

Southeast Asia Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

REGIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY AND RESILIENCE FORUM

Monthly Updates – **September 2018**



Dental hygiene was part of the hygiene education promoted at Don Muang Village in Attapeu Province, Lao PDR where 332 households were affected by the Lao dam collapse in July.

Welcome to our September 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:

2018 Southeast Asia Disaster Risk Governance Academic Seminar



The two-day academic seminar was co-organized by the ASEAN Committee for Disaster Management (ACDM), IFRC, and the Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University during 24-26 September 2018. The event was attended by academics, professionals and students based in Southeast Asia, prompting a rich exchange of ideas on how to better support effective legal and policy frameworks for inclusive and climate-smart disaster risk governance. Presentations ranged broadly from research at a local scale to research looking at national level policies, such as research on effective policies and protocols to prevent and respond to sexual and gender-based violence in disaster settings. The peer reviewed monograph publishing the research papers of participants will be published in December. Click [here](#) for more information on the seminar.

Highlight Updates from National Societies

Cambodia

Cambodian Red Cross Conducts Daily Life Risk Reduction Training in Oddar Meanchey Branch



Photo credit: [Cambodian Red Cross](#)

During 11-12 September, the working group of the Cambodian Red Cross Oddar Meanchey Branch conducted a First Aid training course focus on health awareness, landmine education, unexploded ordnance, traffic law, and restoring family links to teachers at Bureau of Education, in Trapang Prasat District. The course was attended by a total of 51 members (22 females), members of branch committees, instructors, directors, Teachers and officers. The purpose of the training was to increase the better understanding the above subject matters, to reduce the number of fatalities and injuries caused by traffic accidents, and to continue outreach to schools and communities.

Indonesia

Palang Merah Indonesia Provides Clean Water, Psychosocial Support to Earthquakes/Tsunami Survivors in Sulawesi



Photo credit: [Palang Merah Indonesia](#)

A 7.4-magnitude earthquake hit Palu Donggala, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia on 28 September followed by a devastating tsunami, leaving over 60 thousand homes damaged, more than 70 thousand people displaced, and close to 2,000 people dead. The Palang Merah Indonesia (Indonesian Red Cross or PMI) have since dispatched its staff and volunteers to support search and rescue operation. PMI has installed a water treatment plant to produce and distribute clean water to the Kesejumlahhe emergency shelter. PMI also provided psychosocial support services to victims of the earthquake/tsunami in some disaster-hit wilayah in Central Sulawesi. Click [here](#) for more information by PMI.

Lao PDR

Relief, Recovery Operations Continue for Lao Red Cross in Attapeu Province



Photo credit: Lao Red Cross

Two months after the collapse of the Xe-Pian Xe-Namnoy hydropower dam on 23 July which caused massive flash flood displacing more than 6,000 households according to a UN report. Many floods affected people still remain at emergency centres, some of which have limited access by road. Lao Red Cross has been addressing the needs of the affected people through the support of the IFRC Emergency Appeal and Partner National Societies. Food, non-food items, shelter toolkits, hygiene and dignity kits have been distributed to people in seven most affected villages. Water purification units and clean water stations, as well as latrines have been installed in Tamoyod Village. Cash-based Interventions feasibility study will be conducted in the following month as a measure to help build back the communities' livelihoods.

Lao Red Cross Conducts Youth Facilitator Training



Photo credit: IFRC

During 10-14 September, Lao Red Cross's Vientiane Chapter conducts a "Youth in School Safety (YSS)" training. The training aims to enhance the capacity of LRC's School Safety with meaningful involvement of youth volunteers to be facilitators to roll out school safety initiative into targeted schools. The initiative also provides an opportunity to youths and volunteers to further expand Red Cross Youth clubs and junior Red Cross Youth members to join the Red Cross programmes through a children friendly training module.

