

Southeast Asia Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

REGIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY AND RESILIENCE FORUM

Monthly Updates – November 2018



Thai Red Cross Society (TRCS) Wichian Buri District Branch Red Cross in Phetchabun Province conducted a training on School-based Disaster Risk Reduction for the teachers and students of the Ban Nam-Aom School. Photo by TRCS

Welcome to our November 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:

Asia Pacific, Middle East Red Cross Red Crescent Commits to Women's Leadership at Regional Conference in Manila



Photo credit: IFRC

On the last day of 10th Asia Pacific Red Cross and Red Crescent Regional Conference, the Red Cross and Red Crescent leaders from across Asia, the Pacific and the Middle East committed to ensuring women make up at least 50 percent of elected and appointed leadership positions within the next four years. This landmark target is in the "[Manila Declaration](#)", the outcome of the 4-day conference held in the Philippines during 11-14 November 2018, co-hosted by the Philippine Red Cross, and involved more than 300 humanitarian leaders from more than 60 countries. In addition to gender parity, the conference also set ambitious targets for increasing the number and diversity of volunteers, for improving and expanding support to vulnerable migrants and displaced people, and for the adoption of new and innovative approaches to disaster response, including forecast-based financing. Click [here](#) for details about the conference and [here](#) to watch the highlights from the conference.

Highlight Updates from National Societies

Cambodia

Cambodian Red Cross Society Kampot Branch Conducts Emergency WASH Training



Photo credit: Cambodian Red Cross

On 15 November 2018, the Cambodian Red Cross Kampot provincial branch conducted a training on Emergency Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion (WASH). The training was participated by 30 participants (21 female) including members of government officials, commune councils, village chiefs, and village volunteers. This training course was aimed at raising awareness about sanitation and clean water sources during emergencies. Source: Cambodian Facebook [page](#).

Indonesia

PMI Holds Disaster Emergency Response Management for Volunteers in Sukabumi Branch



Photo credit: Palang Merah Indonesia

To increase the capacity of volunteers in conducting humanitarian operations in response to the disaster. The Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia or PMI) of Sukabumi City organized Emergency Management Training (MTDB) for the Young Volunteer Corps (KSR) of PMI Sukabumi during 15-18 November 2018. The training was aimed at increasing capacity of PMI volunteers in mobilizing and empowering capacity, especially in the field of disaster preparedness and emergency response. Sukabumi is prone to volcanic eruptions and earthquake due to its close proximity to Mount Gede Pangrango and the active Cimandiri Fault Zone. Read full story by PMI [here](#).

Lao PDR

Lao Red Cross Conducts Youth in School Safety Facilitator's Training in Vientiane



Photo credit: Lao Red Cross

During November 2018, Lao Red Cross has conducted two Youth in School Safety Training for Red Cross Youth, teachers and students from 10 school in Vientiane Province. The purpose of the training is to raise awareness on disaster risk reduction/preparedness, as well as to promote behavioural change that contributes to school safety. The training also helped to equip the Red Cross Youths with knowledge and skills necessary to disseminate the information to their communities and schools. The training was attended by 25 participants (11 female). Source: Lao Red Cross Facebook [page](#).

Philippines

Philippine Red Cross Conducts Advance Emergency WASH Training for Future WASH Team Leaders



Photo credit: Philippine Red Cross

Philippine Red Cross (PRC) WASH Unit (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion) is expanding its pool of trained Team Leaders to operate WASH in providing water supply (water production and water distribution), Sanitation (construction of latrine and deployment of portable latrine) and Hygiene Promotion during the emergencies. As part of the implementation of the WASH Unit, Advance Emergency WASH Training were conducted during 22-23 November 2018 in Olongapo City where 12 PRC Chapter members attended. The 10-day specialized training is offered to the PRC Staff and volunteers who have the potential to develop more of skills, knowledge, and attitude to lead the team in the operation of WASH. Click [here](#) for the full story by PRC.

Singapore

Singapore Red Cross Holds Disaster Preparedness, Response Awareness Session



Photo credit: Singapore Red Cross

Singapore Red Cross (SRC) held its Disaster Preparedness and Response Awareness Session at Red Cross House on 17 November, as part of its ongoing efforts to engage and train volunteers in overseas disaster preparedness and mobilisation. The volunteers learnt more about SRC's international humanitarian work, in-kind donation practices and its challenges, as well as humanitarian diplomacy in times of crisis and other relevant topics.

Singapore Red Cross Holds Talk on Resilience in Community Ageing-in-Place



Photo credit: Singapore Red Cross

Singapore Red Cross (SRC) Secretary General and CEO Benjamin William engaged students of Nanyang Junior College on the importance of Resilience in Community Ageing-in-Place on 19 November. This was part of SRC's regular talks to students.

