

MEET THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE TRAINING

MYANMAR

Aye Thiri Aung
**Community Engagement and Accountability
Officer**
Myanmar Red Cross Society



I started to work on CEA from 2017. During these years, I have been involved in developing CEA Minimum Standard, provide CEA training to staff and volunteers and set up community feedback mechanism for MRCS programming. I supported CEA advisor in conducting CEA Assessment in some community based programmes such as Yangon Disaster Risk Reduction Project (YUDRR) and Reproductive, Maternal, Newly Child Health Project (RMNCH). With the help of the leadership and senior management at MRCS, I have been able to conduct CEA Minimum standard review meeting update the content based on the field needs.

My passion

I have a lot of passions or things that I enjoy doing such as reading, listening to music, sharing knowledge to the others and most favourite one: teaching. I like to share the knowledge with other people.

Fun fact about me

It's hard to identify what is the fun fact for me. I think my fun fact is I'm good at laughing and making other people laugh.



Dr. Kyaw Hsan Tun
Deputy Director (Health Department)
Myanmar Red Cross Society

In my role as the Deputy Director, I have developed and implemented training curriculum and tools by adapting CEA tools in CBHR and CBHFA Programmes. I have have worked on advocacy to influence key actors like township health department, township administrative authorities to effectively participate in CEA activities. I also have supported in

the review of community feedback mechanisms through coordination with township health department and with communities.

My passion

Reading; science fictions, romance, history, biographies of famous persons.

Football and playing games.

Watching movies; action, scientific, horror and thrillers.

Exercises; jogging, running

Fun fact about me

Personally, I like to play football and watch football matches. I enjoy teaching how to play football in a small group and going to the football stadium.

Moe Sandar**Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting Officer****Myanmar Red Cross Society**

I have been working in Myanmar Red Cross Society since 2011. Now I am working as a PMER Officer in the Accountable Resilient Branches (ARB) Project, under the Organizational Development Department. ARB Project is intending to build community resilience through strengthening the Red Cross branches' resilience by strengthening the branches' capacity. The ARB project uses Myanmar Red Cross' CEA (Community Engagement and Accountability) minimum standards and BOCA (Branch Organizational Capacity Assessment) as the tools which will improve the branches' capacities on accountability to communities. As a PMER officer, I am involved in planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting all the activities and trainings conducted and as a participant as well. I am also involved in the CEA training, CEA assessment and CEA evaluation.

**My passion**

There are many things that bring joy to me such as helping others, traveling, watching movies, listening to music, watering the plants, reading, etc. Bu my favourite part is reading. There are many reasons why I love reading. The first reason is it gives me a level of fulfillment. The second reason is reading makes my mind sharp. It is a known fact that reading improves our brain muscles. It makes us think better and improves our decision-making abilities.

Fun fact about me

One of my weaknesses is unable to remember the streets and places. In my childhood, I got lost in the Pagoda Festival compound. I went outside with my friends to see the shops and to eat. After we separated, I could not remember my place. I walked repeatedly on the same street here, but finally one of my relatives found me and sent back to my parents. At that time I cried because I was terrified.

**Tin Lin Htike****Programme Coordinator****Myanmar Red Cross Society**

I have supported in the development of internal MRCS branch capacity building plan based on a training/capacity needs assessment and other data, and guided the implementation of disaster preparedness actions and measures required to help branches in respective townships and Red Cross Volunteers to be able to respond to the needs

of people affected by the armed conflict and naturals disasters.

My passion

I love reading, going to movies, traveling, learning something new and having an adventure. My future plan is to be a leader at humanitarian organisation.

Fun fact about me

My hidden talent is I am joker.

Htet Htet Myo

**Programme Coordinator
Myanmar Red Cross Society**

I previously worked as a programme manager of Upper Chindwin Youth Network in the programmes: “Building Sustainable Peace in Myanmar” (Swedish International Development Agency), “Land Tenure Project” (USAID) and “Community-based Land Rights Paralegal Programme” (NAMATI-Myanmar). In these programmes, I worked through supporting the engagement between the government and EAOs for Myanmar peace process, between the government and the community people for land laws/ rights. I am very familiar with the community engagement. In my roles, I’ve met the different communities with different contexts. I am now working on disaster risk reduction programme targeting schools and communities.