Philippines

Philippine Red Cross Conducts Emergency Response to Typhoon Mangkhut



Photo credit: Philippine Red Cross

Typhoon Mangkhut, or locally known as "Ompong", made landfall in the northern part of the Philippines in mid-September. The Philippine Red Cross (PRC) were active on the ground to provide first aid services, meals, psychosocial supports, shelter tools, hygiene kits, etc to the people affected by the typhoon. Hundreds of families in Baggao Cagayan, which was the hardest hit town in Cagayan Province, continue to receive clean and safe water from the Philippine Red Cross as a part of the rehabilitation process of PRC Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) team in Cagayan.

Training on the new IFRC Legislative Advocacy Toolkit at Philippines Red Cross



Photo credit: Philippine Red Cross

IFRC and the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) jointly conducted the first pilot training on the IFRC Legislative Advocacy Toolkit during 5-6 September 2018 at PRC Headquarter office. Technical focal points from different services attended the training, bringing with them their own experiences on advocacy and sharing lessons learned and challenges on these advocacy campaigns. Throughout the training the participants worked on one advocacy issue – promoting stronger awareness and recognition of the Red Cross “auxiliary role”, a principle rooted in international law and which forms the backbone of the National Society’s operations and advocacy, but one that is also not firmly grasped by government and non-government stakeholders alike. Click [here](#) to read the full story.

Singapore

Singapore Red Cross Helps Disadvantaged People with ‘FoodAid Programme’



Photo credit: Singapore Red Cross

Singapore Red Cross (SRC) helps the disadvantaged and overlooked people by providing monthly rations of nutritious food. Through the *FoodAid programme*, SRC volunteer not only put nutritious food on the table, but also offer a listening ear, a helping hand and practical advice to the families in need. The programme targets those who are unlikely to benefit from social services. The identified households receive food items and vouchers every month. To ensure nutritional needs are met, the food mix is recommended by hospital dieticians. Click [here](#) to read more our the programme.

Thailand

Thai Red Cross Society Provides Medical Services via ‘Floating Clinic’



Photo credit: Thai Red Cross Society

Thai Red Cross Society set sail the Royal Boat “Vejapah” on 26 September. The boat is operated by the Thai Red Cross Mobile Medical Service Unit, Relief and Community Health Bureau, with the aim to provide a free public medical service to people living along riverside who have a limited access to medical services in Ayutthaya Province during 1-5 October 2018. The services include general medical treatment, acupuncture therapy, dental treatment, as well as provision on health education and hygiene.

Timor-Leste

Cruz Vermelha de Timor Leste, IFRC Conduct Radio Programming Workshop



Photo credit: CVTL

Cruz Vermelha de Timor Leste (CVTL or Timor Leste Red Cross) and IFRC conducted a one-day radio workshop on 30 September involving all 13 municipalities to build and enhance the radio programmes/ broadcasts that put emphasis on life-saving information and community participation. The radio programme is among the mechanisms developed to support CVTL's Integrated Community Based Risk Reduction (ICBRR) programme which aims to disseminate disaster risk reduction messages to raise awareness of threats and hazards in 25 villages across the country. The purpose of the workshop was

to increase community awareness of the natural hazards in their villages, through the provision of lifesaving messages and encouraging their participation in the programmes (talk shows), so that they are better prepared for small and moderate disasters that often strike their areas.

Featured Stories

Stories from Survivors of Sulawesi Earthquake/Tsunami



Photo credit: IFRC

The earthquake and tsunami that struck central Sulawesi, Indonesia on 28 September has left 2100 deaths, 4612 severely injured, and 87752 displaced people at 147 camp sites. The Red Cross Red Crescent Movement has worked around the clock to assist the survivors of the double disasters by providing relief items, shelter support, health services, clean water, as well as psychosocial support to those affected. Here are some of the stories of resilience told by the survivors.

