. With more than 4,000 residents having to leave their homes behind, the WASH team was mobilized to help meet the needs of the residents for water and sanitation. Click [here](#) to read full story by PMI.

#### Indonesian Red Cross Youth Trained to Become Pioneers in Promoting Hygiene



*Photo credit: Indonesian Red Cross*

The Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) conducted a leadership training for the Red Cross Youth of the Banjarnegara district with the aim of building their capacity to become agents of change and pioneers in promoting hygiene, disaster preparedness, and hygiene behaviour in school. Head of PMI for Banjarnegara district, Edi Purwanto, said the Indonesian Red Cross Youth Forum is an organization managed by PMI in each district and is expected to be able to contribute, positive participation and activities to assist PMI duties and functions within the schools. Click [here](#) to read full story by PMI.



## Malaysia

### Malaysian Red Crescent Conducts YABC Peer Educator Training



*Photo credit: Malaysian Red Crescent*

The Malaysian Red Crescent conducted the third training in series of the Youth as Agents of Behavioural Change (YABC) Peer Educator Training, which was held in Penang during 15-21 April 2018. A total of 21 youth members were trained to be peer educators in the YABC initiative.

Click [here](#) to read full story by Malaysian Red Crescent.

## Philippines

### Philippine Red Cross Sets Up First Aid Station to Assist 340 Families Affected by Fire



*Photo credit: Philippine Red Cross*

To assist some 340 families affected by the fire at Sta. Cruz, Manila on 27 April, the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) sets up First Aid Station and Welfare desk at Lope de Vega St. on 28 April. Hot meals were distributed to the affected individuals. To ensure systematic and swift operations, PRC Operations Centre, Response Team on the ground, and the PRC Chairman Richard Gordon coordinated together to mobilize 64 responders, 10 ambulances, and three fire trucks. Patients with minor injuries were treated and transported to nearby medical centres. Click [here](#) to read full story by Philippine Red Cross.

### Philippine Red Cross Conducts WASH Training of Trainers in Schools



*Photo credit: Philippine Red Cross*

In April, the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) conducted Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Promotion (WASH) Training of Trainers in schools, participated by PRC staff and volunteers from different chapters nationwide. This is part of PRC WASH Units preparation to scale its WASH in Schools program. Part of this training includes the children hygiene and sanitation transformation that is inclusive and adaptive to the WASH needs in vulnerable schools in the country. Click [here](#) to read full story by Philippine Red Cross.

## Singapore

### Singapore Red Cross to Organize Youth Humanitarian Camp



Photo credit: Singapore Red Cross

The Singapore Red Cross is inviting youth in the region to attend the three-day, two-night Youth Humanitarian Camp (YHLC) 2018 during 21-23 June 2018. At the camp, youth participants will be introduced to the world of humanitarian action and trained to become future humanitarian leaders. Incorporating simulations, role plays, activities and discussions, the camp exposes them to various social issues that will challenge youths' mental and physical norms. In addition to building their leadership skills, youth participants will also acquire useful life-saving and evacuation skills, as well as explore humanitarian law and participate in *Raid Cross* activity (a role-playing simulation activity). Click [here](#) for more information about the Youth Humanitarian Camp.

### Singapore Red Cross Co-Hosts Seminar 'A Resilient Southeast Asia'



Photo credit: Singapore Red Cross

Singapore Red Cross, together with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) organised *A Resilient Southeast Asia*, a Red Cross Red Crescent Seminar, on 24 April 2018. Organised to the theme of Singapore's chairmanship of ASEAN in 2018, the seminar brought together International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement actors with policy makers, academics, think tanks, and media to explore practical ways to build a resilient Southeast Asia community in the face of crisis or disasters. Click [here](#) for more information. The event can also be viewed on Facebook live ([part 1](#), [part 2](#), and [part 3](#)).

### Singapore Red Cross Launches Junior Programme for Pre-schoolers



Photo credit: Singapore Red Cross

Singapore Red Cross (SRC) and its early childhood education partner Kidz Meadow, on 20 April 2018, jointly launched the Red Cross Junior Club and its holistic curriculum - Project C.A.R.E, marking SRC's foray into learning programme development for and purposeful engagement of pre-school children. Guest-of-Honour Minister K. Shanmugam, Minister for Home Affairs & Law officiated the launch. Red Cross Junior offers a two-year activity-based curriculum, Project C.A.R.E; and a service-learning component where Juniors can partake in various volunteering activities and learning journeys. Project C.A.R.E focuses on Care for the Elderly; Care for the Differently Abled; and Care for Safety which centres on first aid. Click [here](#) for more information.



