

Southeast Asia Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

REGIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY AND RESILIENCE FORUM

Monthly Updates – **June 2018**



The Thai Red Cross Society (TRCS) is preparing to send a medical unit to assist displaced people as well as local people in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh in August 2018, following the recommendation by TRCS assessment team dispatched to Cox's Bazar during 4-7 June 2018.

Welcome to our June 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:

Call for Papers: 2018 Southeast Asia Disaster Risk Governance Academic Seminar



A call for paper was launched on 18 June to invite interested applicants based in Southeast Asia to submit abstracts under the theme “Effective legal frameworks for inclusive and climate smart disaster risk governance”. Authors of shortlisted abstracts shall be notified to submit their papers. Successful applicants will be invited to attend the *2018 Southeast Asia Disaster Risk Governance Academic Seminar* jointly organized by the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM), IFRC, and Thammasat University during 24-25 September 2018, in Bangkok. Click [here](#) for more information.

ASEAN To Mainstream Gender Perspective in Disaster Management Strategies



Photo credit: ASEAN

Leaders from ASEAN National Disaster Management Organizations discussed, among others, about setting priorities for women in disaster management during the 32nd Meeting of the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) held on 26-28 June in Kuala Lumpur. Considering that women were disproportionately affected both during and after disasters, the ACDM acknowledged the important component of women inclusiveness in disaster response planning and management. The meeting also agreed to pursue new initiatives on women, peace and security and strengthening efforts in promoting

gender mainstreaming on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation. During the meeting, IFRC also reported on its contributions to the ASEAN Agreement Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) work plan 2016-2020, as part of the annual ACDM Partnership Conference on 28 June 2018. IFRC also had side meetings with various partners, including the AHA Centre. Click [here](#) to read full story.

Red Cross Red Crescent Conference on Labour Migration



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The Red Cross Red Crescent Conference on Labour Migration was held in Bangkok, Thailand from 20 to 21 June 2018, bringing together Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies and external partners to discuss recent developments and exchange knowledge and experience under the theme of humanitarian assistance, protection and advocacy for migrant workers. This includes those particularly most at risk including women and children. Click [here](#) to view messages from the conference participants, and click [here](#) for more information.

IFRC's [new report](#) “Addressing the Humanitarian Consequences of Labour Migration and Trafficking: The Role of Asia Pacific National Societies” was also launched during the event.

Highlight Updates from National Societies

Brunei Darussalam

BDRCS Takes Part in National Road Safety Awareness Campaign



Photo credit: Borneo Bulletin

Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) joined forces with the Brunei National Road Safety, Council Ministry of Home Affairs, and Ministry of Communications in launching a road safety awareness campaign at seven selected locations in the country simultaneously in June 2018. The campaign is held every year ahead of Hari Raya Aidilfitri festival period and aims to increase alertness among the public, especially road users. At various locations in the country, the campaign urged motorists to drive courteously and cautiously during Hari Raya Aidilfitri celebration (15-19 June). Click [here](#) to read full story published on Borneo Bulletin.

Cambodia

Cambodian Red Cross Conducts Healthy Aging Training in Kampot Province



Photo credit: Cambodian Red Cross

On 26 June, the Cambodian Red Cross (CRC) Kampot Red Cross Branch conducted a dissemination training on Healthy Ageing to 20 elderly peoples (13 females) in the community in collaboration with the Health Centre and Red Cross Sub Branch in Bos Trabek Village, Trapaing Pring Commune, Teuk Chhou District, Kampot Province. The dissemination was expected to provide insight into healthcare and raise awareness among those who care for the elderly in the community. Source: [CRC Facebook Page](#).

Indonesia

Indonesian Red Cross Conducts Emergency Response/Relief After Mount Agung Eruption



Photo credit: Indonesian Red Cross

On 28 June 2018, Mount Agung, located in Karangasem, Bali, erupted once again with smoke as high as 1,500 meters. Resident around the mountain reportedly began to evacuate to a safe place. The Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) has monitored the activity of Mount Agung and coordinated with a number of agencies in identifying danger zones and assist people evacuate to safe areas. Click [here](#) to read the full story by PMI.

Lao PDR

Lao Red Cross Holds Meeting on SGBV Prevention, Response



Photo credit: Lao Red Cross

After the completion of the research on Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) Prevention and Response During Disasters, Lao Red Cross held a roundtable meeting on 26 June 2018 to review the results and recommendations of the research. The meeting provided a platform for consultation with both governmental and non-governmental actors working in disaster management and/or working on GBV prevention and response to follow up on the recommendations that emerged from the SGBV research, draft a workplan for stakeholders to implement based on the recommendations, and provide suggestions for monitoring and evaluating the work plan. The meeting was attended by 33 persons (18 female and 15 male). Source: Lao Red Cross [Facebook page](#).

