

Southeast Asia Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

# REGIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY AND RESILIENCE FORUM

Monthly Updates – June 2019



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Welcome to our June 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:

#### Thai Red Cross National Blood Centre To Host Meeting for International Society of Blood Transfusion



Photo credit: Thai Red Cross Society

Thai Red Cross Society (TRCS) National Blood Centre will be hosting the 30th Regional Congress of the International Society of Blood Transfusion (ISBT) during 16-19 November 2019 in Bangkok. The two-day academic meeting aims to build partnership between the Centre and academic institutions, as well as international partners in the field of blood services. At the event, experts and practitioners in the field of blood services worldwide will be discussing and presenting new innovations and devices for blood transfusion. Interested persons can register to attend the event and find more information at the main website: <https://www.isbtweb.org/bangkok/>.

## Highlight Updates from National Societies

### Cambodia

#### Cambodian Red Cross Sets Up Tents for Patients During Dengue Outbreak



Photo credit: Cambodian Red Cross

During the last week of June 2019, Cambodia's Stung Treng Province saw an outbreak of Dengue which has caused an influx of patients that require treatment at Stung Treng's local hospital. The Cambodian Red Cross (CRC) provided five tents for shelters and for temporary treatment areas to support the affected community. CRC also took the opportunity to communicate to the communities about maternal, newborn, and child health, as well as about Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever prevention.

## Lao PDR

### Lao Red Cross Offers First Aid, Emergency WASH Trainings to Staff Involved in Emergency Operation



Photo credit: Lao Red Cross

In June 2019, Lao Red Cross Headquarter conducted trainings for its branch staff in Attapeu Province where the recovery operation for communities affected by the 2018 dam collapse/flash floods is ongoing. The trainings were on first aid (17-18 June) and emergency water, sanitation and hygiene -- WASH (27-28 June) respectively. As part of the recovery operation, the trainings aimed to equip the staff with knowledge and skills necessary to assist affected people during emergencies. Click [here](#) and [here](#) for more details about the two training.

### IFRC Conducts Proposal Writing, Programme Planning for Lao Red Cross Staff



Photo credit: Lao Red Cross

During 24-26 June 2019, IFRC provided a back-to-back training on proposal writing and project planning process (PPP) to the Lao Red Cross (LRC) headquarters and branch staff. The intended outcome of the training was for LRC to effectively incorporate the needs on the ground into the planning and design of its operation, and to be able to draw on donor's contribution to its program through a clear and comprehensive proposal. The three-day training is expected to support LRC in its upcoming engagement with national, regional and international partners. Click [here](#) to read the full story.

## Philippines

### Philippine Red Cross Prepares To Supply Water To Counter Shortage



Photo credit: Philippine Red Cross

In June 2019, the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) assured its readiness to supply water to critical establishments that could be affected by the impending water shortage in Metro Manila as the water level in Angat Dam nears critical level. PRC is prepared to deploy its water tankers to supply water to hospitals in case the water level increases further, to ensure that healthcare services will not be interrupted and to avoid health complications, such as sepsis, diarrhea, and other hygiene-related diseases. PRC is equally active in the provinces especially affected by dry spells, including Catanduanes, Iram (Olongapo), Cebu, Zamboanga, and Albay. Click [here](#) to read the full story.

## Thailand

### Thai Red Cross Conducts CBDRR/SBDRR Refresher Training



Photo credit: Thai Red Cross Society

In preparation for the new phase of the Community-Based and School-Based Disaster Risk Reduction (CBDRR and SBDRR) project targeting 10 communities in Thailand, the Thai Red Cross Society (TRCS) conducted a refresher training course for its personnel based in TRCS Health Stations across the country with the aim to review the key concepts and approach as well as to encourage peer-to-peer learning among Health Stations. TRCS has conducted CBDRR activities since 2003 to raise awareness to those living in disaster-prone areas on the importance of disaster preparedness as well as to build their capacity and knowledge to respond in a systematic way when disaster strikes. Click [here](#) to access the training materials.

