

# ASIA PACIFIC REGION

## Emergency WASH Training

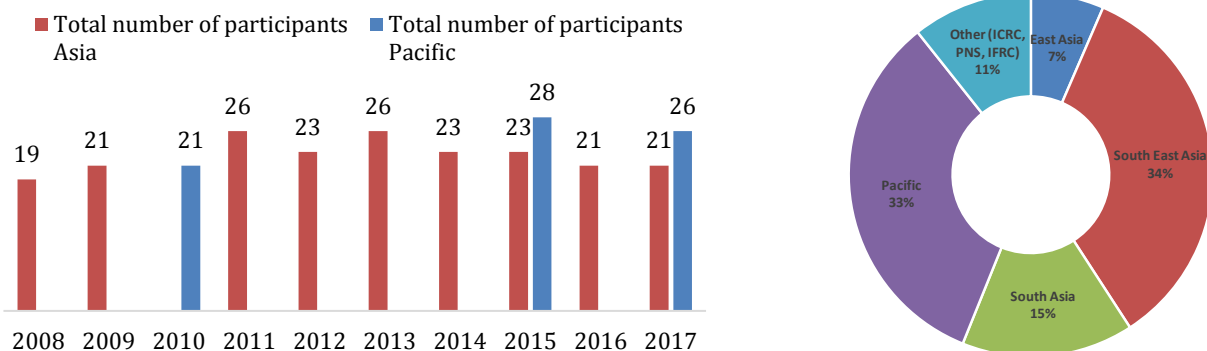
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### Background

Regional disaster response teams (RDRTs) in the Asia Pacific Region began in 2003 out of a recognised need for increased disaster response capacity in South Asia and South East Asia. Due to the need to deploy RDRTs with specialised skills, several specialised curriculums for Logistics, WASH, Health in Emergencies, Information Technology and Telecommunications, and Shelter have been developed. The Asia Pacific region has had approximately 44% of the total global deployments of Emergency Response Units (ERUs). Furthermore, WASH-specific ERUs and Kits mobilised in the Asia Pacific region have made up 41% of the global total deployments.

WASH specific RDRT trainings began in 2008 and since that time 9 have been conducted in Asia and 3 in the Pacific for a total of 278 people trained (Figures 1 and 2).

### RDRT trained per year



Figures 1 (left) and 2 (right): Number of RDRT WASH trained personnel, and % trained by region

### General objective

Develop and strengthen the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) emergency response capacity in the Asia Pacific region in the WASH sector as well as to enhance technical knowledge and skills of National Society staff and volunteers.

### Specific objectives

1. Increase participants' technical skills and knowledge to deploy and operate existing WASH disaster response tools, aligned with regional and global WASH disaster response systems;
2. Train participants from Asia Pacific National Societies in a common methodology, in order to build a platform for future collaborative response mechanisms between these National Societies, strengthening the network of WASH response staff and volunteers within the region; and
3. Ensure all participants are familiar with the available coordination mechanisms and assessment tools for emergency response.

## Funding support

Funding support will be provided by Norwegian Red Cross and Australian Red Cross.

Palang Merah Indonesia (PMI) has committed to once again host the emergency WASH training in partnership with the IFRC, at their Bandung training facility.

## Training methodology

The proposed training curriculum is developed from the lessons and feedback from all the ERU/RDRT WASH specialised trainings conducted to date. It includes an increased emphasis on sanitation, hygiene promotion and WASH assessment/plan of action, response in urban disasters and has also been revised to reflect the expected participant profile. A large emphasis will be put on practical WASH field exercises and simulations in order to reach the learning objectives. The training has a clear hands-on focus, where participants become familiar with WASH technologies and approaches, followed by development of their practical skills through different scenarios that addresses WASH issues in a simulated emergency situation.

## Expected profile of participants

The number of participants will be between 20 to 25, whom we expect will stem from diverse backgrounds and fulfil a suitable gender balance.

In order to ensure that participants have the necessary experience and skills, candidates for training must fit the following profile:

- A minimum of three years' field experience with a background in WASH and/or health and hygiene promotion, with at least one emergency response experience;
- Available for deployment within 24 hours, for missions of up to 4 weeks;
- Fluent in both written and spoken English, as well as presentation skills;
- Able to work in a multi-disciplinary and international team, be flexible and adaptable, comfortable with ambiguity, sensitive to cultural difference, and willing to undertake leadership roles as well as take directions from others;
- Able to function effectively under high stress levels;
- Willing and available to facilitate related response trainings, participate in refresher courses and communities of practice;
- Ability to work practically on manual tasks in a field environment;
- Join the on-line course (5 webinars) and must successfully complete it;

The Asia Pacific Regional Office (APRO) shall send the list of participants who completed the online course to the National Societies, who will then submit their selected candidate based on the list.

## Training organization

PMI with the IFRC Country Cluster Support Team (CCST) in Jakarta, and with the support of the APRO will host the training.

The WASH team at the APRO, in coordination with the IFRC CCST in Jakarta, will be responsible for finance and technical management of the curriculum.

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