Philippines

Philippine Red Cross Conducts CBHFA Training for Senior Health Volunteers



Photo credit: Philippine Red Cross

The Philippine Red Cross (PRC) conducted a scaled-up training of trainers (TOT) on Community-based Health and First Aid (CBHFA) for its senior health volunteers before they begin conducting their own community-level CBHFA training. The TOT focused on Community Organizing, Community Assessment and Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment, Life Saving and Health Monitoring Skills, and Delivery of Key Messages on Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. Quezon City, Malabon, Rizal, Cagayan, Abra, San Pablo, Camarines Sur, Romblon and Cavite chapters participated this training which was supported by IFRC. Source: [PRC Facebook Page](#).

Philippine Red Cross Trains Nurses on First Aid, Basic Life Support Skills



Photo credit: Philippine Red Cross

The Philippine Red Cross (PRC) has produced its pioneer batch of graduates of its Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program offering to nurses. CPD is an accredited program led by the Philippines' Professional Regulation Commission. Trained graduates are now more equipped with knowledge and skills to provide First Aid and Basic Life Support to those who are in need. The 25.5 CPD units they earned can be used as a requirement in renewing their licenses. Source: [PRC Facebook page](#).

Singapore

Singapore Red Cross Honours Blood Donors on World Blood Donation Day



Photo credit: Singapore Red Cross

Thousands gathered to celebrate the achievements of 1,720 blood donors at the 15th World Blood Donor Day and Champion Blood Donor Recognition Ceremony, held at Gardens by the Bay on 23 June. Jointly organised by the Singapore Red Cross (SRC) and the Health Sciences Authority (HSA), the appreciation event was graced by Guest-of-Honour Mr Ong Ye Kung, Minister for Education. Blood donors form the backbone of Singapore's National Blood Programme, and maintaining a sustainable blood supply is crucial to meeting the country's transfusion needs. In 2017, 73,100 donors collectively contributed more than 116,000 units of blood, benefitting more than 32,000 patients in Singapore. Click [here](#) to read full story by SRC.

Thailand

Thai Red Cross Society to Deploy Medical Unit to Cox's Bazar



Photo credit: Thai Red Cross Society

The Thai Red Cross Society (TRCS) is preparing to send a medical unit to assist displaced people as well as local people in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. At the initiative of the Royal Thai Embassy in Dhaka, an assessment team was dispatched to Cox's Bazar from 4-7 June 2018. The TRCS assessment team assessed the medical needs and located the areas where the medical unit deployment would be of utmost benefit. The team surveyed altogether five health facilities in Cox's Bazar Sadar, Teknaf, and Ukhia. TRCS is set to deploy the medical unit in late August in its initial phase, focusing on mother and child health care which will serve the most vulnerable group among the displaced people. Click [here](#) to read full story by TRCS.

Thai Red Cross Society Officially Opens Elderly Health Promotion and Rehabilitation Centre



Photo credit: Thai Red Cross Society

The Thai Red Cross Society (TRCS) officially opened its Elderly Health Promotion and Rehabilitation Centre in Chonburi Province on 14 June 2018. The Elderly Health Promotion and Rehabilitation Center was established in accordance with Queen Savang Vadhana Memorial Hospital's concept of developing health care service models for the elderly in Thailand. The centre caters to *older* people (60 years and older), as well as people in the age group of 50-60. The centre also provides training to the carers of the elderly to raise awareness about how to care for older people in different age groups. Click [here](#) to read full story by TRCS.

Thai Red Cross Society Conducts Community Drill Exercise in Singburi



Photo credit: Thai Red Cross Society

During 5 to 7 June 2018, Thai Red Cross Society (TRCS) together with representative from three communities in Singburi Province conducted the community drill exercise which is part of the Community-based Disaster Risk Reduction activity of the *Enhancing Disaster Risk Reduction Capacity Project*, implemented by TRCS and supported by IFRC. The objective of the community drill is to test the disaster management system including the early warning system, evacuation plan, as well as to test the response capacity of the community before, during and after disaster.

Approximated 70 people from each community including local government, such as sub district office, district officer, DDPM, and Red Cross Chapter participated in this event.

Timor-Leste

Cruz Vermelha Timor-Leste Conducts Search, Rescue Simulation Exercises



Photo credit: Cruz Vermelha Timor-Leste

Cruz Vermelha Timor-Leste (Timor-Leste Red Cross – CVTL) participated in a 5-day intensive training in Search and Rescue simulation exercises led by the Indonesian Red Cross and Timor-Leste Fire Brigade. The exercise focused on building several skills including biomechanical trauma and evacuation, Collapsed Structure Search and Rescue, chainsaw use, ascent and descent techniques, firefighting, road accident rescue, and vertical rescue. Read full story by CVTL [here](#) and view the video of the exercise [here](#).

