

# REGIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY AND RESILIENCE FORUM

Monthly Updates – April 2019



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Welcome to our April 2019 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:

#### IFRC Releases Outcome Report From the Third ASEAN Regional Conference on School Safety



Photo credit: IFRC

During 3-4 April 2019, IFRC and representatives from 11 Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies in Southeast Asian region participated in the third ASEAN Regional Conference on School Safety. The two-day event focused on the assessment of the region's progress in school safety work and in shaping the discussions toward outlining the ASEAN regional perspectives, approaches, and strategies on school safety post- AADMER Work Programme 2016-2020 and ASEAN Work Plan on Education 2016-2020. Click [here](#) to read IFRC's final outcome report of the conference.

## Highlight Updates from National Societies

### Cambodia

#### Kandal Red Cross Youth Carry Out Road Safety Activities Ahead of New Year Festival



Photo credit: Cambodian Red Cross

Ahead of the Buddhist New Year festival (or “Songkran”), the biggest festival in Cambodia, 34 Youth Red Cross from Angkor Highschool in Siem Reap Province conducted a Road Safety campaign through distribution of leaflets, disseminating information about how to avoid road accidents and demonstration on how to wear helmets properly. The event was participated by teachers and students. Source: Cambodian Red Cross [Facebook page](#).



## Indonesia

### Indonesian Red Cross Offers First Aid Training to Tangerang City Volunteers



Photo credit: Indonesian Red Cross

The Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) Tangerang City held a first aid training for the volunteers of PMI from Tangerang City on 30 April 2019. Participants of this training followed a series of first aid training activities ranging from the material, a written test and a practical test for five days. The purpose of the training is to create a pool of volunteers who can perform first aid service in accordance with PMI standard. The trained volunteers are expected to continue with the next level of the program which is the training of trainer. Click [here](#) to read the full story by the Indonesian Red Cross.

## Lao PDR

### Lao Red Cross Conducts Shelter, Latrine Repair Need Assessment in Flood Affected Communities in Attapeu



Photo credit: Lao Red Cross

During 23 - 30 April 2019, Lao Red Cross Headquarters and Attapeu Red cross branch together with District government officials conducted shelter and latrine repair need assessment and validation in 10 villages at Sanamxay District, Attapeu Province. The outcome of this assessment will provide information on the needs for shelter and latrine construction/repair as well as livelihood support for the recovery phase under IFRC Emergency Appeal operation.

### Lao Red Cross Conducts Statistics Training for Headquarter Staff



Photo credit: Lao Red Cross

Lao Red Cross (LRC) conducted a training on statistics and data recording during 1-5 April 2019. The training aimed to provide a better understanding of the collection of statistical data, the use of relevant software in processing and presenting data, and the type of information to be collected. The training was participated by 15 staff from LRC Headquarters (six females) and was facilitated by representatives from the National Statistic Center. Source: Lao Red Cross [Facebook page](#).

## Philippines

### Philippine Red Cross Supports Earthquake Rescue Mission, Provides Lifesaving Tips



Photo credit: Philippine Red Cross

The Philippine Red Cross (PRC) deployed manpower and rescue vehicles to assist in the search and rescue operations in a collapsed supermarket in Porac, Pampanga following the 6.1-magnitude earthquake that hit parts of Luzon on 22 April 2019. PRC mobilized 30 manpower equipped with two ambulance units, two rescue vehicles, a generator set, and a tower light. PRC also advises the public to take earthquake drills seriously to prevent major casualties and provides tips on preparedness measures before, during, and after an earthquake [here](#).

### Philippine Red Cross Warns Against Common Summer Diseases



Photo credit: Philippine Red Cross

The Philippine Red Cross (PRC) urges the public to be more cautious during summer season to reduce the risk of acquiring illnesses, which may lead to serious health concerns. Extreme heat can result in water, food, vector and air-borne diseases such as diarrhea, dengue, measles, influenza, sore-eyes, rabies, hypertension and blood pressure, chicken pox, food poisoning, heat stroke, sunburn and prickly heat rash. Click [here](#) to read PRC's tips to prevent summer illnesses.

## Singapore

### Singapore Red Cross Youth Movement Pledges To Bring First Aid, Home Safety Awareness to Elderlies, Persons With Disabilities



Photo credit: Singapore Red Cross

To commemorate World Red Cross Day, the Singapore Red Cross Youth (RCY) Movement pledged on 13 April to bring first aid and home safety awareness into the homes of 200 elderly and disabled persons in the years ahead. Singapore Red Cross (SRC) and its partner, Prudence Foundation, jointly launched the RCY-SAFE STEPS First Aid Outreach at RCY's World Red Cross Day event on 13 April. Taking first aid advocacy a notch further, RCY will curate and distribute first aid kits to the elderly and disabled in 200 households, guide residents on the use of these supplies, and impart basic first aid skills leveraging SAFE STEPS resources. Click [here](#) to read full story.



