

Southeast Asia Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

REGIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY AND RESILIENCE FORUM

Monthly Updates – May 2018



Cruz Vermelha de Timor-Leste (Timor-Leste Red Cross Society) [celebrated the World Red Cross Red Crescent Day on 8 May 2018.](#)

Welcome to our May 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:

Second Lao-Thai Red Cross Cross-Border Conference



Photo credit: Lao Red Cross

During 31 May – 1 June, Lao and Thai Red Cross organized the second Cross-border Conference in Vientiane, participated by six provincial chapters of the Thai Red Cross Society and seven chapters from the Lao Red Cross. The Conference reviewed progress achieved and collaboration since the first conference held in May 2016. The Conference discussed progress that has been made and a number of activities implemented including those supported by IFRC and ICRC. It was highlighted that the trust build over the last two years has been a major achievement and progress, and that the implementation in the next two years will be more effective. The future collaboration will be in the area of health, disaster management, blood services, and fundraising. Source: Lao Red Cross [Facebook page](#).

ASEAN Road to AMCDRR 2018 Workshop



During 30-31 May, IFRC and the Malaysian Red Crescent Youth (on behalf of the Southeast Asian Youth Network – SEAYN) attended the workshop titled “ASEAN Road to AMCDRR 2018” which was supported by the ASEAN Safe School Initiative (ASSI). The workshop was aimed at providing a platform for ASEAN Member States to discuss about the region’s participation at the ASEAN Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR), in the past and forthcoming, to determine regional key messages, discuss possible platforms to raise the messages or call for actions, strategies, preparations for white papers, statements, and policy briefs. Click [here](#) for more information on the event.

Bali Process Government and Civil Society Roundtable



On 14 – 15 May 2018, the Australian Red Cross and the IFRC, together with the Australian and Indonesian governments, co-hosted the first regional Government and Civil Society Roundtable as part of the State-led Bali Process. Representatives from six National Societies (Australian Red Cross, Bangladesh Red Crescent, Maldivian Red Crescent, Nepal Red Cross, Pakistan Red Crescent, and Philippine Red Cross), ICRC and IFRC were joined by representatives from 13 governments and national and regional Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and international agencies. At the end of the Roundtable, it was agreed that effective cooperation between governments and CSOs is key to prevent and address human trafficking and serious forms of labor exploitation. Click [here](#) for more information.

ASEAN Consultation Meeting on SGBV Research Results



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During 2-3 May, an inter-sectoral consultation meeting was held to discuss the results as well as the recommendations from the research on Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV) in disasters within ASEAN, which was conducted in Indonesia, Lao PDR, and the Philippines. The consultation meeting was participated by IFRC, relevant ASEAN bodies, as well as partner international organizations. The objectives of the consultation were to provide a platform for sharing of research methodology, presenting results, and developing recommendations on the issues to be addressed as well as way forward for promotion of the welfare and protection of the rights of women and girls in disasters at ASEAN level. Click [here](#) for more information about the event.

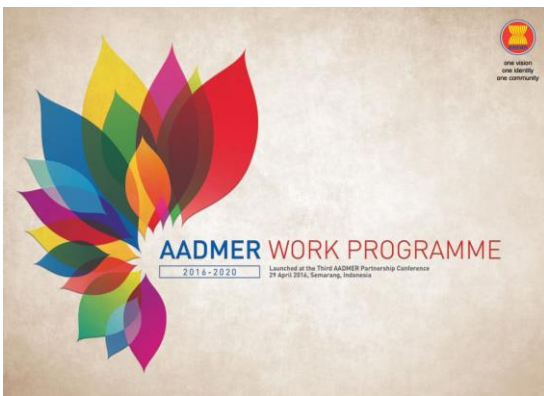
ASEAN Disaster Law Mapping Launched in Jakarta



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The ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM), and the IFRC officially launched a report titled “ASEAN Disaster Law Mapping – Implementing AADMER: A Regional Stocktake” on 2 May 2018 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The report contains the first ever mapping of legal provisions supporting national and regional preparedness and response mechanisms in the domestic laws of 10 ASEAN member states. The legal mapping was guided by the minimum standards set in the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER). Click [here](#) to read the full story.