Viet Nam

Viet Nam Red Cross Society Conducts Emergency Response to Flood, Landslide Victims in Northern Provinces



Photo credit: Viet Nam Red Cross

Between 22 to 24 June, torrential rains (323 millimetre-high within 48 hours) caused widespread flooding and destructive landslide in Northern provinces of Viet Nam, of which Lai Chau and Ha Giang Provinces were the most affected. As many as 24 people were killed, nine missing, and 18 injured. Hundreds of houses have reportedly collapsed and washed-away. The Viet Nam Red Cross (VNRC) has provided two rounds of cash support as well as hygiene kits to the families in Ha Giang and Lai Chau. VNRC Relief and Disaster Management team provided on-site support during 26-29 June. Click [here](#) to read full story by VNRC.

Viet Nam Red Cross Hosts Cash Transfer Programme Training of Trainers



Photo credit: Viet Nam Red Cross

A Cash Transfer Programme (CTP) training of trainers has been organized by the Viet Nam Red Cross (VNRC) between 18 and 22 June 2018 in Ha Noi with participation of 17 people (6 female) from 16 provinces and one from the VNRC HQ. The training focused on i) refresher on CTP basis using IFRC-CaLP training material, ii) introduction of VNRC CTP guidelines, iii) theory for adult learning, and iv) a recapitulation by participants. At the end of the training, the participants were tested on their understanding. Those with passing scores were included in the CTP roster to be deployed as future trainers.

Featured Story

Cruz Vermelha Timor-Leste Promote Youth Programme on National Television

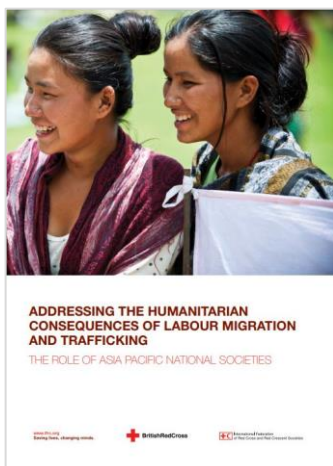


Photo credit: Cruz Vermelha Timor-Leste

Eleven youth volunteers from Viqueque Branch entered the “Timor-Leste’s Talented Youth” programme on Timor-Leste national television *RTTL*. The group performed five songs in their traditional costumes with ornate head dress and colourful *tais* (hand woven sarong traditional for Timor-Leste).

The “Banda Musical Juventude CVTL Filial Viqueque” (Youth Music Band of CVTL Viqueque Branch) is an initiative of CVTL Youth Programme and are a main stay of 13 Branches in Timor-Leste. Click [here](#) to read the full story by CVTL.

New Publications



Addressing the humanitarian consequences of labour migration and trafficking: The role of Asia Pacific National Societies

This Note provides guidance for the assistance, protection and humanitarian diplomacy activities of Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies in the Asia Pacific region in the context of labour migration and trafficking. The Note builds upon existing International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement policies, guidance and commitments relevant to migration and displacement. The Note also contains a collection of case studies of existing initiatives by Asia Pacific National Societies, demonstrating the strength and diversity of National Societies’ activities related to labour migration and trafficking. Click [here](#) to download the report.