**My passion**

I am interested in Japanese Language and my former dream is to become a Japanese translator.

Fun fact about me

When I speak, it is a little funny for people – because I speak innocently.

**Nant Justina**

**Project Coordinator (Accountable Resilient Branches Project)
Myanmar Red Cross Society**

I have over eight years experience in humanitarian works; Community Development projects such as Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Child Focus Community Development projects (Education, Health, Protection, and Sponsorship), Gender Based Violence (GBV), Child Protection, Women Rights, Income Generation, and Accountable Resilience Branches Project. I am currently supporting Accountable Resilient Branches (ARB) where I help the implementation of community feedback mechanism.

My passion

My passion is I want to improve the community lives (including my life). Most of communities are living in rural areas and under poverty in Myanmar. I am trying to improve my skills, abilities, capacities to search funding to create development programmes in the future.

Fun fact about me

I play guitar and sing for children and their families in my project areas and church.

Ohn Kyaw Myint
Operational Communication and Community Engagement Officer
ICRC, Myanmar



Before working with the ICRC, I worked as a humanitarian staff with different positions in Merlin and International Rescue Committee for nearly 4 years. I started working with ICRC since November 2016 – the first 22 months I worked as a Health Field Officer in Rakhine State, Mrauk U Township and I moved to communication department in October 2018. In my current role, I am working together with YAN com and communication field officer to increase the acceptance of ICRC through dissemination, meeting with interlocutors and distribution of ICRC's publication materials during the assistance and events.

My passion

In the past 3 years ago, I've been interested in photography and videography and it's one of my favorites hobbies now.

Fun fact about me

Sometimes, my wife is jealous with my camera because I take care of camera all the time.



Naw Zar Chie Tun
Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation,
Reporting Officer
IFRC, Myanmar

I started working in humanitarian sector as a project assistant of HIV mainstreaming project with Caritas Myanmar (Karuna Myanmar Social Services) in 2006. After Cyclone Nargis, I volunteered for Nargis response for four months in 2008. And then, I joined with the Emergency Respond Unit as a M&E officer until 2011. 2011 to 2012 I worked with Care Myanmar for Integrated Livelihood Programme and DRR as a Program officer (M&E). From 2013 to 2018 I worked with World Vision Myanmar for BRACED International project (Building Resilience and Adaptation on Climate Extreme Disaster) as a M&E Officer.

My passion

I am very passionate to learn new things, and I am a visual learner.

Fun fact about me

Most of my friends said I walk like a man but I am kind and willing to help others.

Le Thandar Soe
Assistant Director
Ministry of Health and Sports, Myanmar



I started working at the Ministry of Health and Sports in 2009 as Assistant Surgeon. At the time, my work focused more on clinical treatment. In 2011, I shifted my work on preventive measures through working with communities. I was supporting Basic Health Training section at Nay Pyi Taw and then Health Education Bureau at Nay Pyi Taw. Among my working experiences, the one relating to CEA is giving training to Basic Health Staff regarding 'interpersonal communication'.

My passion

I think I am passionate about being government officer. I still think I am doing something for my country as a civil servant although many difficulties to balance between career and family life.

Fun fact about me

I delivered my baby during the final viva examination of MPH degree which is unforgettable.



May Nwe Kyaw Zaaw
Staff Officer
Department of Disaster Management, Myanmar

I have been working for three years at the Department of Disaster Management. I have experiences in flood drill, earthquake drill, trainings on disaster reduction in the communities, assessment on the needs of relief items to provide to the communities, discussing and participating in some disaster dialogues & workshops. Previously, I also attended the disaster related courses such as Basic Disaster Management course and Training of Trainer for Recovery at Disaster Management Training Center.

My passion

I've been interested in singing since I was a child. Sometimes I sing the songs whatever my mood is; happy or sad.

Fun fact about me

I've become friend with a guy for many months but I don't know his name yet.