## Thailand

### Thai Red Cross Provides First Aid, Primary Healthcare to Remote Community in Chiangmai Province



Photo credit: Thai Red Cross Society

Thai Red Cross Society (TRCS) travelled with its mobile clinic to Ratchabut Village in Chiangmai Province to provide first aid and primary healthcare to the community. In consultation with the Sub-District Administration Office, Ratchabut Village was identified as a community which lack access to basic healthcare due to its location, limited mode of transportation, or inability to afford medical services in some cases. Eighty-five people (out of the 178-population) came to receive the services and was provided with health education on handwashing technique and how to prevent spread of influenza and dengue. TRCS nurses also visited households with elderlies and bedridden patients to teach the families about eldercare.

## Viet Nam

### Viet Nam Red Cross Conducts Minimum Expenditure Basket Workshop



Photo credit: Viet Nam Red Cross Society

As *Cash and Voucher Assistance* has increasingly become a preferred option for humanitarian response in Viet Nam, determining the minimum value of cash/voucher grants is important in ensuring the affected people receive adequate assistance to restore their livelihoods. The Viet Nam Red Cross (VNRC) organized a *Minimum Expenditure Basket* (MEB) Workshop during 24-26 April 2019 in Hanoi with the aim to provide common understanding on MEB and harmonize transfer value calculation among the humanitarian agencies following disaster and crisis. Seventeen participants from various humanitarian agencies including VNRC attended the workshop. MEB is defined as what a household requires in order to meet basic needs – on a regular or seasonal basis – and its average cost. Click [here](#) for more information about the workshop.

## Featured Story

### Philippines: Mothers of Measles Patients At Risk as Cases Continue To Rise



Photo credit: IFRC

For the past several weeks, the Philippine Red Cross emergency healthcare unit in the Philippines have been tending to the youngest of patients, children and babies coughing with fever, and whose bodies and faces are covered in red rashes. In early February, the local authorities declared a measles outbreak and since then 355 people have died, most of them children under 5 years of age.

But these patients are not the only ones at risk. Mothers treating their children in hospitals are now threatened by the same virus. Click [here](#) to read the full story.

## Timor-Leste Red Cross Departing Youth President Reflects on His Experience, Highlights Importance of Youth Programmes



Photo credit: Timor-Leste Red Cross

David Patricio Belo has been the CVTL (Cruz Vermelha de Timor-Leste or Timor-Leste Red Cross) Youth President since 2017. His term is coming close to an end, but he is thankful for an interesting, challenging and inspiring two years, and for being able to represent the Youth of CVTL.

During 9-10 May 2019, CVTL will be holding the National Youth Assembly, where all the Youth leaders from each district will get together and discuss policies, direction, activities and elect a new Youth President and Vice President for two years.

As his two-year tenure as Youth President is coming to an end, David talked about the problems faced by Timor-Leste Youth such as opportunities and unemployment. He said the CVTL Youth Programme help motivate youth like him to become involved and active. Some of the programmes deal with issues such as drugs conflict, HIV/AIDS, etc. Click [here](#) to read David's full story by CVTL.

