

A black and white photograph of a hand held palm up, with the words "STOP SEXUAL ASSAULT" written in bold, black, hand-painted letters across the palm. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light grey.

# Sexual And Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

Annual Meeting of National Society Legal Advisers  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018  
Geneva



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# BACKGROUND

## 2012

- The recommendation to create a regional G&D network **was identified in 2012**

## 11 NATIONAL SOCIETY

- Since 2015, **11 National Society** leaders have endorsed both the network and have elected a G&D focal point within each NS

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## ENDORSEMENT

- A ToR was drafted at the Southeast Asia G&D Forum in November 2014 and **endorsed at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeast Asia RCRC leadership meeting** in February 2015

## COMMUNICATION

- Communication** within the network has taken place through an 'e'-mailing list, teleconferences and face to face annual meetings

# Southeast Asia G&D Network



**Brunei Darussalam  
Red Crescent**



**Cambodian Red  
Cross**



**Cruz Vermelha de  
Timor Leste**



**Palang  
Merah  
Indonesia**

**Indonesian Red  
Cross (PMI)**



**Laos Red Cross**



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**Malaysian Red  
Crescent**



**Myanmar Red  
Cross**



**Philippine Red  
Cross (PRC)**



**SINGAPORE**

**Singapore Red  
Cross**



**สภากาชาดไทย  
The Thai Red Cross Society**

**Thai Red Cross**



**Vietnam Red Cross  
(VRC)**

**\*\*Observers: ICRC, IFRC & Partner National Societies**

# Collective achievements 2015 – 2017

## ➤9 National Societies

**awareness raising/training** for their NS technical and management teams

## ➤7 National Societies

**revised, contextualized or translated tools** for inclusive programming (Inclusive Vulnerability & Capacity Assessment (VCA) and Minimum Standard Commitments)

## ➤6 National Societies

**developed G&D institutional policies / strategies** and 5 of it were endorsed by their NS

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elected **secondary focal points, branch focal points or formed working groups** in NS to further G&D initiatives

## ➤3 National Societies

conducted institutional **G&D self assessments**

# Collective achievements 2015 - 2017

## Mainstreaming

Mainstreaming of G&D into various programmes and projects

## Research

Research on SGBV (Laos, Indonesia and Philippines)

## Collaboration

with government departments, UN agencies on G&D issues

## Information Education Communication (IEC)

- ❖ **posters** on Dignity , Access, Participation, Safety (DAPS)
- ❖ **translation** of Minimum Standard of Commitments into local language

## SGBV in Emergency Training

**SGBV in Emergency Training** for G&D Focal Points in 2017

## What went well.....

- **Commitment of the decision-makers** (Leadership) from among the national societies within the region.
- **Finding entry points to mainstream.** Taking opportunity to integrate G&D into programmes and projects rather than stand alone initiatives e.g. through trainings on first aid or social care programmes, disaster risk reduction, IHL etc.
- **Increased human resource** - train other focal point to expand the work of mainstreaming G&D within the activities of each NS.
- **Support from senior management** for focal point to participate in network meeting and to share information within the NS.
- **Committed, positive and active group of focal points**, ensures network meetings are rich and peer to peer support is strong. E.g. Philippine RC & Malaysia RC and Brunei RC.

## Malaysian Red Crescent's pledge on SGBV for the 32<sup>nd</sup> IC of 2015

*“The Malaysian Red Crescent Society as an auxiliary to the Malaysian government pledge to raise awareness and take action to prevent sexual and gender based violence in times of disasters, emergencies and armed conflicts”*

The aim is to sensitise G&D issues at all level within the NS and integrate the IFRC's Minimum Standard Commitments (MSC) across all MRC's programme so as to reach the most vulnerable