IFRC Reports on Red Cross Red Crescent Contribution to AADMER Work Programme 2016-2020



In May 2018, IFRC was invited to two technical working group meetings of the ACDM, where it reported on its collective contribution to the AADMER Work Programme 2016-2020.

On 15 May 2018, at the Working Group meeting on Knowledge and Innovation Management (KIM) held in Hanoi (Viet Nam), IFRC reported on its contribution to the AHA Centre Executive (ACE) programme, the ASEAN Standardization and Certification for Experts in Disaster Management (ASCEND) as well as showcased the Resilience Library as a tool to knowledge sharing among policy-makers and practitioners. The presentation used in the meeting is available [here](#).

On 25 May 2018, at the Working Group meeting on Prevention and Mitigation (P&M) held in Bangkok (Thailand), IFRC reported on the SGBV in disasters research, the Disaster Law mapping and the School Safety mapping. It also presented a concept note for an Academic Seminar on Disaster Risk Governance to be held in September 2018. The presentation used in the meeting is available [here](#).

In addition, IFRC has been promoting youth engagement in school safety (and beyond), which was also presented in another sectoral body of ASEAN in May: the Senior Official Meeting on Youth (SOMY). A representative from the SEA Youth Network highlighted the potential for youth in ASEAN countries and

discussed with members on potential future collaborations, including in using the Youth as Agents of Behavioural Change (YABC) approach more widely in the region. The presentation used in the meeting is available [here](#).

Highlight Updates from National Societies

Cambodia

Cambodian Red Cross Society Conducts Youth Training on Road Safety for People With Disabilities



Photo credit: Cambodian Red Cross

On 9 May, the Cambodian Red Cross (CRC) Kampot Red Cross Branch conducted a dissemination course on “Disability Inclusive into Road Safety activities” to the Red Cross Youth, Youth advisors, school principle, and students (65 persons in total, of which 56 were female), at Hun Sen Trosek Koung high school, Toeuk Chhou District in Kampot Province. The course aimed to strengthen the capacity of participants and raising awareness on road safety in order to reduce the number of deaths and disabilities caused by road accidents, and to further disseminate the information to wider group of people in the community. Source: [CRC Facebook Page](#).

Indonesia

Indonesian Red Cross Coordinates Disaster Management Plan Ahead of Mount Merapi Eruption



Photo credit: Indonesian Red Cross

Prior to the eruption of Mount Merapi, Indonesia Red Cross (PMI) Central Java Province coordinated disaster management plan along with the PMI branches of Klaten, Boyolali, Magelang, Magelang and Surakarta cities on 24 May. PMI had prepared volunteers who were trained in evacuation, asesment (data collection), common kitchen, logistics management, psychosocial, and Restoring Family Links (RFL) during emergencies. Tens of thousands of masks were distributed to communities in Boyolali, Klaten and Magelang cities. Mount Merapi has erupted on 24 May and 1 June. Click [here](#) to read the full story by PMI.

Indonesian Red Cross WASH Staff Take Competency Test for Certification



Photo credit: Indonesian Red Cross

A total of 20 Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) staff and volunteers in charge of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Promotion (WASH) have taken a competency test and received certification from the National Certification Board. The certification process took place during 28 March to 2 May. The process is part of PMI’s inter-regional capacity building program where all WASH officers, coordinators, and managers are tested through stages of pre-assessments and competency tests. Partners of PMI are also eligible to take the test to improve theirs disaster management capability. Click [here](#) to read full story by PMI.

Lao PDR

Lao Red Cross Conducts First Aid Training



Photo credit: Lao Red Cross

Lao Red Cross conducted a first aid training during 21-25 May at its National Headquarter. The training was given by first aid trainers from the Thai Red Cross Society, and attended by Red Cross staff from the headquarter and the provincial chapters, as well as volunteers. Source: Lao Red Cross [Facebook page](#).

