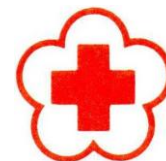
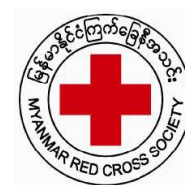


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Day 1: Wednesday, 22nd April 2009

Opening ceremony and welcome

Tran Ngoc Tang, President of Vietnam Red Cross

Dang Van Tao, Disaster Management Coordinator of Vietnam Delegation

Bernhard Julier, Cooperation Delegate of ICRC

Patrick Fox, Head of Regional Disaster Management Unit of Regional Delegation Bangkok

Welcome participants and give opening comments focusing on the further development of capacities and advancement of the RDMC as an effective network.

13th RDMC Meeting Objectives

Patrick Fox, Head of Regional Disaster Management Unit of Regional Delegation Bangkok

By the end of the meeting, the participants will have:

1. Followed up on the activities achieved against the action plan developed during the last RDMC Meeting
2. Received presentations from all NS on an innovative project they have or are implementing; understand the focus for the RDMU; opportunities for updates and shared National Society's innovative projects; and obtain an update on the work of the Asia Pacific DMU
3. Knowledge shared from ICRC with focus on restoring family links
4. Agreed on action planning and priority issues for the six sub-groups RDMC meeting to take forward in 2009 and the venue and date for the next 14th RDMC meeting in 2010

Meeting Expectations

Patrick Fox, Head of Regional Disaster Management Unit of Regional Delegation Bangkok

The main expectations were:

- To improve on coordination and communication among National Societies, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent, ICRC, Government and other organizations
- To integrate programmes between Disaster Management, Organisation Development and Health service departments in NS
- To develop a plan for the regional level coordination with partners
- To clarify the role and responsibility between country delegation, regional delegation and Asia Pacific Disaster Management Unit
- To gain information and lessons learnt in key technical areas including: DRR; DP; DR; and shelter
- To learn how to improve the programme on restoring family links (RFL) and discuss how to link with DM

Report Back on the 5th RDMC Sub-Committee Meeting

Catherine Marie G Martin, Manager of Disaster Management and Emergency Response Unit of Philippine National Red Cross

The participants discussed about the recommendations of the 5th sub-group RDMC meeting which have been incorporated into the meeting agenda, such as:

- Working closely with Health and Disaster Management departments in National Societies
- Issue of volunteer management and organizational development in emergencies
- Issue of deployment and specializing Regional Disaster Response Team training
- Discussion on reporting lines between country representation, regional office and Zonal delegation that need to be clarified
- Sub-committee assigned task on the specific areas during disaster operation
- Issue on coordination between Disaster Management Unit and Regional Disaster Management Committee-role need to be clarified
- Issue on RDRT availability when deployment needs; are every RDRT graduates qualified?
- Passport issue – how to facilitate easy access within ASEAN countries during emergency situations.

National Societies Present their Innovative Projects

An innovative project of each NS is summarised below:

National society	Key points
Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) <i>Umi Alfiah, Coordinator Disaster Response Restoring Family Link Division of PMI</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoring family links activities started in 1979 and still continued. • It's a core activity of PMI now. • Major challenge in making RFL effective is because it is not included in all disaster assessments. • Promotion of RFL amongst community, PMI board members and RDMC members is the key priority.
Lao PDR <i>Dr. Bountheung Menvilay, Head, DP and Relief Division of Lao Red Cross</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Preparedness for Response to Disaster & Communicable Disease Emergencies and CBDP-CB DIPECHO program in Lao.
Myanmar <i>Maung Maung Khin, Head of Disaster Management Department of Myanmar Red Cross</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DM review is a part of annual review process • Translation of some IEC materials into local languages • Establish DRR unit (French Red Cross support) • Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction ToT was conducted in 53 townships in 2008 and will continue to conduct 10 more townships in 2009
Malaysian Red Crescent <i>Nasir Khan Abdul Rahman,</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates: flooding is common in Malaysia • MRC is working together with the Government in

