



# SOUTHEAST ASIA RCRC YOUTH TRENDS

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## SEAYN Action Plan 2015-2016;

1. Advocacy of SEAYN; development of SEAYN Case study with good practices of NS
2. Youth champion on Social media including IT initiative and in humanitarian action and promotion of RC learning platform
3. School Safety (SBDRR-child friendly) tool incorporated into existing programme) /continued in ALL NSs and strengthened
4. Youth Empowerment Programme initiatives (YABC, leadership training, involvement of youths in policy development, Non Violence and peace programme)
5. Peer support and youth exchange facilitation thru webinar, events, conferences, networking, capacity building for members for the development of Youth and Volunteering



**3<sup>rd</sup> SEAYN annual meeting** was held in Jakarta, Indonesia hosted by the SEAYN Chair and Indonesia Red Cross Society (locally known as PMI or *Palang Merah Indonesia*) with the part of funding support from the CSR unit, IFRC SEA regional delegation.

The meeting has reviewed 2014-2015 activities, briefed about the upcoming events such as world humanitarian forum and International conference for further better engagement and developed 2016 action plan looking at issues of Youth in each NS programming and by considering each NSs' expectations and commitment to SEAYN for their youth engagement and development. The members also addressed the specific agenda "Youth in DRR focusing on School safety" as a key main agenda through the presentations of CSR unit and developed its action plans how to engage youths into this programme.

In the meeting the **3<sup>rd</sup> Coordination Team (CT) members** has been nominated with a successful handover from its predecessors. The **10<sup>th</sup> CT meeting** has been held in November 24-25 and it defined roles and responsibility of CT members and created an effective communication team under the officer (SRC) with an aim to represent the SEAYN as a whole by championing on social media through a good advocacy work. SEAYN Newsletter Issue 3 was developed by the team and shared with all members



Want to know more about SEA RCRC Youth activities and events?



# YOUTH LEADS !

## 4<sup>th</sup> Model IFRC General Assembly



**September 2015 – Korea.** SEAYN Co chair, Mohammad Zaidi participated as Chairperson for this event that was attended by Youth from 27 countries

# YOUTH SPEAKS !

## World Humanitarian Summit



**September 2015 – Doha.** SEAYN Co chair, Mohammad Zaidi participated as IFRC representative in the steering group of the World Humanitarian Summit Global Youth Consultation

## South East Asia – Community Safety and Resilience Forum



**South East Asia – Community Safety and Resilience Forum** was held in Jakarta, Indonesia on 4 to 6 August. SEAYN youth leaders attended the forum.

## October 2015 – Singapore Red Cross

Singapore Red Cross Youth attended a 2D1N Unit Instructor Programme. They learned Red Cross Knowledge, First Aid, Disaster Management and about the Youth Ambassadors' Blood Programme through lessons and practice. After this programme, these Unit Instructors will be assisting the teachers / youth officers in conducting trainings and lessons on these topics to Red Cross cadets in schools



## ASEAN Blood Drive Youth Camp

**November 2015 – Thailand.** ASEAN Blood Drive Youth Camp participated by youths from Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Laos, Philippines, Singapore and Brunei, is a 3D2N camp in Bangkok. It aims to build a network of youth leaders for blood donation in the ASEAN countries. Participants shared and learned blood donation practices, to strengthen the safety and sustainability of blood donation in the region. The youths were tested on the knowledge on blood donation through games and gained insights on International Committee of the Red Cross and its humanitarian roles.



# YOUTH ACTS !



## November 2015 – Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent

Head of YABC Club Abdul Muntaqim Isa with some of the volunteers participated in the blood drive. He believed that donating blood is more than just saving lives.

A 4 hours blood donation drive was a joint effort between BDRCS and Jerudong Park Medical Centre (JPMC) It managed to collect a total of 24 pints

## August 2015 - Myanmar Red Cross Society

Due to the torrential rain during June and July 2015 and the effect of Cyclone Komen, which made landfall in Bangladesh on July 30<sup>th</sup>, almost the whole country of Myanmar (except Naypyidaw and Tanintharyi Regions and Kayah State) was affected by heavy flooding. According to the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, flooding has inundated nearly 400,000 acres of farmland, destroyed 30,000 acres and damaged more than 73,000 acres.

About 2000 Red Cross Volunteers and Red Cross Youth of MRCS helped and provided action support services of First Aid Services and Psychosocial support in addition to distributing tarpaulins, hygiene kit and other relief items.