Lao Red Cross Receives New Mobile Blood Donation Bus, Equipment



Photo credit: [Thai Red Cross Society](#)

Lao Red Cross received an 8-bed mobile blood collection bus as well as the 24,000 units of 350-millilitre blood bags and 2,572 bottles of blood typing solutions as donation from the Thai Red Cross Society. The handover ceremony was held in Vientiane, Lao PDR on 1 June. The donation was part of the cooperation agreement between the two National Societies. Source: Lao Red Cross [Facebook Page](#).

Philippines

Philippine Red Cross Integrates Menstrual Hygiene Management in WASH

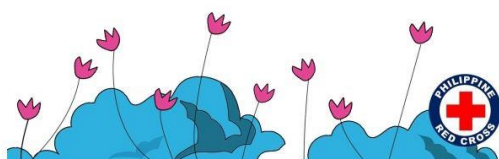


Photo credit: Philippine Red Cross

To break the stigma on menstruation, the Philippine Red Cross (PRC), for the first time, promoted Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) by integrating good menstrual hygiene in its water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programs in schools, local chapters, and communities. Empowering women and girls is one of the main goals of PRC's WASH program of massive information dissemination sessions and workshops on good menstrual hygiene and social media campaigns. A kick-off workshop was held for selected PRC staff on implementing MHM in schools, communities, and even during emergencies.

PRC, through the use of social media, debunks Filipino folk beliefs about menstruation and promotes proper menstrual hygiene. Click [here](#) to read the full story by PRC.

Philippine Red Cross RCAT Health Training of Trainers



Photo credit: Philippine Red Cross

To strengthen the competence of Chapter-Based Health Volunteers in basic health services to communities and health response during disasters and emergencies, the Red Cross Action Team (RCAT) joins hands with IFRC in holding RCAT Health Training of Trainers in Tagaytay City during 21-25 May. Thirty health volunteers from Apayao, Batangas, Benguet, Bohol, Cavite, Lapu-Lapu, Manila, Marikina, Pampanga, Pasay, Quezon City, Quirino, Rizal, Romblon, Southern Leyte, and Valenzuela chapters actively participate in the training. Source: Philippine Red Cross [Facebook page](#).

Singapore

Singapore Red Cross Holds ‘Diplomatic Night’ Fundraising Event

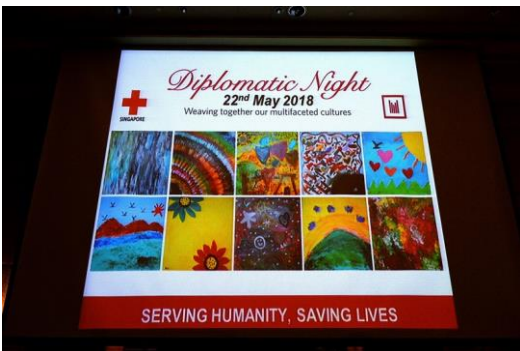


Photo credit: [Singapore Tatler](#)

The Singapore Red Cross (SRC) hosted its first Diplomatic Night on 22 May, a fundraising event that brings together members of the diplomatic community from more than 40 countries. At the event, SRC exhibited its local and international humanitarian efforts, and hold a silent auction of 10 paintings by residents of Red Cross Home for the Disabled to raise funds for community services such as ElderAid, FoodAid, and TransportAid which aimed at uplifting vulnerable Singaporeans. Click [here](#) to read the full story by Singapore Red Cross.

Singapore Red Cross Launches Series of ‘Nurse’s Journey’



Photo credit: Singapore Red Cross

Singapore Red Cross (SRC) staff with nursing backgrounds shared their myriad experiences applying their nursing skills in a humanitarian setting at “The Series of a Nurse’s Journey” on 11 May. Organised by SRC’s Nurses Network, the networking cum capacity building session was attended by volunteer nurses and members of the Singapore Nurses Association.