<p><i>Disaster Management Manager of Malaysian Red Crescent</i></p>	<p>disaster management activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding support from the Government especially in preparedness activities is available; • MRC has been supporting all ministries in relief distribution; • Capacity building training is done by the Government.
<p>Cambodia <i>Duch Sam Ang, Disaster Response and Preparedness Coordinator of Cambodian Red Cross</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cambodian Red Cross DM update: presented the community based disaster preparedness and community based disaster risk reduction activities; • Carried out VCA for NHQ and branch staffs in Cambodia.
<p>Thailand <i>Dr. Amnat Barlee, Director of Relief and Community Health Bureau of Thai Red Cross</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobilizing volunteers from commercial sectors (Coca-Cola Co.Ltd) is very encouraging; however, it is a challenge to manage the volunteers as they are free from work only for a short time.
<p>Timor-Leste <i>Luis Pedro Pinto, Disaster Management Programme Coordinator of Timor-Leste Delegation.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed disaster risk reduction programme, CBDP and livelihood support programmes. Strengthening disaster risk reduction in community with greater participation especially women and children is a challenge.
<p>Philippines <i>Catherine Marie G Martin, Manager of Disaster Management and ERU of Philippine National Red Cross</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PNRC presented upgrade of emergency response capacity; early warning alert messages for communication by SMS; fire rescues (fire trucks) and ambulance; improve emergency response vehicle; • Launched mobile emergency soup kitchen because affected people did not have time to cook or have other reasons. • In March 2009; finalized DM operation manual • MoU to be signed with the government for a project • PNRC will conduct first shelter workshop in early May 2009
<p>Vietnam <i>Prof. Phung Van Hoan, VNRC is Vice President, Deputy Secretary General, Director of Social Welfare Department</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New approaches in construction of Typhoon resistant houses in Vietnam • Achievements of VNRC • Lessons learnt from the disaster

The experience and knowledge gained through the implementation of the innovative projects presented by the NSs will be documented for dissemination and future references and development of DM activities across the region.

Asia Pacific Zone Disaster Management Unit Updates

Daniel Bolanos Gonzalez, Disaster Response Delegate of Asia Pacific Zone

Discussions on Asia Pacific Disaster Management Unit's structure, objectives and its 2009 priority issues were discussed. Issues around response task force, information management, FACT/ ERU/ RDRT process, DREF, emergency appeal process; and DR systems – proposals were picked up.

Comments:

- Issue of reporting line, deployment, selection of RDRT members and deployment process should be further clarified
- Development of RDRT module (standtized) done by Southeast Asia, and we can share the same with South East Asia regional NSs as well. No need to re-invent the wheel.
- Regional Delegation (Bangkok) is still reporting line of Southeast Asia country delegations as was before. No change in line management system as yet.
- If South Asia needs RDRT deployment from Southeast Asia then Asia Pacific DM Unit will take up this role, but Regional DM Unit is in-charge of deploying within Southeast Asia region
- RDRT should not only be regional team but the global team as well
- Professional quality of RDRTs deployed in the field needs to be reviewed
- The RDRT deployment should be linked to the 4 sub-committees of RDMC i.e. Coordination, Disaster Management Information System, Disaster Preparedness and Response

WPNS Analysis and Update on Resource Mapping

Seng Samban, Regional Disaster Management Programme Officer of Southeast Asia Regional Delegation

Shared the WPNS checklist 2009-2011 and expected to complete by all NSs by August 2009. Further discussions were held about the use of WPNS checklist as a self-evaluation tool. It was agreed by all the participants that the WPNS is a useful tool.

Recommendations:

- WPNS reflects performance of each NS on disaster management
- Methodology of working out on WPNS is better to discuss
- NS expecting advice from Regional Delegation (Bangkok) to facilitate this self-assessment process
- RDMU will continue to support NSs to use WPNS checklist

ICRC Activities on Restoring Family Links

Bernhard Julier, Cooperation delegate, ICRC Regional delegation Bangkok
Beatrice Munier, Regional RFL advisor, ICRC, Kuala Lumpur

A presentation and review of Tracing / Restoring Family Links (RFL) activities and the commitments made by the RCRC Movement was undertaken. There was much uncertainty on where this activity sits within many NS, as such it was identified that further discussion in each NS on where this program should be managed from was needed.