BANGLADESH



Md. Shahinur Rahman
Junior Assistant Director
Bangladesh Red Crescent Society

I have experience in Disaster Risk Management, Organisational Development, Youth and Volunteers development and Gender Equality and Social inclusion. I also have a significant working experience with Cyclone Preparedness Programme jointly run by the Govt. of Bangladesh and Bangladesh Red Crescent Society. I am an active member of national disaster response team (NDRT) and national disaster response team – WASH (NDWRT). As an NDRT member I have been deployed in several emergency and recovery operations. I am also a Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) member. As a RDRT member I have been deployed in Nepal Earthquake operation and as Cash expert I was deployed in Seasonal support programme.

My passion

Always love to work with community and try to learn how to engage them into decision making process. I also enjoy travelling, watching movies, and making new friend as well as reading. I also have a strong interest in reading newspaper.

Fun fact about me

Jack of all trade master of #.....

Md. Mosharaf Hossain
Community Engagement and Accountability Officer
Bangladesh Red Crescent Society

I have 18 years' experience with national and international development organisations in the field of Community Mobilisation & Community Empowerment, Civic Engagement, Engagement with democratic local Governance, Disaster Risk Reduction & Climate Adaptation, WASH, Women empowerment, Child protection and closely worked with Community Based organizations (CBOs). I am experienced of facilitating and managing different meeting, training, workshop and orientation through proper coordination with stakeholders and counterparts including GO and NGOs. At present I am working as Community Engagement and Accountability(CEA) Officer at BDRCS NHQ, Dhaka.



My passion

To work closely with community and try to do my best according to their important needs so that community can be independent.

Fun fact about me

I believe I have highest level of humor and I can influence the people.



Md. Amirul Islam
Community Engagement and Accountability Officer
Bangladesh Red Crescent Society

I am a social science graduate. I did masters in Sociology and in Developing Studies with hands on 17 years of development experience focusing on community mobilisation, capacity building, livelihoods, migration, climate change and adaptation, and biodiversity conservation, social protection and justices through strengthening social and local governance practices. Currently I am working as Community Engagement and Accountability Officer for Population Movement Operation (PMO) in Cox's Bazar.

My passion

To work with diversified community and enjoy knowing their culture, beliefs, way of living. I love nature and prefer to learn through visit.

Fun fact about me

Nothing.

Nahida Arefin Nitu
Protection, Gender, Inclusion (PGI) and
Community Engagement and Accountability
(CEA) Officer
IFRC, Bangladesh



As a PGI and CEA Officer I am responsible to support the rolling out and adaptation of CEA movement tools, methodologies and activities in PMO operation. My experience of working with CEA team to attend Majhi-Imam meeting at Rohynga Camp. Roll out Radio Listening program at DAPS (Community) Centers. I am also responsible to attend all sector meetings and represent CEA. I also coordinate with relief team and PMEL team as and when required.

My passion

I love gardening. When in a flower blooms or veggie grows it makes me so excited and happy. I can't resist myself to share picture of that flower or veggie with my family and friends.

Fun fact about me

When me with my friends having chat and anyone sharing a joke, it's me who always catch or understand it last. So, it seems everyone is done with laughing and then I start.



Rufas Rafi Sircar
Field Communication Officer
ICRC, Bangladesh

I am working as the CEA Focal Point for the ICRC Dhaka Delegation. My main responsibility is to assess and contribute to the community engagement needs at the field level (Cox's Bazar and Chittagong Hill Tracts). I also support the development of strategies and plans of action to meet community engagement needs for each field sub-structure and ensure they are integrated across the different programmes. In addition, I contribute to the development of communication tools / materials in support

to the ICRC activities, and ensure their timely availability with supports from colleagues involved in field activities.

My passion

I love audio visual, and I love making videos and it is my favourite thing to do now.

Fun fact about me

I still enjoy building and playing with Lego sets.

PHILIPPINES

Alyssa Joy E. Payumo
Monitoring and Evaluation Technical Assistant
Philippine Red Cross



My overall responsibility is to capture timely and comprehensive performance updates through Service Delivery Reports (SDR) coming from the local Chapters nationwide monthly, quarterly, and annually in coordination with concerned National Headquarters' services/offices. Such reports are necessary to support decision-making processes, strategic/operational planning, and performance evaluation measures at the NHQ level. As such, the bigger perspective of my work experience is to monitor the implementation of monitoring and evaluation system and reporting process to ensure coherence with the PRC Strategic Direction 2017-2020. Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) comes in the line of my work during the conduct of Chapter visits and field visits as part of our annual Performance, Quality, and Accountability (PQA) Assessment. As a trained assessor using a developed PQA tool, I go down to the Chapters along with my co-trained assessors to conduct an initial assessment of the Chapter management and operations.

