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IFRC Strategic Engagement with ASEAN

1. ASEAN Summit 2017 (Manila) Statements
2. ASEAN-IFRC MoU under negotiation process
3. Joint strategic planning with the AHA Centre
4. ASEAN Coalition for Resilience

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT OF THE 31st ASEAN SUMMIT, 13 NOVEMBER 2017, MANILA, PHILIPPINES

In line with the goal of enhancing ASEAN's resiliency, we looked forward to the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on Engagement between ASEAN and the IFRC which will allow both sides to work closer and in a more coordinated way. We also commended the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management for the work done on behalf of ASEAN.



ASEAN STATEMENT ON THE ENGAGEMENT WITH RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES (12 November 2017)

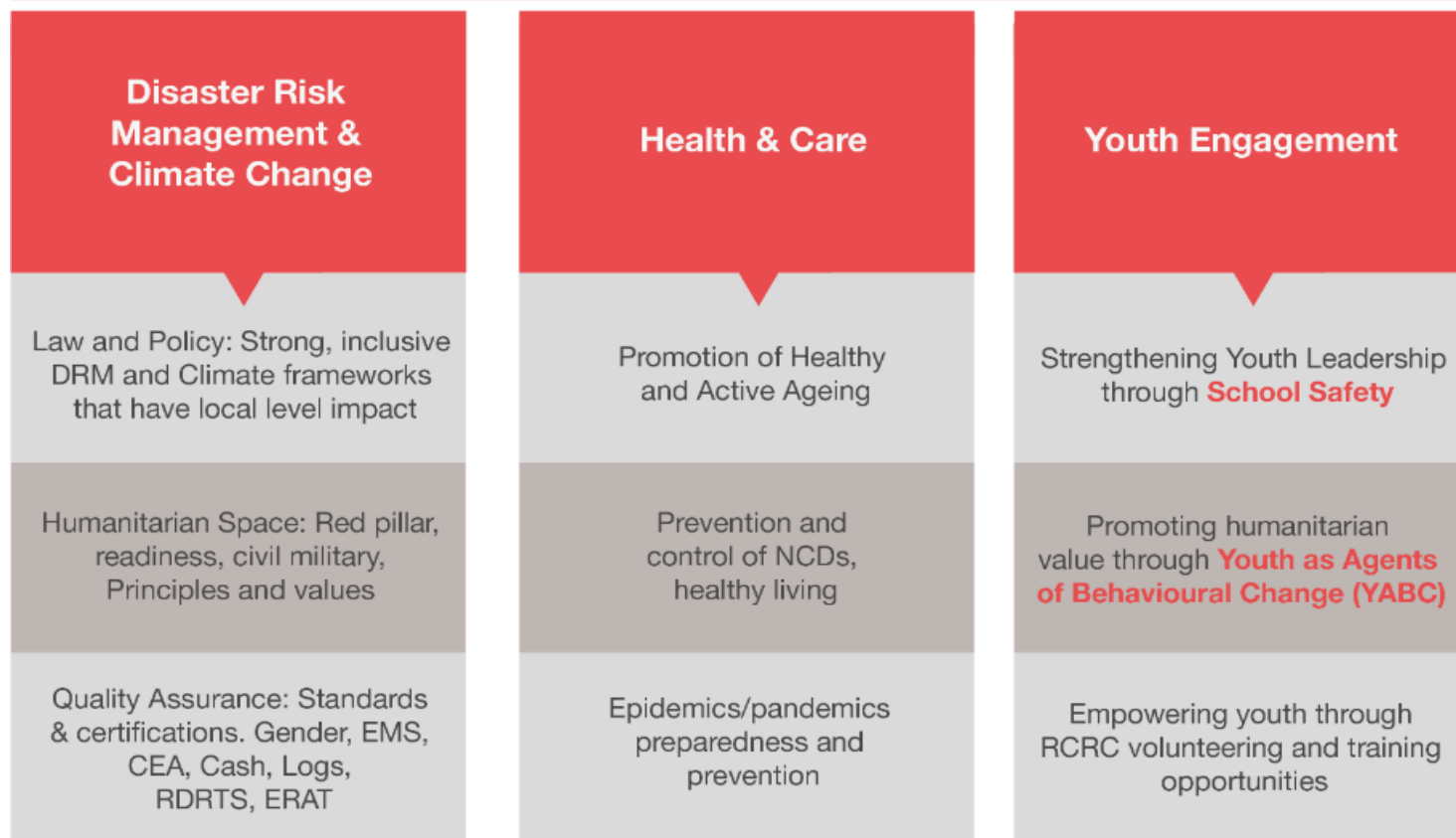
*ASEAN recognizes the unique role and service of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in humanitarian endeavours, which is in line with the vision of “**One ASEAN, One Response**” of building a safer and disaster-resilient region through a united and synergistic approach among ASEAN Member States and various stakeholders.*



ASEAN Coalition for Resilience (ACfR)

- A **platform** to mobilize civil society, private sector, academia, NGOs, governments and regional organisations to contribute, significantly to the building of a resilient ASEAN
- Based on **common commitments** to effective collaboration and innovation
- Echoing ASEAN commitment to expand a **Culture of Prevention**
- Demonstrating the **power of partnerships** and shared engagement to generate practical, collective and scalable impact in key major areas