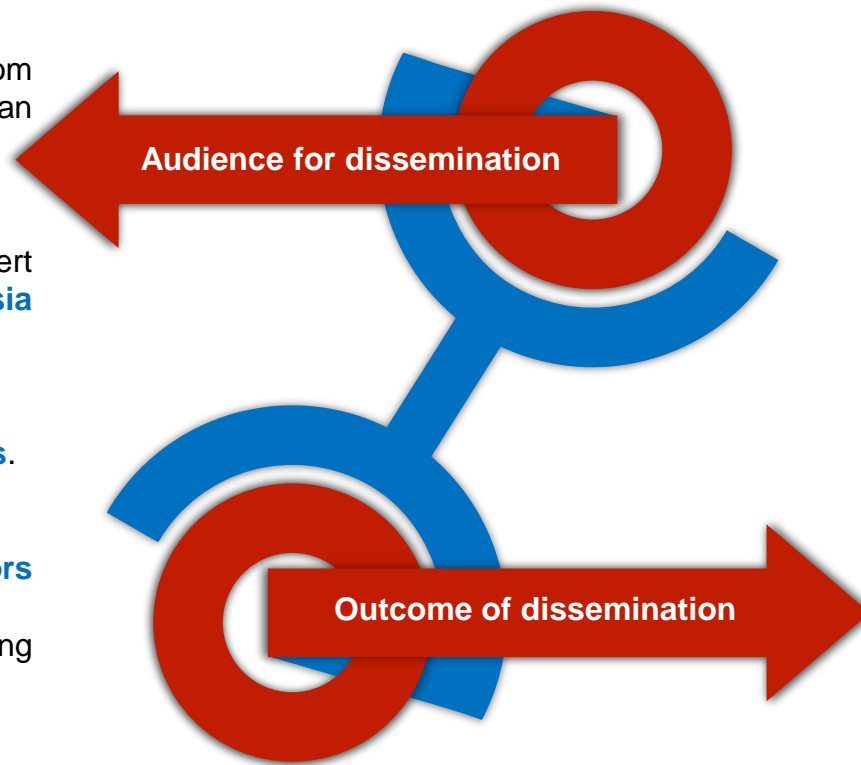
## Introduction of G&D Policy within Malaysian Red Crescent

➤ **Members** and **volunteers** from branches and chapters of Malaysian Red Crescent.

➤ Focal person and technical expert on G&D within the **Southeast Asia RCRC G&D network**.

➤ **Royal Malaysian Armed Forces**.

➤ Members of **humanitarian actors** and **public authority** involved in humanitarian assistance during period of major disasters



➤ **Positive** response.

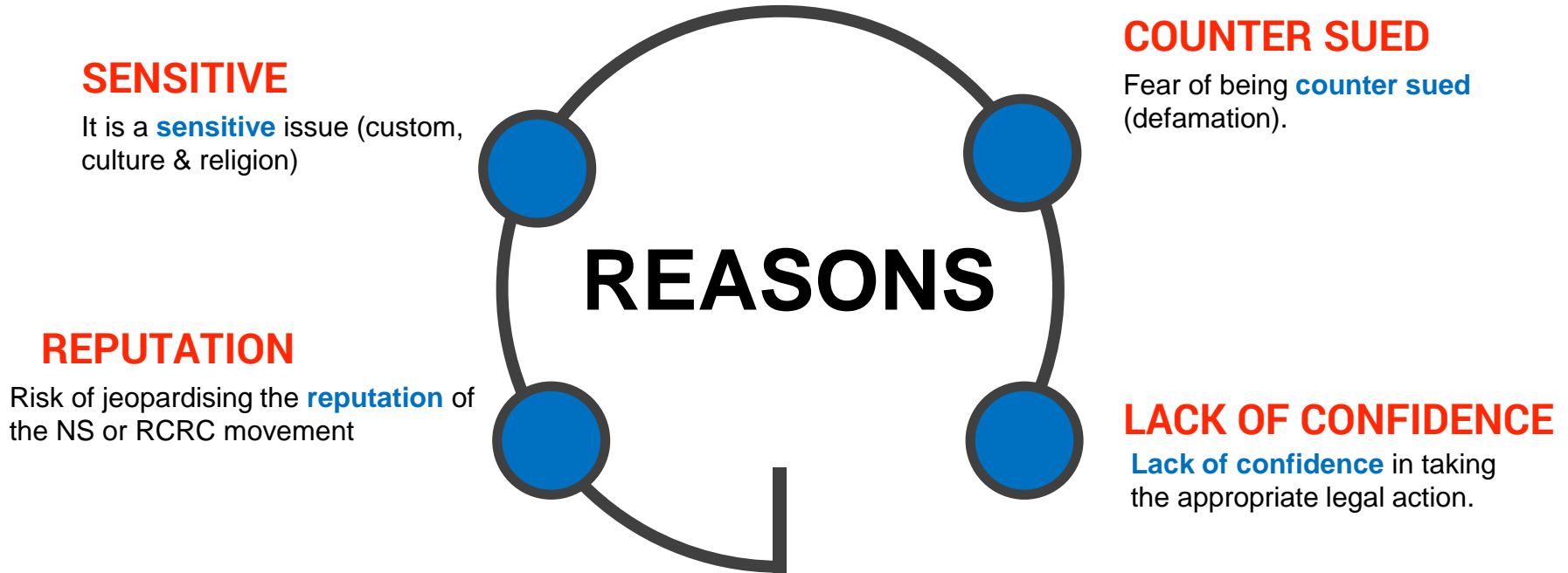
➤ Demand for more dissemination to be done **not only within the RCRC movement but also among other humanitarian actors**