Singapore Red Cross Conducts First Aid Demo and Distribution of First Aid Kits



Photo credit: Singapore Red Cross

On 10 - 11 November, Singapore Red Cross (SRC) volunteer leaders from South West and North East districts visited Batam for a community service project. They carried out first aid demonstrations including cardiopulmonary resuscitation and basic bandaging and distributed 200 first aid kits and student kits. The volunteers gleaned insights of the community outreach efforts by our sister National Society and strengthened the camaraderie amongst the volunteers.

Thailand

Thai Red Cross Society Conducts School-Based Disaster Risk Reduction in Phetchabun Province



Photo credit: Thai Red Cross Society

On 15 November 2018, Thai Red Cross Society (TRCS) Wichian Buri District Branch Red Cross in Phetchabun Province conducted a training on School-based Disaster Risk Reduction for the teachers and students of the Ban Nam-Aom School. The training was aimed at raising awareness on diseases that come with disaster as well as disaster preparedness measures. The participants learned about disaster risks and how to help themselves and others during emergency. Source: TRCS Facebook [page](#).

Viet Nam

Viet Nam Red Cross Society Conducts Preparedness for Effective Response Workshop



Orientation Workshop at VNRC HQs on 22 October 2018. Photo by IFRC

Twenty participants from the Viet Nam Red Cross Society (VNRC) and its Partner National Societies (12 female) gathered in Hanoi on 22 October to be oriented on the Preparedness for Effective Response (PER) process at VNRC Headquarters in Hanoi. This is the first among five Phases of the process including *Orientation -> Assessment -> Prioritization and Analysis -> Work-Plan -> Action and Accountability*. PER is a cyclical approach for a National Society to systematically assess, measure, and analyse the strengths and weaknesses of its response system in order to take remedial actions. The PER approach puts the NS in the driver's seat to construct a work-plan that when implemented should improve its overall response capacity. By mid of November, VNRC has conducted the first three phases of the PER process. Click [here](#) for more information.

Featured Story

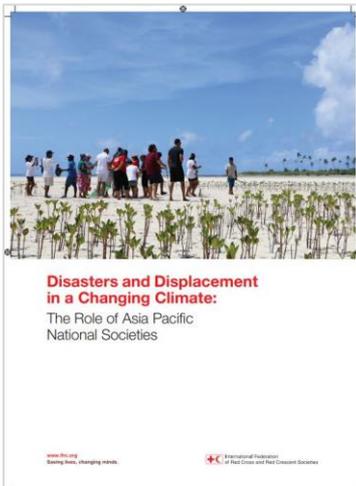
CVTL Builds Homes for Vulnerable People



Elda Cardoso with her new house built by CVTL.
Photo by CVTL

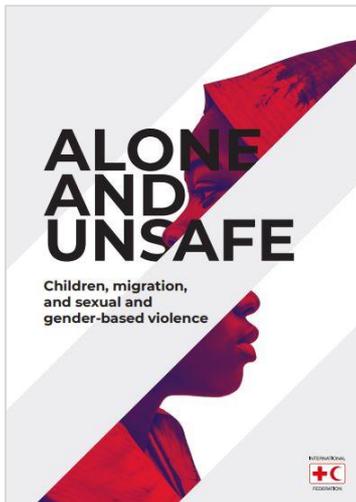
Cruz Vermelha de Timor-Leste (CVTL) helped build a new house for the 65-year old Elda Cardoso to make her life a little easier. Ms. Cardoso has had a difficult life and was in need of help. Together with the Covalima Municipality Church, CVTL was able to help families like those of Elda's through its Integrated Community-Based Risk Reduction (ICBRR). Click [here](#) to read the full story by CVTL.

New Publications



Disasters and Displacement in a Changing Climate: The Role of Asia Pacific National Societies

This report is designed to enhance the collective understanding of Asia Pacific National Societies and the IFRC on the trends, dynamics and humanitarian needs of people on the move in the context of disasters and climate change. The report focuses on the role of Asia Pacific National Societies in the context of displacement, but also addresses the related human mobility trends of migration and planned relocation. Click [here](#) to download.



Alone and Unsafe: Children, Migration and Sexual-based Violence

This study seeks to improve understanding of the risks and types of sexual and gender-based violence faced by children who migrate on their own, as well as the unfortunate and widespread gaps in protection and assistance for these children. It looks closely at the situation in dangerous or remote locations – places that are fragile, conflict-ridden, underserved and hard to reach, where children may be particularly vulnerable. Click [here](#) to download.