Red Cross Youth (the YABC Peer Educator) are evacuating people to safe place from landslides area in Mawchi township, Kayah State



## ASEAN Youth Volunteer Programme (AYVP)

**In cooperation with AYVP and the support of HoRD, IFRC Cambodia office and Cambodia Red Cross, the AYVP programme in Cambodia was successfully implemented in August 2015.**

47 Youths from ASEAN Countries such as Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam participated in August with the theme of WASH for Cambodia. The programme conducted by the IFRC and CRC staffs, comprises of 2 sessions; Theoretical and Field Activities. During the opening ceremony, Anne E LECLERC Head of IFRC SEA delegation made a presentation on “Call for Youth Action” with her inspiring speech.

During Youth empowerment forum, participants identified and discussed on issues facing ASEAN youths and prioritized into 6 agenda; ASEAN Youth issues, Opportunities, Youth funding, Youth Leadership and Commitment, Volunteer Safety and Security and Measurable impact of the programme. They elaborated on the problems, root causes, and suggested solutions on how to change it into a positive actions.

During their field activities, participants installed Ceramic water filters in community and conducted hygiene promotion in community and school in Krakor village. Participants prepared WASH awareness campaign through Music, Dance, Sports, Visual Arts, Theatre. The campaign was organised in the community hall and was attended by about 300 people. Impact of the awareness campaign was measured through questionnaire and 75% of participants gained knowledge about the WASH in a correct and clear way and changed attitude.

Participants were motivated and gained knowledge about volunteerism, community engagement and WASH Participants are committed to be agents of change for better and resilient society

# YOUTH UPDATE !

## YABC Peer Educators Training

### Thai Red Cross YABC training with the funding Support of the CSRU

Thai Red Cross YABC Peer Educator's training was held in July 20-24, Bangkok. Four facilitators were mobilised to carry this training such as IFRC youth and volunteering officer, one from Cook Island RC and two Singapore RC staffs (YABC PEs). This training had two impacts:

- 1) It was the first training in the region to involve Singapore participants (who were trained by the IFRC youth and volunteering officer) to mobilise as YABC facilitators with hand-on experience in the oversea field.
- 2) After training, the trained YABC PEs of TRC developed their action plans and integrated YABC activities into the FA trainings and Friendship camp to motivate the other youths to join the RC and community actions with high zeal. CSRU completely supported to fund this training



### Brunei Red Crescent YABC Peer Educators training

Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent YABC peer educators training was held in Brunei in September 2-8 with the support of an IFRC youth and volunteering officer, one from Egyptian RC and two Singapore RC staffs (YABC PEs) trained in Singapore.

The BDRC trained Youths established YABC Club after the training and decided to engage in community actions and school actions with their own design to change mindsets, attitude and behaviour of community and school peers into a positive way. They discussed Brunei issues and presented in the social mobilisation platform in the attendance of BDRC Leadership. They integrated YABC Action into their FA programme.

### Myanmar RC: Youth empowerment cum SBDRR (YSBDRR)

IFRC Youth and volunteering officer, with the technical support of the CSRU Coordinator has developed a tool of YABC integrated SBDRR and organised one training as a pilot in Myanmar Red Cross from July 7-10 under the CSRU SBDRR Project.

The tool with a **participant-centred, experiential learning** approach relies on a **non-cognitive methodology**, meaning that feelings, experience, or the physical body, rather than intellectual analysis adopted from YABC toolkits and helps youth to gain the SBDRR knowledge by addressing/identifying specific gaps/issues and its root causes in their existing knowledge and practice, giving all possible solutions to that by their own, through scenario based games, role-plays, simulation and visualization exercises, through a creative platform; theatre, dance, music, arts and sports activities. In a second phase, youths share experiences with their peers and reflect together and make a 'from their heart to their mind' learning journey to become ethical leaders for SBDRR. It combines with a delivery of technical knowledge on Comprehensive School Safety framework (CSS) and DRR.

The pilot workshop also has been meaningful since this tool can engage youths (students), teachers and community people at the same time in one integrated workshop for SBDRR and also is using YABC sessions for youths to engage the SBDRR programme not led by teachers but with their own interest and will.

It was one of the perfect integration between youth and DRR at the regional level. The regional office is under development of its case study for further expansions.