My passion

On my spare time, I love staying at the comforts of my home watching series/movies (mostly drama and biopics) and documentaries on mind-boggling topics such as conspiracies, crime, and murder as well as Self-help/Gen. Ed videos.

Fun fact about me

My friends find it 'weird' that I'm not a fan of chocolates- candy bars or drinks. Chocolate feels too thick and dry in my mouth, and too heavy in my stomach so I don't find it very enjoyable.



Perzeus Jay Luna
Field Officer
IFRC, Philippines

As a field officer I've spent 80% of my time in the community. It is my task to ensure that proper communication is being observed from National Headquarter to PRC local Chapters to the community. I am engaged in Relief and Recovery operations focusing on Shelter, Livelihood and Cash transfer programming. Part of my job is to ensure that clear information about the programme is available to all stakeholders and encourage community for a two-way communication in the programming.

My passion

If I am not doing this humanitarian job in the Red Cross, for sure I am a successful restaurant owner serving different cuisine from all over the world. I really love cooking that is why I like to taste different kind of food from different places so I can make the same food with my own version. For me serving people through humanitarian works is the same as cooking good and healthy food that will bring nourishment to the persons body.

Fun fact about me

I enjoy eating weird foods like bread with tomato ketchup with orange juice, unfertilised duck egg with vinegar and beer.

Maria Theresa Baylon
Health Officer
IFRC, Philippines

As a health officer, I am supporting Philippine Red Cross in developing plans, implementation and conducting capacity building of the chapters and communities, wherein CEA approach is being considered to ensure that community is engaged in all phases of the programme cycle – from assessment to evaluation. I also conduct field visits to monitor the activities and working with the team to analyse feedback from the community. In developing IEC materials, we also consider the local context and appropriateness through consultation with the community

**My passion**

It is always fun to travel in different places and taste a different culture and make new friends. I am quite adventurous in trying new things especially new food.

Fun fact about me

During my school age days, I always ate egg every time I had an examination because I believe that it would help me to get a high score in the exam. I think I got the idea from my mom.



Lidwina Dox
Delegate
Austrian Red Cross, Philippine

I am a freelance delegate (FACT, RDRT, ERU and Field Coordination) who is mostly deployed in emergencies. I believe a project is successful or a tricky situation can be solved, when the community is heavily involved in the process and is being heard at any possible time, not only in challenging situations. My credo is, that every single person is responsible for his/her own life at any moment and has therefore to be taken serious and treated with full respect. This was, in my opinion the key, to implement a few very tricky projects in the past.

My passion

I simply love supporting and working with people in severe crises/disasters.

Fun fact about me

Most people think it is funny, that I have been a cow-girl over 10 summers. All I did was watching the cows that they didn't fall off the rocks, cooking my meal over a bonfire, eating blueberries while sleeping in the grass and living in a simple hut far away from civilisation... there are a few more stories like that...

PAKISTAN

Aga Safdar
Programme Officer – Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting
Pakistan Red Crescent Society



I am a highly dedicated Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting professional with more than 8 years of work experience in humanitarian and development sector with reputable national and international organisations in Pakistan. I have earned two master degrees in Development Studies and Economics respectively. Currently, I am working as Programme Officer – Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting (PMER) with PRCS, based in the national headquarter Islamabad with responsibilities to contribute in management of PMER functions of PRCS throughout Pakistan. CEA is integral part of my work I am contributing in facilitating planning workshops, conducting assessments, designing implementation plan, tools and methodologies, conducting baseline studies and follow up monitoring visits, facilitating evaluation, lessons learned workshops and managing donor reporting at national and international level.

My passion

I like to read research papers on different topics published in rural-21 and other resources available. I like to spend some time on social media on a daily basis to update myself about any social development issue and events.

Fun fact about me

I am a good dancer with my local music (Chitrali Dance music).