Upcoming Events

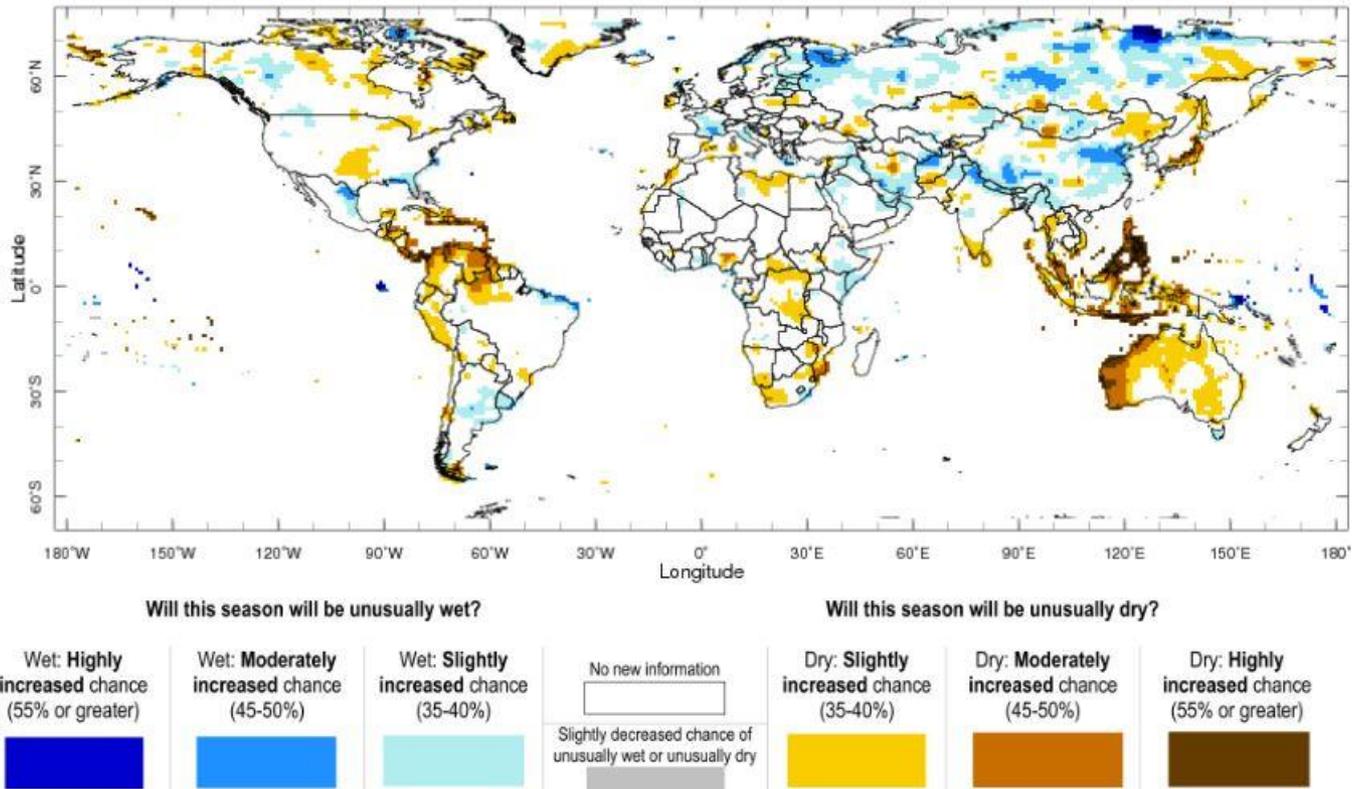
Upcoming events for November to December 2018			
December	3-5 Dec	14 th Regional Consultation Committee on Disaster Management	Kathmandu, Nepal
	7 Dec	Singapore Red Cross Humanitarian Lecture: From Banker to Humanitarian, for China's "Blood Orphans"	Singapore
	8 Dec	Humanitarian Education Xperience (HEX) 2018 "In Exile for a While" by Singapore Red Cross	Singapore
	11-12 Dec	2018 ISDR Asia Partnership (IAP) Forum	Bangkok, Thailand
	12-14 Dec	2 nd Asia Pacific Interactive Innovation Workshop on Disaster Resilience	Seoul, South Korea
	13-14 Dec	Forum on Sendai Framework Target on National and Local DRR Strategies	Bangkok, Thailand
	26-28 Dec	Preparedness for Effective Response (PER) Self-Assessment Workplan Phase	Hanoi, Viet Nam

Seasonal Forecast

December 2018 – February 2019

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

Forecast for Dec 2018 - Feb 2019, Forecast Issued Nov 2018



In November, conditions in the Pacific Ocean are nearing those of El Niño. If ocean temperatures continue to stay above the level set by scientists to define an El Niño event, an El Niño will be officially declared in the coming months. Regardless of whether an El Niño is officially declared, the seasonal forecast for the December - February season already points to some of the typical El Niño-like climate impacts. These include unusually dry conditions in southeast Asia, the Philippines, Indonesia and nearby countries, as well as unusually dry conditions in central America and northern parts of South America. Please note the areas on the map that are dark blue, and dark brown, as those represent the areas where we have the highest confidence in the forecast prediction for wetter or drier than usual conditions. In these areas, it may be useful to review contingency plans related to El Niño conditions, and begin regularly monitoring rainfall predictions. 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.

Meteorological agency in the respective Southeast Asian countries:

[Brunei Darussalam](#) | [Cambodia](#) | [Indonesia](#) | [Laos](#) | [Malaysia](#) | [Myanmar](#) | [Philippines](#) | [Singapore](#) | [Thailand](#) | [Timor-Leste](#) | [Vietnam](#)