### Thai Red Cross Mobile Clinic Provides Health Services to Elderlies, People With Disabilities in Remote Areas



Photo credit: Thai Red Cross Society

The Thai Red Cross Society (TRCS) visited Mae Saluai village in Chiang Mai Province in June to support communities which have limited access and unable to afford basic health services. The one-day visit offers health consultation, basic treatment, provision of medical supplies (e.g. facemasks) and basic medicines. The communities were also given health and hygiene promotion such as handwash technique and basic healthcare knowledge. The villagers also learned about how to prevent the spread of dengue and influenza. Click [here](#) to read the beneficiary's story.

### Thai Red Cross Gives First Aid Training to School Children



Photo credit: Thai Red Cross Society

The Thai Red Cross Society (TRCS) gave a first aid training to students in Ban Sawang School, Ubon Ratchathani Province as part of the School-Based Disaster Risk Reduction programme that's being similarly conducted in other schools in 10 target communities. The students learn how to give CPR and treat people with broken bones, burns, etc. in the event of emergency. Click [here](#) to see more images from the training.

## Timor-Leste

### Timor-Leste Red Cross Holds Third Nation-Wide Youth Camp



Photo credit: Cruz Vermelha de Timor-Leste

Cruz Vermelha de Timor-Leste (Timor-Leste Red Cross or CVTL) held its third nation-wide youth camp in June 2019. The four-day event or “JUPRO” aimed to showcase the Red Cross’s support and commitment to the youth of Timor-Leste. It also focused on supporting the volunteers with activities to develop important life skills and build their capacities as Youth Volunteers to motivate youth to make choices that will support a healthy lifestyle and support them long term into the future. The camp slogan was “Youth as the Focus for a Healthy Lifestyle”. Click [here](#) to read the full story by CVTL.

## Viet Nam

### Viet Nam Red Cross Conducts Financial Service Provider Simulation Exercise



Photo credit: Viet Nam Red Cross Society

The simulation was conducted in five communes in Quang Tri province between 4 and 5 June 2019. In total, 1,013 people who are poor and nearly poor were selected to participate in the piloting. Each person received VND 250,000 (CHF 10.5) as allowance for their travel cost (petrol) and/or their wages. Out of the total number of beneficiaries, 428 persons registered with Viettel, while 585 others accessed the Post Office service, both of which are financial service providers (FSPs).

The simulation is part of the project “Cash Preparedness Initiative” implemented by selected National Societies with the technical support from IFRC. The goal of the Asia Cash Preparedness initiative is for Viet Nam Red Cross (VNRC) to have the capacity and the ability to use cash transfer programming in emergencies, recovery and resilience activities in a faster and more scalable way. Click [here](#) for more information.

## New Resources



### SAFE STEPS

SAFE STEPS comprises a series of public service announcements (PSAs) that aim to raise awareness and provide easy-to-understand educational information on life-threatening issues in the hope of saving lives and building more resilient communities. Series of live-saving video instructions related to [first aid](#), [road safety](#), how to stay safe in the event of [natural disasters](#). Similar materials are also available to teach children how to stay safe during [disasters](#), namely, typhoon, fire, flood, and earthquake.