JAPAN

**Emi Yahiro**

**Officer, Field HR and Training Division, International Department
Japanese Red Cross Society**

In my current role, I train delegates to be deployed to overseas mission such as ERU, bilateral activities of development, mainly in health area, providing IMPACT course, BHC-ERU, and other health related training courses. I'm also in charge of collecting information about training brought by external organisation to advise the strategy to improve our training. In terms of CEA work, I've started to collect the information about this topic, dispatching our roasted delegates to the related training, as well as having had the lunch session at NHQ by guest lecturer.

In the near future, I'd like to combine this idea with our existing training courses, such as IMPACT and other trainings.

My passion

I love to look for the diverse textile from different countries. I can't stop wondering around the flea market to look for fascinating fabrics. I also love to collect the small things made by fabrics of other countries, such as India, and some African countries.

Fun fact about me

I have visited more than 20 countries.

Kaori Hashimoto

**Charged Nurse of the Red Cross at Fukuoka Hospital
Japanese Red Cross Society**

When I was dispatched to Haiti in 2011 as a community health delegate of the IFRC, my task was to organise the project with the project manager and to support the facilitators working with the community volunteers. We used the CBHFA in 14 communities of Leogane. Some communities had already started the training in the community and other had not yet. One of the challenging things is to agree with the project because the approach is



not just donating something but also people need to understand and work for it. However, we also experienced the change of the community such as community volunteers support each other for the community.

My passion

I like to make something from clothes and my daughter always wears my handmade pants or skirts.

Fun fact about me

I am a nurse with more than 20 years experience in the hospital and enjoy my work. Also, I enjoy child bearing and I have a 7 year old girl. She gives me many fun tasks every day and she expands my ability.

TIMOR-LESTE



Hermenegildo Cardosos Rente
Head of Disaster Management Department
Timor-Leste Red Cross

I have been working on different issues including: Crops Failure Operation (2005), Internal Military Crisis (2006), High Wind Operation (2007), Flood response operation (2010). I was deployed as an RDRT in Nepal for Earthquake Operation as Relief Delegate. I am currently working through managing Integrated Community Based Programme (ICBRR) and other DM programmes.

My passion

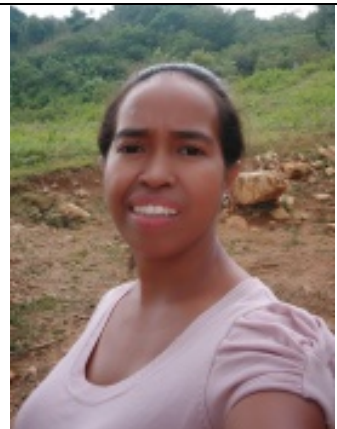
I am passionate about all activities, one of them is helping my neighbours to make a retaining wall to protect the landslide. But not every day I help to work, only on the weekend.

Fun fact about me

I am a simple person, I am always energetic and eager to learn new skills.

Maria Pascoela da Cruz
Livelihoods Project Manager
Timor-Leste Red Cross

During EL-NINO operation in 2015, I worked on cash distribution to affected communities. In the process of cash distribution, we received some complaints from the communities because some didn't get the cash. I wrote down their inquiries and responded to them. We then continued to disseminate information on selection criteria through flyers. We encouraged the communities to contact us if they had suggestions or complaint. Additionally, we work together with local radio stations to deliver



information and foster dialogues with communities in community based programmes.

My passion

I like to travel to the villages, meet with community, hear their stories and to feel what they feel.

Fun fact about me

I'm a mother with three children (1 boy, 2 girls). I don't like to go to the party during weekend. Better stay at home play with children and tell story about my work, my field trip during 5 days working to them.

NEPAL



Gita Kumari Pandey
Community Engagement, Accountability and Learning Officer
Nepal Red Cross Society

I have been working as a CEAL officer since 2016 in Strengthening Urban Resilience and Engagement programme at NRCS. Before that, I worked as a communication officer in Disaster Management Department since 2013. My key responsibilities are planning CEA related activities

in consultation with communities. I ensure meaningful participation of the community in full programme management cycle. I also develop the tailoring key message on different hazard through ensuring community participation along in the design and production of the IEC materials such as brochure, flipchart, PSA and poster and other materials as per community demand. I also provide training to community mobilisers, staff and volunteers on CEA and conduct the community campaign planning process.

My passion

I enjoy to work for most vulnerable people in rural communities where people are surviving from different social issues.