## Upcoming Events

### Upcoming events for May – July 2019

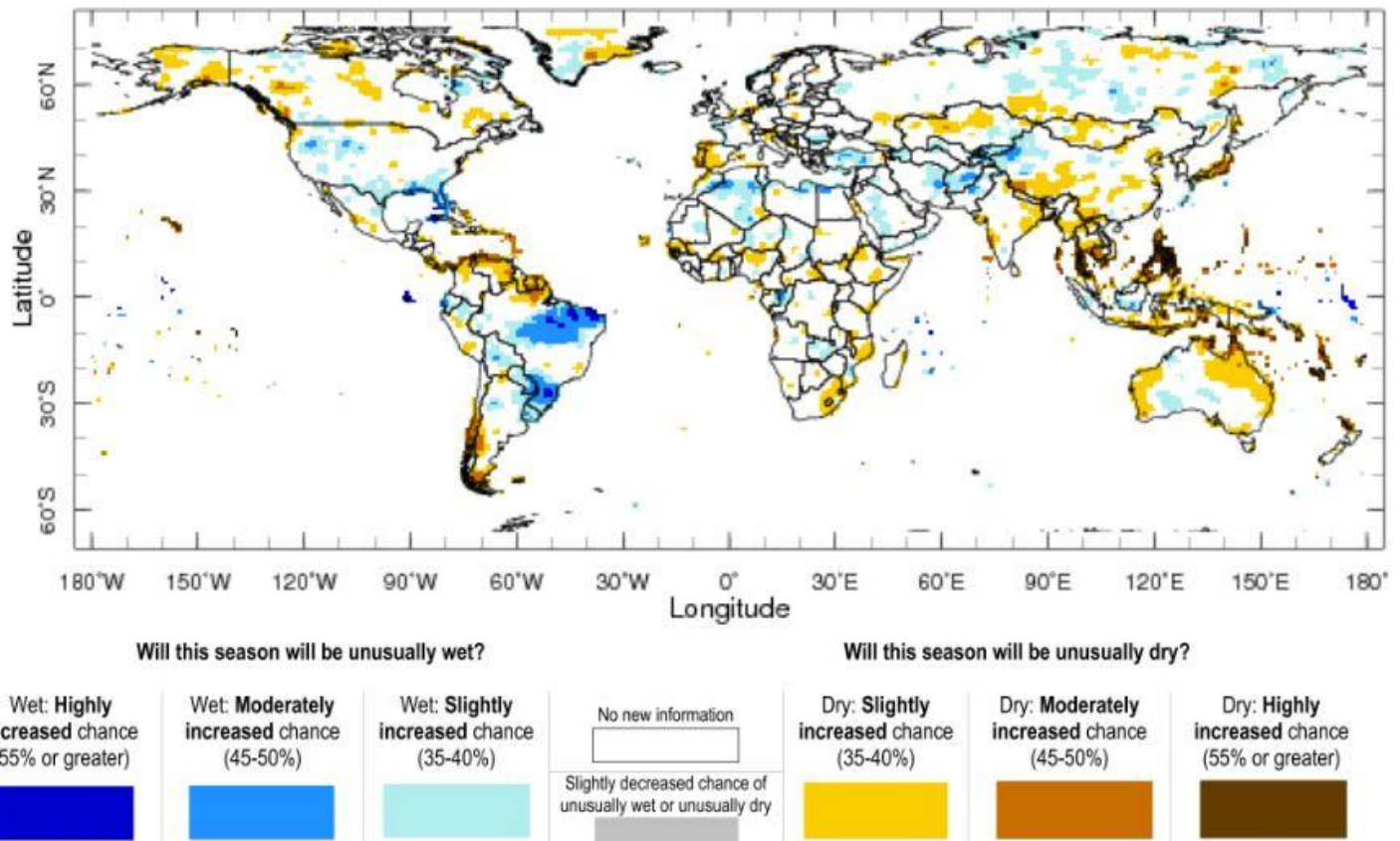
May	13	WhatNow Service Workshop	Geneva, Switzerland
	14	IFRC Disaster Risk Reduction/Climate Change Adaptation	Geneva, Switzerland
	15-17	UNISDR's Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction	Geneva, Switzerland
	22	Pre- Disaster Meeting & Disaster Law Consultation Workshop	Hanoi, Viet Nam
	27-30	Lao Government Visit to Viet Nam on Disaster Emergency Fund	Hanoi, Viet Nam
	27-31	Regional Protection, Gender and Inclusion Surge Training	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
June	24-28	Asia Pacific Region Emergency WASH Training	Bandung, Indonesia
	24-28	Emergency Needs Assessment Coordination (ENAC)	Kelantan, Malaysia
	TBC	Proposal Writing Training (Red Ready Programme)	Lao PDR
	TBC	Warehouse Management Training (Red Ready Programme)	Lao PDR
July	20	<a href="#">5th Singapore Red Cross Humanitarian Conference</a> "Partnerships and Volunteerism for Humanity"	Singapore

# Seasonal Forecast

April-June 2019

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

Forecast for Apr-Jun 2019, Forecast Issued Mar 2019



In March, the El Niño conditions which were declared by the US weather agency, NOAA, last month continue and are forecast to stay in place through the northern hemisphere Spring. We are approaching a time that is known as the "spring predictability barrier" during which our ability to predict whether an El Niño event will continue is low. Because of this, there is high uncertainty on whether this event will continue past the northern Hemisphere spring or if it will end in the next three months. It is important to note that we don't suddenly start to see impacts once an El Niño declaration is made, and that the impacts are seasonal, so El Niño does not affect every region during every season. In addition, every El Niño event is different so impacts may not be the same as in previous years. It is important to look at the seasonal forecast for areas where there is a highly confident forecast for potential changes to rainfall (the dark blue and dark brown areas of the map) for the best information on potential impacts. The seasonal forecast for the April - June season points to unusually dry conditions in parts of Australia, the Philippines, Indonesia and nearby countries, as well as unusually dry conditions in central America and parts of South America. Please see the map for details and reach out to the IFRC Helpdesk at [ifrc@iri.columbia.edu](mailto:ifrc@iri.columbia.edu) if you would like further guidance on how to interpret this forecast.

Meteorological agency in the respective Southeast Asian countries:

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