## Upcoming Events

### Upcoming events for July – August 2019

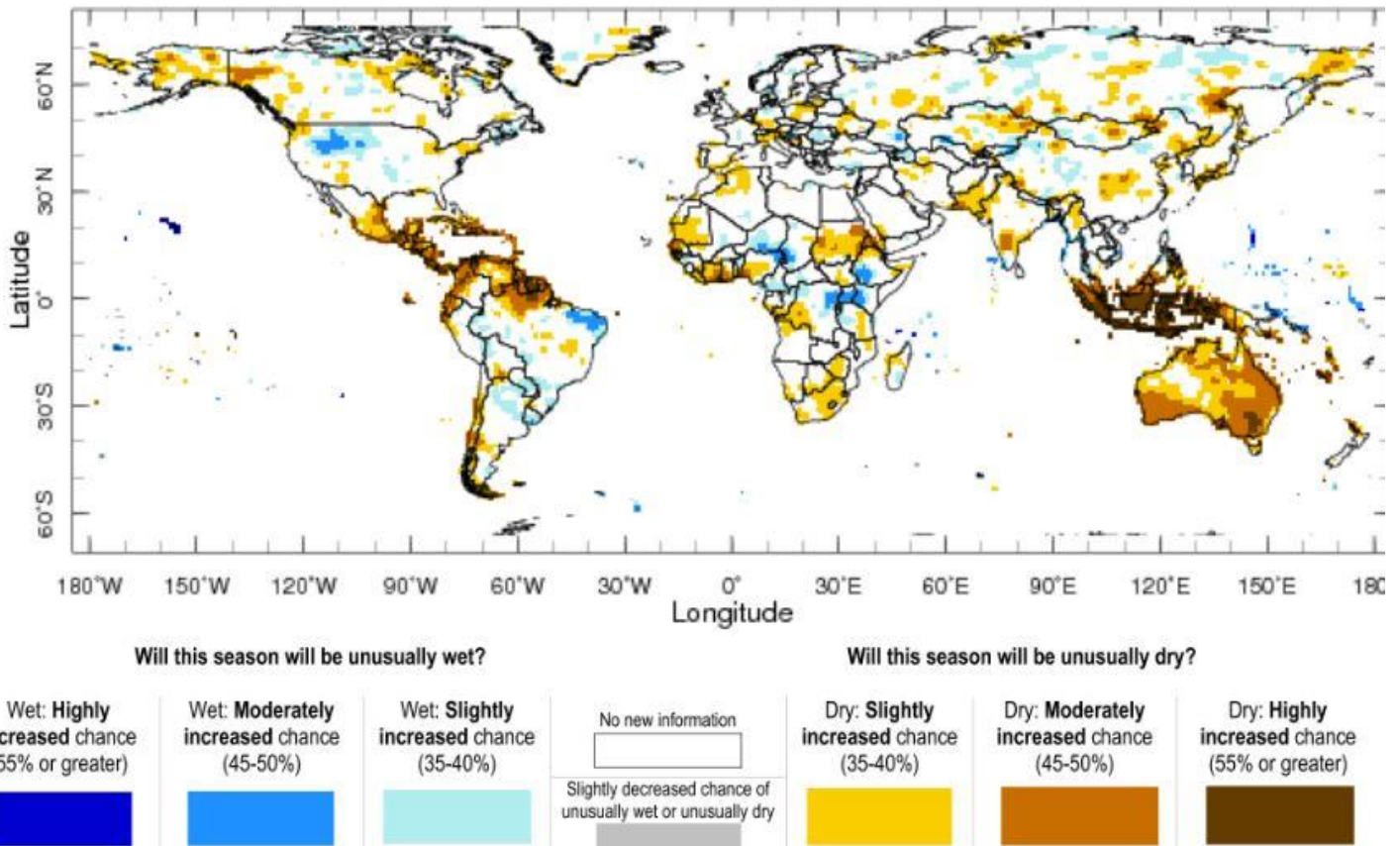
July	2-3	Academic Seminar on Disaster Management (Thai Red Cross)	Bangkok, Thailand
	20	<a href="#">5th Singapore Red Cross Humanitarian Conference</a> “Partnerships and Volunteerism for Humanity”	Singapore
	23-25	Asia Pacific Regional Workshop on Migration & Displacement	Bangkok, Thailand
	26	ART HIV/AIDS Cross Border Initiative Team Meeting	Bangkok, Thailand
Aug	31-2	Regional Red Ready Project Team Meeting	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
	5-9	National Disaster Response Team Induction Training Course (Thai Red Cross)	Thailand
	13-19	WASH Training of Trainers (Thai Red Cross)	Thailand

# Seasonal Forecast

## July-September 2019

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

### Forecast for Jul-Sep 2019, Forecast Issued Jun 2019



In June, El Niño conditions continue, but are weakening. Climate models forecast that this El Niño event will likely continue through June-August, with a lower likelihood it will continue until the end of the year (~55% chance). Please keep monitoring this forecast every month for updates. The seasonal forecast for the July - August season indicates some of the typical impacts of El Niño (e.g. dry conditions in the Caribbean, Indonesia, northern South America and Australia), as well as other likely changes to seasonal rainfall linked to other climate patterns. Please see the map for more details on the current forecast 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. 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:

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