Fun fact about me

Sometimes I wear the clothes the opposite way.

INDONESIA

Rafiq Anshori
Head of Disaster Preparedness Sub-Division
Indonesian Red Cross



Communities are the centre of humanitarian work. We should establish programmes based on their needs through listening to their voices in order to address the right assistance including human, social, economic, health, environmental and networking aspects. Simple real time evaluation in the programmes can help us understand the needs of communities. Some of the notes above are my job responsibilities that are correlated with CEA in order to create organisational readiness in terms of disaster.

My passion

I like to learn from the community and look for additional references, to maximise the knowledge on community development.

Fun fact about me

Nothing.



Aulia Arriani
Head of Communication Bureau
Indonesian Red Cross

I started working in CEA during Mount Agung Eruption in Bali in 2017. At that time, I was involved in establishing a feedback mechanism including Help Desk and hotline service, assisting local PMI (Indonesian Red Cross) in developing key messages (information as aid) for example evacuation steps when the mountain erupts. I also worked through visiting the community at IDP's shelters to help roll out feedback mechanism. I was one of the facilitators during CEA orientation at PMI Bali involving volunteers and staff from various services. From this work, we also developed a lesson learned of CEA activities during the disaster.

My passion

My passion is to help animals, especially stray cats who need food, treatment, and shelter. I have around 10 cats and they all live in the vicinity of my house. During weekends when I have most of my free time, I love playing with them and feed them with extra delicious food.

Fun fact about me

I am an easy going person, people can talk to me about anything.

Septian Fajar
Senior Community Engagement and Accountability Officer
IFRC, CCST Jakarta (Lombok Operations)



I've had 4 years experience working with various organisations, leading one project to another, and creating innovation at work. I earned my degree in Geological Engineering (Bachelor of Engineering). I have done some work in the field of Disaster Risk Management. I have had the opportunity to work as a Resource and Development Intern in an NGO focusing on community-based DRR in Bali. Afterwards, I started my professional work as a Project Officer and Trainer/ DRR Consultant in Central Java, North and South Sulawesi. Before joining IFRC, I worked as Senior Programme Manager at a Community Development NGO in Yogyakarta.

My passion

I am fascinated and I have always been eager to work in disaster management and community development areas. I know breathing helps you to survive but communication will help others to survive. It's definitely my intangible weapons to create a difference and to exchange my knowledge to help and build a better living.

Fun fact about me

I am a good cook, and this is not a self-proclaimed thing since my co-workers here like my lunch box – the food that I cook by myself every day. I am also into horoscope and I can read someone based on their zodiac sign.



Hasna Pradityas
Senior Community Engagement and Accountability Officer
IFRC, CCST Jakarta (Sulawesi Operations)

Five years ago, I used to work on public health campaign to prevent tobacco consumption and non-communicable diseases. The campaigns consisted of monitoring, intervention, implementation, evidence-based advocacy, behavior change, community engagement and youth empowerment aspects. This path brought me to join IFRC's CEA work in Sulawesi operations. The highlights of what I am doing in CEA

is developing the feedback mechanism, building capacity for province and branch volunteers on CEA, and to ensure the programmes include the community participation and accountability.

My passion

I am passionate about graphic design and website/ app development. I've been travelling to many places to help design messages on social development and I enjoy doing that.

Fun fact about me

I like to test my adrenaline through going out of my comfort zone, such as doing outdoor things like sleeping at sky lodge (500 feet hung on the hill), rock climbing, paragliding, and free diving.

Maria Yohanista Erowati
CEA Coordinator
IFRC Indonesia-Timor Leste CCST

I started my work at a national NGO, focusing on community development in Jakarta, that mostly worked for capacity building of NGOs all over Indonesia. Then I moved to a regional NGO working for women empowerment. I am also a consultant for community development, gender and child protection for INGOs, UN agency (mostly ILO) and also Indonesian Ministry such as MOHA, Manpower and Women and Child Protection. I build local NGO focusing on child protection, newborn, disability issues, before joining IFRC.



My passion

Gender, children and disability issues are always in my heart and mind. I like teaching/training.

Fun fact about me

People say I am a strict person, brave to protest the injustice on women issues.

AND THE FACILITATORS...