Thailand

Thai Red Cross Society Acquires Mobile Medical Clinic To Assist People in Remote Areas



Photo credit: IFRC CCST Bangkok

Thai Red Cross Society has acquired a mobile medical clinic vehicle that will enable its health station in northern provinces of Thailand to provide medical assistance and primary health care to communities in mountainous and remote areas. The operation will be managed by Chiangmai Red Cross Chapter No. 3 and Chiangmai health station, covering eight provinces. The mobile clinic will also provide health screening (for Diabetes/Hypertension), nursing care, wound dressing, vaccination/ injection, family planning, counselling, health education, home visits for vulnerable people. It will assist approximately 5,000 beneficiaries. Click [here](#) for more information.

Thai Red Cross Society Visits Community To Learn Disaster Risk Reduction Best Practices



Photo credit: Thai Red Cross Society

On 31 May, the Thai Red Cross Society, led by Lt. Gen. Dr. Amnat Barlee, Director of Relief and Community Health Bureau (RCHB), conducted a study visit to a community in Khok Kham Subdistrict, Mueang Samut Sakhon district, Samut Sakhon Province to learn about its best practices in disaster risk reduction. Click [here](#) for more information.

Timor-Leste

Cruz Vermelha de Timor-Leste Raises Awareness on Safe Use of Zebra Crossing



Photo credit: CVTL

As the roads improve across Timor-Leste, zebra Crossings are being put in. Cruz Vermelha de Timor-Leste (CVTL) carries out regular trainings in all branches to help volunteers and communities learn how to use zebra crossing safely. The activity is being done in collaboration with the police and is gradually raising an awareness about safety in crossing roads. The Covalima Branch of CVTL, both staff and volunteers, held a Zebra Crossing Education Campaign recently at a local market, hospital, café, and schools. The Zebra Crossing Campaign was done in cooperation with the police including the Transit Police Commander and his staff. This activity achieved great success as it involved many people from the community and motorists. Click [here](#) for more information.

New Publications



Indonesian Red Cross Society: Integrating Community Engagement and Accountability in Emergency Operations

This case study documents the key achievements and experiences of CEA in an emergency from the 2016 earthquake operation in Pidie Jaya, Aceh. It also features the recommendations for organisational policy change relating to an emergency operation to better prepare for and respond to future crises in Indonesia and more broadly, in the region.

The case study is available for download in [high-resolution](#) and [low-resolution](#).



Household Water Treatment and Safe Storage in Emergencies: A field manual for Red Cross/Red Crescent personnel and volunteers

The manual is aimed at raising awareness about the benefit of household water treatment and water storage, as well as providing guideline on effective implementation of water treatment and water storage. The document is available in [English](#), [Bahasa Indonesia](#), [Chinese](#), [Burmese](#), [Vietnamese](#), and recently in [Khmer](#) languages.