Upcoming Events

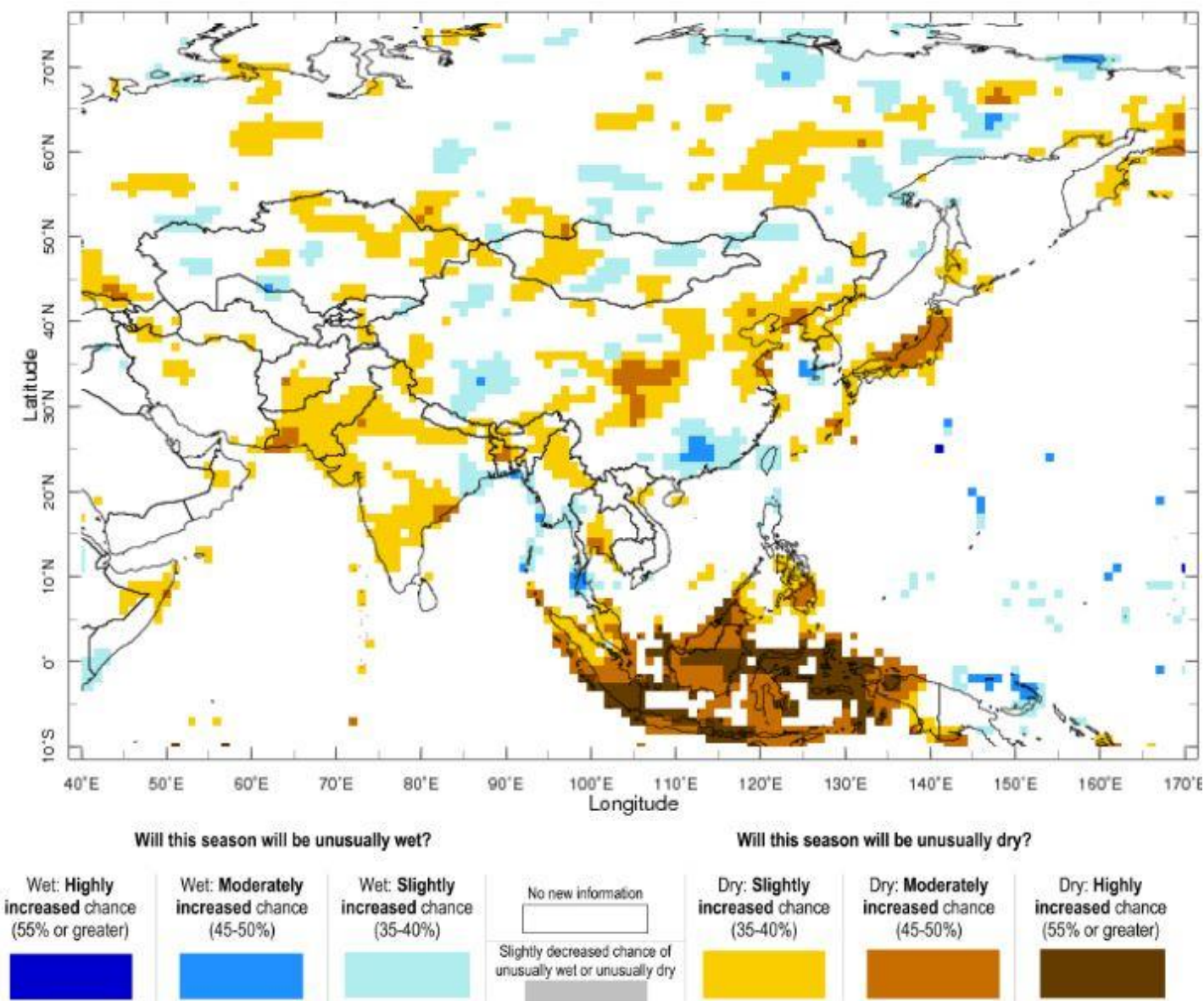
Upcoming events for July to September 2018			
July	3-5 Jul	Financial Capacity Training	Vientiane, Lao PDR
	3-6 Jul	Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
	4 Jul	1 st Housing Land and Property Meeting (FGD)	Philippines
	10-12 Jul	Southeast Asia G&D Network Meeting and Training	Bangkok, Thailand
	16 Jul	IFRC and PNSs Coordination Meeting	
	23 Jul	Preparatory Meeting for the Disaster Risk Governance Academic Seminar – selection of abstracts	Bangkok, Thailand
	23-26 Jul	SGBV and Youth Awareness Training	Vientiane, Lao PDR
	23-26 Jul	ASEAN Defence Establishment-Civil Society Organisations Cooperation on Non-traditional Security Workshop	Chonburi, Thailand
	26 Jul	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
August	4 Aug	2 nd Housing Land and Property Meeting (TWG with partners)	Philippines
	5-12 Aug	Practical Emergency Cash Transfer Training	Mongolia
	6-10 Aug	SGBV Data Collector Training	Kampong Thom, Cambodia
	20-24 Aug	ACE Programme 2018 – Red Cross Red Crescent Induction Training	Jakarta, Indonesia
	(2 nd week)	Workshop on Legislative Advocacy Toolkit	Philippines
	(TBC)	Radio Programming Workshop	Dili, Timor-Leste
September	13 Sep	Consultative Meeting on the SGBV Research	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
	24-26 Sep	Southeast Asia Disaster Risk Governance Academic Seminar	Bangkok, Thailand

Seasonal Forecast

July – September 2018

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

Forecast for Jul-Sep 2018, Forecast Issued Jun 2018



Meteorological agency in the respective Southeast Asian countries:

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For the upcoming July – September season, odds are strongly tipped in favor of below-normal rainfall across much of Indonesia, Central America and the Caribbean. Southern and eastern Australia, Japan and parts of western Canada and Alaska show moderate odds for below-normal rainfall. Areas with some chance of above normal precipitation include South Africa and parts of the western and central Sahel.

All forecast maps, including temperature in addition to precipitation, and including a description of the methodologies, are available on our [seasonal forecast page](#).