## Thailand

### Thai Red Cross Provides Relief Kits to People Affected by Tropical Storm



Relief kits distributed to people in Surin Province. Photo credit: Surin Health Station, Thai Red Cross

During 23-26 April 2018, tropical storms hit 20 provinces in north and northeast part of Thailand, affecting 1,042 household and 1,384 people. Thai Red Cross Health Stations in the affected provinces visited the affected families and provided them with relief kits.

Click [here](#) for more information.

### Thai Red Cross, IFRC Participate in Child Safety Integration Workshop



Representatives from the IFRC Country Cluster Support Team in Bangkok and the Thai Red Cross Society (TRCS) participated in the Child Safety Learning Integration Participatory Workshop, conducted by Save the Children Thailand during 23-24 April 2018 in Bangkok. The objective of this workshop was to provide feedback on the disaster risk reduction e-learning (School Safety), which was designed for teachers by the Office of the Basic Education Commission (OBEC). There were 30 participants from the Thailand School Safety Network (World Vision, Thai Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, IFRC, and TRCS) and teachers from Bangkok, Chiangrai, Yala, Pattani, and Narathiwat Provinces. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Viet Nam

### Viet Nam Red Cross, Women's Union Ink Agreement on Humanitarian Activities



Photo credit: Viet Nam News

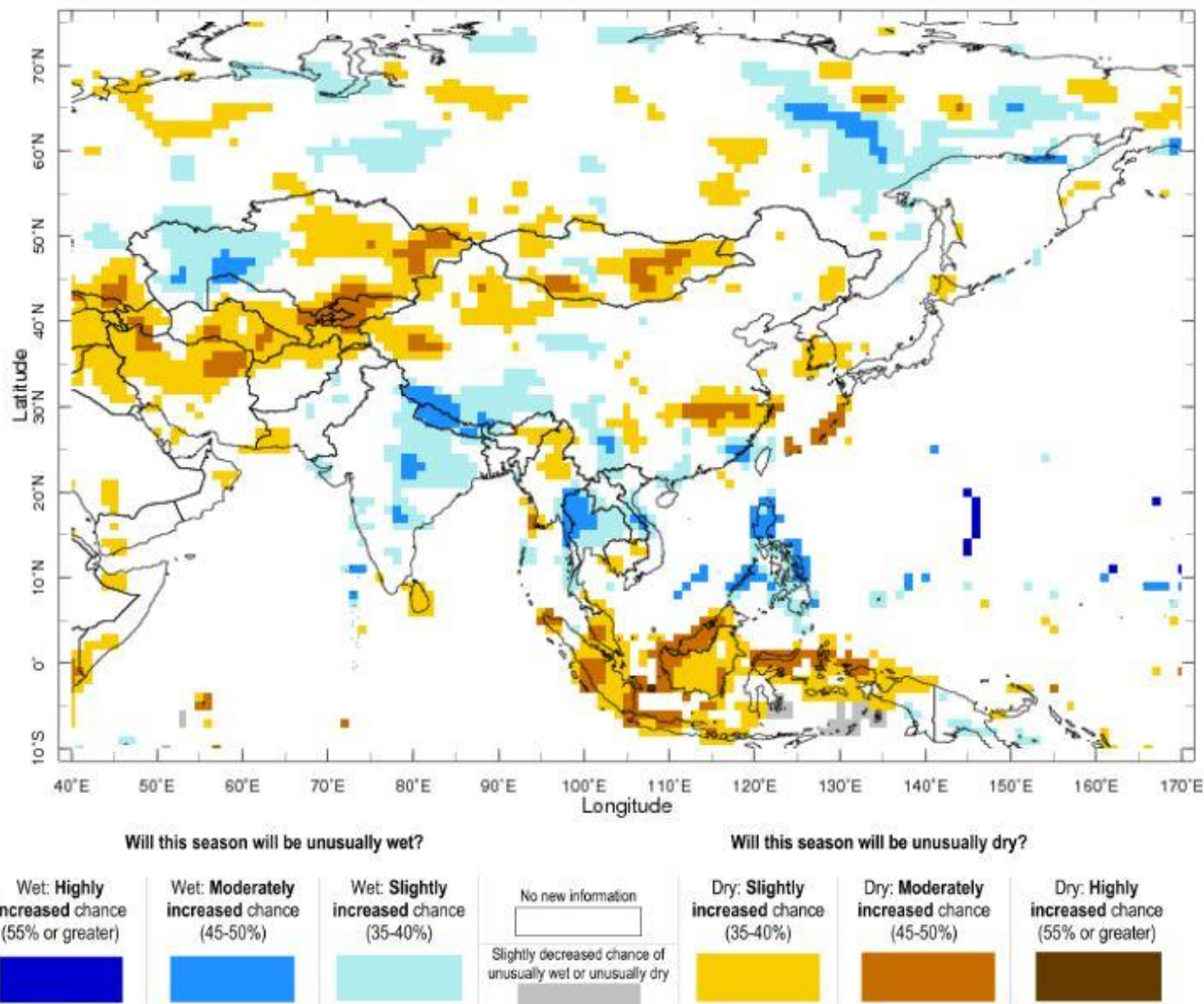
Viet Nam Red Cross and the Viet Nam Women's Union agreed to work together in social and humanitarian activities from 2018 to 2022 under the framework of a joint agreement which was signed on 16 April 2018. The collaboration aims to strengthen awareness and responsibility as well as collaboration activities of the two sides in the areas of charity, healthcare for the poor, and organisational development. The two sides will also work together in organising public healthcare initiatives, inspection and supervision programmes on social welfare policies and implementation of a joint programme called "Companion with frontier women" during 2018-2022. Click [here](#) to read full story by Viet Nam News.