Upcoming Events

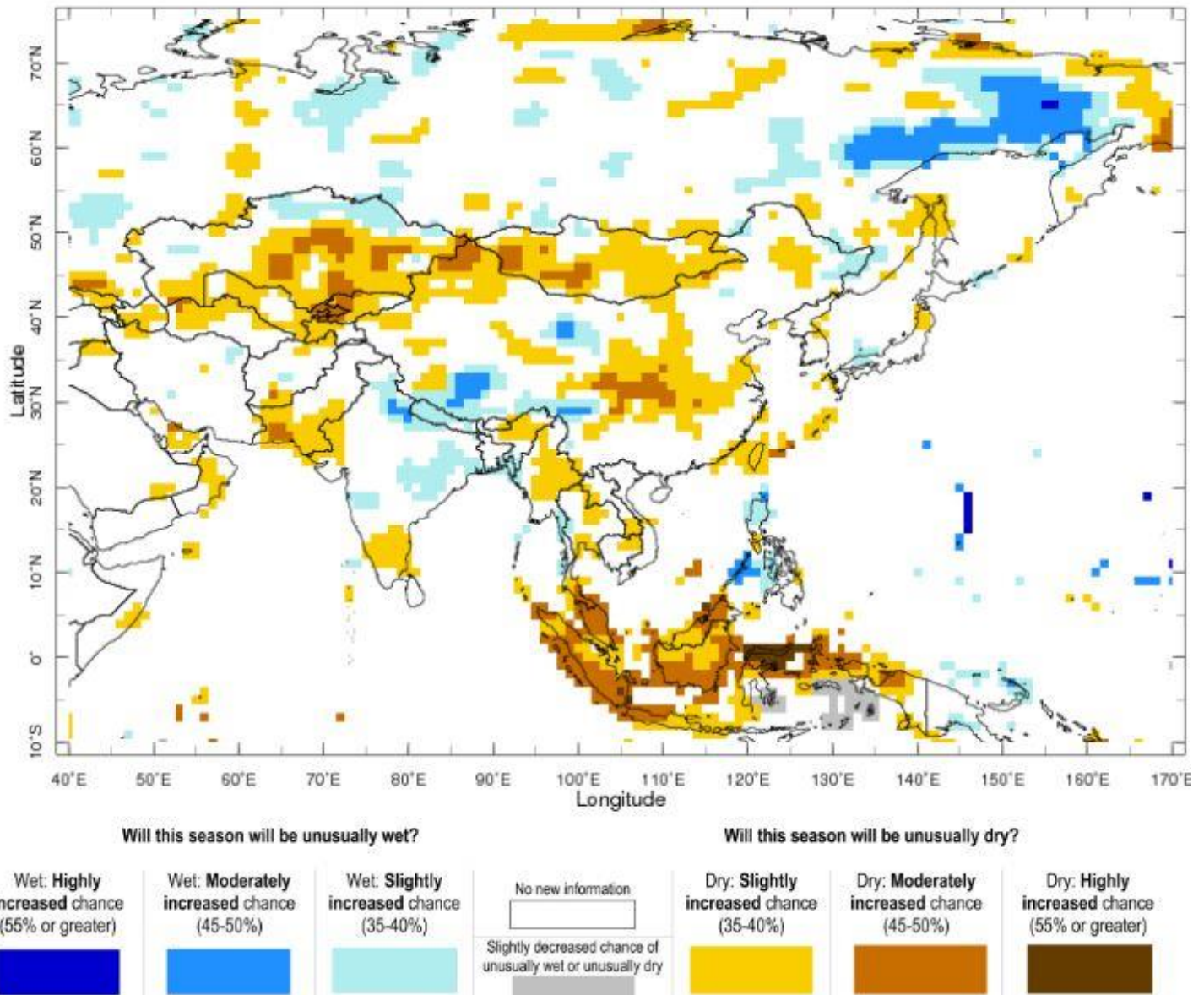
Upcoming events for June to August 2018			
June	7-8 June	CBDRR Training	Singburi, Thailand
	18-19 June	Asia Pacific Migration Network (APMN) Annual General Meeting	Bangkok, Thailand
	19 June	First meeting of the Disaster Law drafting committee	Vientiane, Lao PDR
	20-21 June	Cross-regional conference on Labour Migration (Asia Pacific-Middle East)	Bangkok, Thailand
	26 June	SGBV National Roundtable	Vientiane, Lao PDR
	28 June	ACDM Partnership Conference	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
	27-29 June	Youth Empowerment in Community (YEC) training	Vientiane, Lao PDR
July	3-6 July	Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
	10-12 July	Southeast Asia G&D Network Meeting and Training	Bangkok, Thailand
	26 July	Lao Red Cross Law National Dissemination Workshop	Vientiane, Lao PDR
	(TBC)	VNRC's SGBV Data Collector Training	Quy Nhon, Binh Dinh, Viet Nam
	(TBC)	VNRC's SGBV Data Collector Training	Ben Tre, Viet Nam
	(TBC)	Financial Capacity Training	Vientiane, Lao PDR
	(2 nd week)	Workshop on Legislative Advocacy Toolkit	Philippines
August	(4 th week)	Meeting on Housing, Land, and Property Strategy	Philippines
	20-24 August	ACE Programme 2018 – Red Cross Red Crescent Induction Training	Jakarta, Indonesia

Seasonal Forecast

June – August 2018

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

Forecast for Jun-Aug 2018, Forecast Issued May 2018



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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 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.