# Challenges from legal perspective

- **Reporting mechanism** for harassment & child protection during time of major disaster and armed conflict.
- **Lack of awareness** of existing reporting mechanism.
- Those within the NS and other key humanitarian actors are **not well trained** or **up to the required level of expertise** to ensure that the reporting mechanism is to be executed
- Existing system may be over simplified / too general and **not tested as to its effectiveness**.
- **Lack of legal experts for a NS to separately** create an **effective** reporting mechanism which is **user-friendly** to all members and volunteers.
- **Lack of training and experienced** staffs and volunteers to ensure that the mechanism will run effectively

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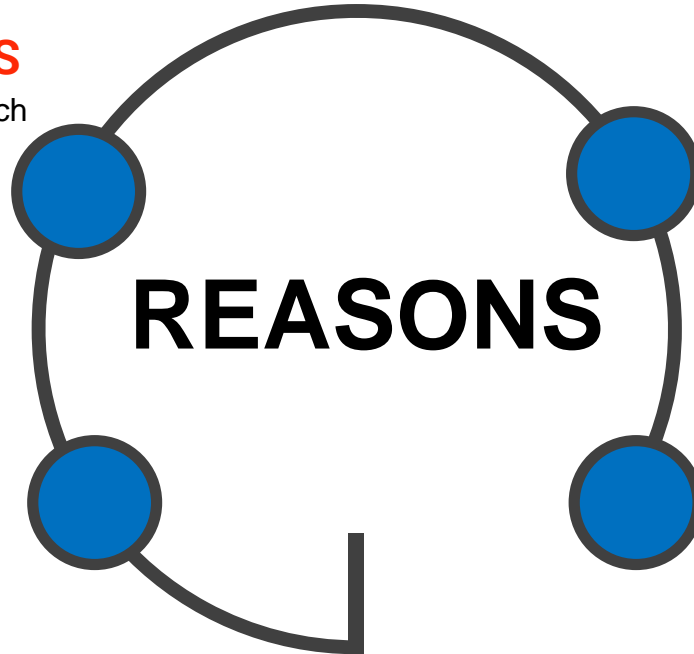
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## LEGAL TECHNICALITIES

question on **legal technicalities** such as the required amount of evidence needed & acting in reliance of hearsay.

## UNFAMILIAR

**Unfamiliar with the law of the land** when abroad



## LOSING VOLUNTEERS

fear of **losing volunteers** to other NGOs (competition)

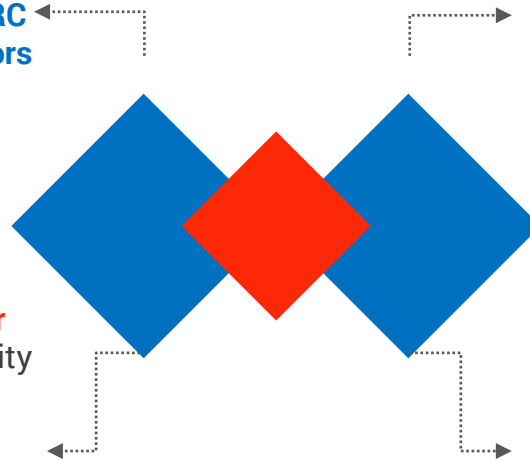
## FEAR OF TAKING ACTION

against members of NS especially **high ranking members** and **volunteers** in comparison to full time paid **staffs** of NS

# Propose

Introduction of a model standard reporting mechanism which can be used by all NS, other components of the RCRC movement and other humanitarian actors in time of armed conflict and disasters.

The reporting mechanism **not to be over simplified** and **practicable** for the majority of humanitarian actors to use (**user-friendly**).



To be **tested** as to its effectiveness.

Appropriate **training** to be conducted to all the relevant members and volunteers of the National Societies and other components of the Red Cross and Red Crescent movement.



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