Alexandra Sicotte-Levesque
Manager, Community Engagement
IFRC, Geneva

Prior to IFRC, I worked as UNOCHA's Global Adviser for Community Engagement, supporting field offices in implementing community engagement strategies and leading policy at headquarters. In this capacity, I was deployed to provide support in several emergencies, including in Iraq, Haiti, Jordan and the Philippines. I also worked for over three years in Sudan in the field of media and development, first as Country Director for BBC Media Action and later as Radio Producer for the UN peacekeeping mission. In 2002, I co-founded the non-profit organization Journalists for Human Rights (JHR) which is still operating today and is Canada's leading media development organization. Originally from Montreal, Canada, I received a MSc in Human Rights from the London School of Economics.

My passion

These days I spend most of my free time with my 21-month old son who is obsessed with cats and small rocks.

Fun fact about me

In a parallel life I'm a documentary filmmaker—I love telling stories with images. I've made two feature length films and am still working on my third.

Husni
Interim Regional Coordinator, Community Engagement and Accountability
IFRC Asia Pacific



I have been working in the areas of community engagement and accountability, participatory communication, advocacy with the Red Cross Movement and some international humanitarian organisations across Asia Pacific. I started with beneficiary communication initiative in Indonesia's 2004 earthquake and tsunami response at the Irish Red Cross and since then, I have continued working in this role with RCRC Movement and other international organisations. From 2013 – 2014, I was a Regional Communications Officer for Terre des Hommes Netherlands in Asia, managing participatory communication and advocacy work in Cambodia, Philippines, Thailand, Myanmar and more. I am experienced in establishing innovative approach for community participation programming through TV, radio, mobile phone, social media and traditional modes of communications based on local context and culture in humanitarian settings. I have deployed to various emergencies across the region of Asia. I am currently based in Myanmar to support the IFRC regional work on CEA.

My passion

I love storytelling through photography especially in the context of humanitarian crisis. I've captured and published evocative images during my field work and learned the meaning of life from amazing people who survived the disaster.

Fun fact about me

I am obsessed with crime scene investigation documentaries and sometimes feel that I should be the part of CSI team.



Prashan Thalayasingam
Community Engagement and Accountability
Advisor
Swedish Red Cross

I've been the Swedish Red Cross CEA advisor for three years and provide technical support to our CEA work across the movement, including our longer term CEA programmes in Myanmar, South Sudan and Sierra Leone, work in partnership with ICRC based on SRC's partnership framework agreement, and work with IFRC on movement policy. Previously I worked with Save the Children as a humanitarian MEAL advisor, with UNICEF as a consultant on child poverty in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, based in Jerusalem, and even before that I ran a research and advocacy programme on poverty and conflict in Sri Lanka, at a think tank based in Colombo.

My passion

I'm a bit obsessed by human creativity and diversity, especially where it exists in complex societies and those recovering from conflict and I love the art and other expressions of resistance that come from such places.

Fun fact about me

My side line is writing. I've published two children's books and I am working on my third.

Richard Cewers
Advisor PMER/CEA, Asia Pacific
Swedish Red Cross, Thailand

Initiation of CEA emergency set up in FACT mission, PMO Bangladesh. Development of VCA to include CEA and improved cross cutting assessment tool. Conducted the Community Engagement and Accountability Approach mapping of Asia Pacific National Societies in 2017, to support development of the community engagement and accountability Asia Pacific Regional Framework.



My passion

I am passionate over and under the water when it comes to ice-skating, sailing and scuba-diving.

Fun fact about me

I have jumped parachute 18 times.



Phyo Thant
Program Manager
Swedish Red Cross, Myanmar

I joined Red Cross in 2010. I worked as a staff of Myanmar Red Cross Society with different positions – Reporting Officer in Nargis Operation, M&E Officer, Communications Officer, Assistant Communications Manager, and Safer Access Manager. Then I joined Swedish Red Cross in 2017 as a Program Manager for

ARB (Accountable and Resilient Branches) project which is mainly applying the MRCS CEA Minimum Standards. Before Red Cross experience, I was a journalist about two years.

My passion

I love reading stories, travelling, and watching funny and zombie movies.

Fun fact about me

In my messaging in Myanmar language... I never type comma... full stop... I mostly type three dots... instead...