## Seasonal Forecast

May - July 2018

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

Forecast for May-Jul 2018, Forecast Issued Apr 2018



Meteorological agency in the respective Southeast Asian countries:

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As expected, the ongoing La Niña is weakening. We expect a full transition to Neutral conditions during this March-May season. During the April-June season there is an enhanced chance of above-normal rainfall in the Philippines, parts of southeast Asia, and some countries in East Africa (see map for details). Below-normal rainfall is moderately likely in parts of southern South America, western U.S., northeastern Brazil, central Asia, and Indonesia. For countries that have a rainy season between April and June, please check the forecast map to see if it is likely the rainy season will likely be wetter or drier than usual. If you would like further guidance on how to interpret this forecast, please contact the IFRC Helpdesk at [ifrc@iri.columbia.edu](mailto:ifrc@iri.columbia.edu). The seasonal forecast below reflects the best available information of likely shifts in rainfall in the coming 3 months. This seasonal forecast should be closely monitored in conjunction with short-term, local forecasts from your national meteorological agency, which can provide more detailed information on what extreme events might happen during this season.

## Upcoming Events

Upcoming events for May to July 2018			
May	2 May	Roundtable on Regional Protection (by Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network)	Bangkok, Thailand
	2-3 May	ASEAN Consultation Meeting: Research Results of Gender-Based Violence Prevention and Response Before, During, and After Disaster in Indonesia, Lao PDR, and the Philippines	Jakarta, Indonesia
	7 May	Viet Nam Red Cross Holds Pre-Disaster Meeting	Hanoi, Vietnam
	7 May	Typhoon Damrey Operation Lessons Learned Workshop	Hanoi, Vietnam
	8 May	World Red Cross Red Crescent Day	
	11-16 May	74 <sup>th</sup> Session of Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	Bangkok, Thailand
	14-15 May	Bali Process Trafficking in Persons Working Group	Bangkok, Thailand
	14-15 May	ACDM Working Group on Knowledge and Information Management	Hanoi, Vietnam
	16 May	RRI Steering Committee Meeting	Bangkok, Thailand
	24 May	Orientation meeting on community drill	Singburi, Thailand
	25 May	ACDM Working Group meeting on prevention and mitigation	Bangkok, Thailand
	30-31 May	2 <sup>nd</sup> Asia Pacific Regional Dialogue Platform on Forecast-based Financing	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
	31 May – 1 Jun	Lao-Thai Cross-border meeting	Vientiane, Lao PDR
June	18-19 June	Asia Pacific Migration Network (APMN) Annual General Meeting	Bangkok, Thailand
	20-21 June	Cross-regional conference on Labour Migration (Asia Pacific-Middle East)	Bangkok, Thailand
	25 June	SGBV National Roundtable	Vientiane, Lao PDR
July	3-6 July	Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
	TBC	Southeast Asia G&D Network Meeting and Training	Bangkok, Thailand

## New Publications



### Joint Action for Prevention and Response to Sexual and Gender-based Violence: Training Curriculum and Supporting Documentation

This curriculum guide presents the information needed to run an introductory course on sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) issues and programmatic interventions in humanitarian emergency response. It will help the target audience to integrate SGBV interventions into all areas of work with an emphasis on emergencies. Click [here](#) to download.



## Featured Story

### Red Cross Livelihoods Cash Grant Programme for Better Life



*Photo credit: Myanmar Red Cross*

Khaing Yu Swe, 45, lives in the small village of Myint Nar with her family, a few kilometers up-river from the town of Sittwe, capital of Myanmar's troubled Rakhine state.

Her family's income relies on Khaing's hair-trading enterprise, a business supported by a Red Cross livelihoods cash grant as part of programme helping communities affected by flooding, violence and population movement in Rakhine. Click [here](#) to read more about how the cash grant helped Khaing Yu Swe generate income and eventually able to save for her future. *Source: Myanmar Red Cross*