- ["Everyone thought I died" – A desperate attempt to find pieces of home](#)
- ["We have nothing left." Tsunami destroys entire villages in Palu](#)

Upcoming Events

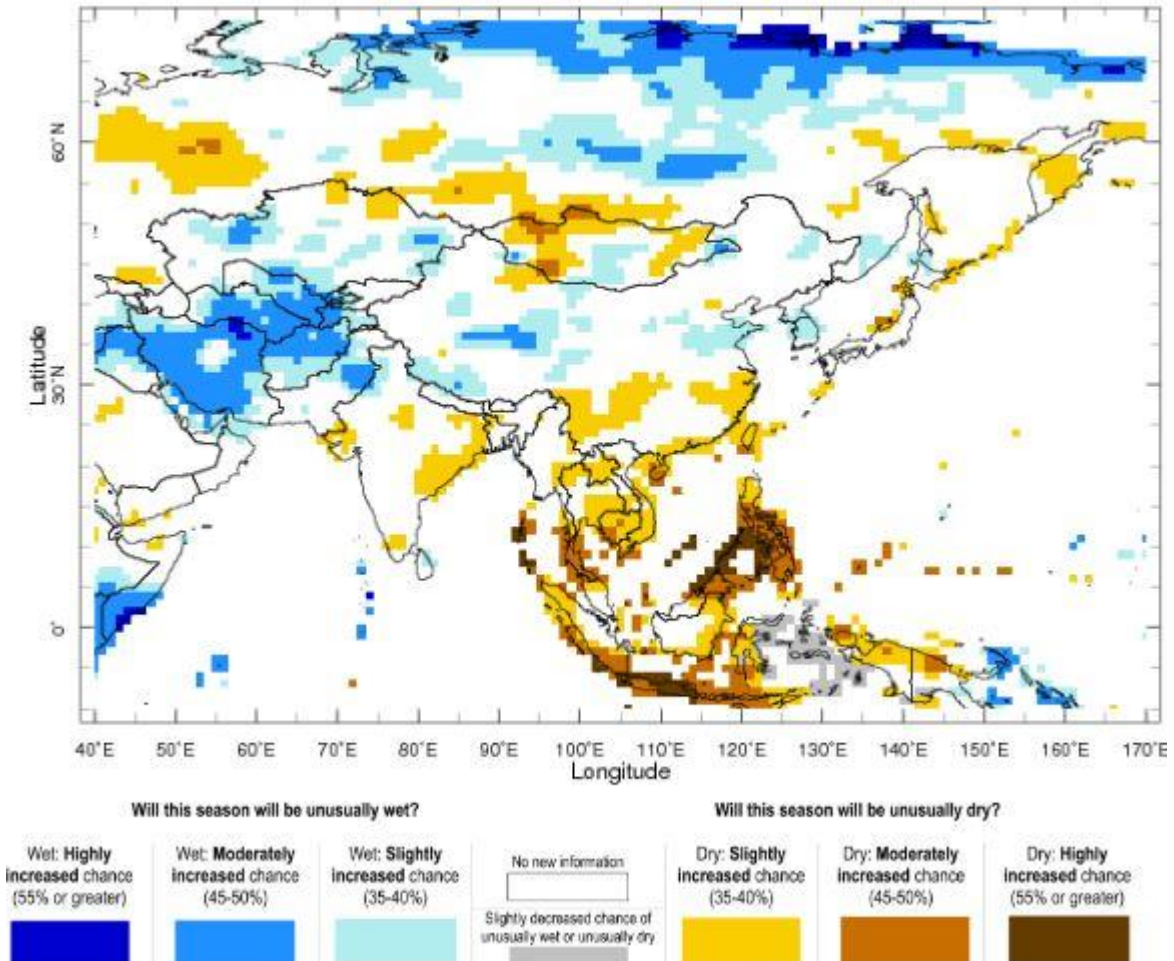
Upcoming events for October to December 2018			
October	(TBC)	CBDRR Internal Final Evaluation	Singburi, Thailand
	13 Oct	International Day for Disaster Reduction (IDDR)	Global
	18 Oct	ADDM & IDDR Day Ceremony	Bangkok, Thailand
November	6-7 Nov	SGBV data collection and data analysis workshop	Binh Dinh, Viet Nam
	11-14 Nov	10th Asia Pacific Regional Conference	Manila, Philippines
	26-30 Nov	Protection, Gender and Inclusion in Emergencies ToT	Istanbul, Turkey

Seasonal Forecast

October – December 2018

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

Forecast for Oct-Dec 2018, Forecast Issued Sep 2018



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