ASEAN Coalition for Resilience



Protection, gender and inclusion is a cross-cutting priority

Key contributions to AADMER Work Programme implementation

In the past year

Focus on the following priorities:

- BUILD SAFELY
- ADVANCE
- PROTECT
- RESPOND AS ONE
- EQUIP
- LEAD



BUILD SAFELY : School Safety mapping




Myanmar Red Cross Society
Working towards
School Safety

Since its establishment in 1937, the Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) works to promote a more healthy and safe environment for the people of the country, giving priority to the most vulnerable communities and individuals. The MRCS delivers services through a well-established network of 330 township branches with more than 44,000 active volunteers, and through the establishment of 184 Red Cross Youth committees with 1,320 active youth members.

In implementing school safety initiatives, the MRCS benefits from its strong partnerships with both the Relief and Resettlement Department (responsible for Disaster Management) and the Ministry of Education. MRCS is able to coordinate committees not only at the national level, but also through day-to-day cooperation at township level.

Through various activities, the MRCS contributes to the three pillars of the Comprehensive School Safety Framework. Activities in schools are embedded into more general programmes implemented after emergencies or as development initiatives and covering various sectors such as disaster risk reduction, health, water and sanitation, livelihoods and youth empowerment.



- **Objective:** document existing Red Cross Red Crescent engagement in schools across ASEAN countries
- Data collection by youth volunteers in each country
- Mapping based on the Comprehensive School Safety Framework
- National snapshots and overall publication for the 10 countries

ADVANCE : ASEAN Peer to Peer Learning / Disaster Law and Policy Platform

(Concept Note endorsed at ACDM meeting in Vientiane in April 2017)

“strengthening institutional capacity and policy frameworks for effective implementation of DRR and CCA actions.”

First activity : ASEAN Disaster Law Mapping (2017)

- Outputs: Regional mapping report and compiled DL country profiles on regional and domestic preparedness and response provisions as provided in AADMER. These come with an updateable [online resource platform](#) hosted by IFRC Resilience Library.
- Regional report contains recommendations for peer learning
- Online resource platform contains: country profiles, thematic analysis, regional snapshot, & legal resources
- Reports and website officially launched on 02 May 2018



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Second activity : ASEAN Disaster Law Academic Seminar (September 2018)

Modality: 2 or 3-day regional seminar co-hosted by IFRC & ASEAN-based academic institution. Seminar will be based on academic papers selected by a “review committee”. Access the call for papers [here](#).

Theme: “Effective legal frameworks for inclusive and climate smart disaster risk governance”

Outcome: Enhance knowledge sharing on different climate smart DRM policies & tools implemented across ASEAN, based on best practices in the region, for the benefit of policy-makers and other relevant stakeholders

Target participants: academics and students from academic institutions in ASEAN, NDMO staff, non-government DRM practitioners, Red Cross Red Crescent national societies, legislative drafters

PROTECT : Gender-Based Violence in Disasters

(Concept Note endorsed at ACDM meeting in Vientiane in April 2017)

Key contribution to *“ensuring social protection and establishing social safety nets in the context of disasters.”*

- Research conducted in **Indonesia, Lao PDR and the Philippines**
- Initial report shared at the ASEAN [Consultation Meeting](#) held in Jakarta on 2-3 May 2018
- Final report coming soon

Next steps:

- Follow-up of recommendations at regional and country levels
- Expansion of the research to Cambodia and Viet Nam



RESPOND AS ONE : AJDRP, Civil-Military Relations, OAOR Review

- Technical cooperation with AHA Centre, creating mutual understanding of respective policy framework & SOPs (in particular in mainstreaming Protection, Gender and Inclusion)
- IFRC contributes to the ASEAN Joint Disaster Response Plan (AJDRP)
- IFRC engagement in civil-military coordination
- Participation in national and regional simulation exercises



EQUIP: Participation in ERAT training

- IFRC contributes by supporting participants from National Societies in ASEAN (11 trained in total)
- IFRC supports the simulation exercise (planning and implementation)
- ERAT deployments to date in Myanmar as well as during simulation exercises



LEAD: ACE Programme, ASCEND and Knowledge Management



- Annual contribution to the **ACE programme** in partnership with PMI and the ICRC
- Technical support to **ASCEND** on the **Shelter** component, as part of IFRC's global commitment to convene the Global Shelter Cluster and co-lead the Indonesian National Shelter Sub-Cluster.
- Resilience Library as a **knowledge hub** among Red Cross Red Crescent and key partners (including ASEAN) in the region



Key next steps for 2018-2019



Strategic level

1. Sign the ASEAN-IFRC MoU and launch the ASEAN Coalition for Resilience
2. Finalize the joint plan of action with the AHA Centre
3. As required, provide technical support to the AADMER review as well as the AADMER work programme 2016-2020 M&E

Upcoming technical collaborations

1. Induction course under ACE programme (August)
2. Disaster Risk Governance Academic Seminar (September Thailand)
3. SGBV research in Cambodia and Viet Nam (July – September)
4. Joint activities with AHA Centre on PGI mainstreaming
5. Participation in ARDEX Indonesia (November)



Thank you for your attention !

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Thank you

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