Comments and questions:

- The RFL structures and approach may differ from one NS to the another. To integrate RFL into DM, we need to develop this capacity within NS. PMI has RFL programme linked to DM, but PMI needs more support to improve RFL further.
- NSs need to prepare a brief concept paper on RFL.
- PMI proposed RDMU and ICRC to organize RDRT RFL in Indonesia in July or August 2009. PMI will discuss with Country Delegation about financial support.
- RFL should be defined differently between natural disaster and conflict.
- RFL key action points and justifications:
 - Establish RFL in reference to natural disaster
 - RFL is the joint task with Psycho-social support program
 - Need of a focal department on RFL in each NS apparent
 - To develop the concept note to promote this RFL in the region.

Way forward for RFL (Group presentation by NSs)

Group 1

- Agreed that RFL is needed during disaster
- Agreed about need of a focal section/department in RFL in each NS
- Agreed to set up a working group within RDMC to develop a position/concept paper to be submitted in the leadership meeting in August 2009
- To actively seek partners within and outside of RCRC movement to fund CB and direct activity on RFL
- Have to actively advocate with our respective Government on what NS can do in management of dead bodies and RFL

Group 2

- RFL is needed in Emergency Assessment (disasters)
- RFL is form task of OSO
- RFL connects to Recovery
- RFL is very important to DM during Disaster Response

Group 3

- Establishing family links in reference to natural disaster
- Draw concept paper advocate leadership to engage in RFL
- Training on the dead body management
- Supportive document on dead body management
- Medical legal aspect

Day 2: Thursday, 23rd April 2009

How do we deal with Civil - Military Relationships?

Victoria Bannon, Programme Coordinator, International Disaster Response Laws, Rules & Principles

- Facilitated a session on civil-military cooperation, covering current RC policies and guidelines as well as recent initiatives happening in ASEAN and Asia Pacific Region to develop new mechanisms for military involvement in natural disaster
 - NS felt there was still confusion as to the rules for accompanying Government-Government missions in general
 - There was a general acceptance that militaries and G-G deployments were inevitable but there needed to be agreement among NS as to what was acceptable regarding RC deployments
 - Further clarity on the use of the emblem was also needed
 - NS wanted to more clearly identify how they should engage with ASEAN – a discussion group was set up for this purpose, with a view to presenting something to the Leadership Meeting later in the year

- Facilitated a session on IDRL, opening it up to NS to ask whatever they wanted to know and to provide a quick round-the-table report on their activities/challenges/opportunities. In general, NS felt that having national-level workshops would facilitate the interaction with governments and it was also suggested that introducing IDRL as part of National DRR Platforms would be another way 'in' to national disaster planning
 - Philippines RC – PNRC was discussing with the NDCC about the possibility of having a national level IDRL training during 2009
 - Thai RC– Dr Barlee sent a letter to the TRC Secretary-General for comments on the IDRL Guidelines and proposed possibility of an IDRL workshop. There is need for discussion with External Affairs to see how the Guidelines can be disseminated in a more practical way.
 - Vietnam RC - IDRL Project already underway with a review of legal documents and consultations. A training workshop was planned for 28-29 April. A rep from Vietnam DM dept was also present and suggested that IDRL be included in the Vietnam DRR meeting in September
 - Myanmar RC – Noted that taking IDRL was difficult, that MRCS had a focus on health activities and there were no DM laws currently in place. It was noted that immigration issues were easier for personnel with ASEAN passports
 - Timor Leste RC – Expressed great interest in taking IDRL forward as part of strategic planning and would investigate the possibility of hosting a national IDRL workshop
 - Cambodia RC – Reported on the near completion of the IDRL Project. It was presented some of the findings from the study.
 - Lao RC – Reported on progress with Laos IDRL Study and cooperation with the French RC and the NDMO

- Indonesia RC – Has sent a letter to the Government and is hosting an orientation session on IDRL and discussion on the new government regulations on international assistance schedules for end of May. PMI has a new MoU with BNPB which will make proper engagement with the government easier
- NS also agreed to integrate and IDRL checklist into contingency planning (being followed up the Zone DMU)

Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy:

Patrick Fox, Head of Regional Disaster Management Unit of Regional Delegation Bangkok

The discussion on DRR strategy was divided into four sessions:

- Vietnam Government`s strategy on disaster risk reduction
- Disaster reduction and climate change
- Regional risk reduction project, and
- Education and Disaster Risk Reduction, and Early Warning System Sector
- Intervention

An outline of the discussion is presented below:

Vietnam Government on Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy

Nguyen Xuan Dieu, Standing Member, Director of General Office of Central Committee for Flood and Storm Control

The presentation on the the National Strategy for Disaster Prevention, Response and Mitigation 2020 by General Office of Central Committee for Flood and Storm Control was a good example how Vietnamese government is trying for mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction in its programmes . The presentation touched upon the Ministry of Agriculture leading in DRR platforms, programs and principles. Vietnam DRR platform is working on DRR Laws and seeks support from Vietnam Red Cross and Federation in this front. Moreover, Vietnam government organised National Platform Avenue for sharing lessons learned and policy issues. It was discussed that a common framework for DRR strategy between VNRC, Federation and the Government would be a good initiative in insitutionlising DRR in Vietnam.

Comments:

- How to engage with Vietnam government in line with it`s interests on DRR strategy?
- How to link up Vietnam Red Cross to develop DRR strategy with Vietnam Central Committee for Flood and Storm Control department

Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change

Part 1: Climate change and Red Cross Red Crescent

Rebecca McNaught, Senior Programme Officer of Red Cross/Red Crescent Climate Centre

- Current trend on climate change adaptation is to use information on climate change to optimize resources

- During 2007 International conference, a number of commitments were made including raising awareness of climate change, look into the root causes of climate change and mobilize resources to link climate change into our work, etc
- Partnerships with IRI with Columbia University on climate change is a new initiative to work on climate change awareness,
- Global response tools on Disaster Management Information System are available for further references. For climate change study, 10 internships are provided; one will be for Southeast Asia region as well.
- RCRC climate change guide book is published which is basically a collection of experiences collected from 30-40 countries. This book is available in website and copies can be requested.
- Key upcoming events:
 - World Disaster Reports: to be released in June
 - Global UNFCCC negotiations: Copenhagen December 2009
 - Global Platform to be held between 15 to 19 June 2009 in Geneva. Two representatives from Southeast Asia are expected to attend the platform.
- Most of the Governments are preparing for establishing National Platforms for DRR and maintain forum of DRR interventions, therefore, good to tap that opportunity to link up with our programmes. For example, Cambodian RC is about to translate Global Platform newsletter into local language
- RDMU requests NSs for ideas/comments/ suggestions on DRR national platforms
- Funding possibilities exist with Red Cross and Red Crescent Climate Change Centre exist to follow up ongoing activities/ or start innovative ideas.

Comments:

- Climate change challenges are enormous and it is a reality
- Strengthening the capacity of NSs in the region and engaging with other stakeholders is crucially important.

Part 2: Regional Disaster Risk Reduction Projects

Nguyen Hunga, DRR Project Manager of Regional Delegation Bangkok

The regional project on disaster risk reduction consists of six components as follows:

Component 1 - Development of standardized DRR framework: ongoing, will be submitted shortly, Regional Workshop 21-22 May in Bali to discuss. In addition, upcoming trainings will be held during June-August 2009 in 6 countries.

Component 2 - Mainstream DRR into education.

Component 3 - Improving Community Based Early Warning System: need to clarify more how NS can commit to this project.

Component 4 - First draft VCA completed and shared with NS for comments. Lao Red Cross already tests regional VCA. Some NSs have given feedback, in recent days which will be revised and shared with regional NSs again.

Component 5 - Strengthening coordination and networking: ECHO for RDMC network,

National platform newsletter.

Component 6 - Lessons learned in DRR. Recently a lesson learned workshop was organised in Nepal and the regional representatives participated in the workshop to gather ideas how to enhance knowledge sharing mechanisms in this region as well.. ADPC agrees to combine 6th DRR practitioner's workshop with DRR workshop to be held in September 22-24, 2009 in BKK (with UN, other NGOs, Southeast Asia, Pacific and South Asia)

- ECHO will open for second cycle of DIPECHO funding in July 2009 (18-month program), with focus on Lao, Cambodia, Vietnam and Philippines based on DRR framework. For Indonesian, focus will be on education sector. Possibility to include Timor-Leste, Myanmar and Pacific, but not clear
- Global alliance: Cambodia selected to be DRR Global Alliance member. Cambodian Red Cross has been working on database which is the first step for Global Alliance.

Part 3: Education and Disaster Risk Reduction, and Early Warning System Intervention

Erin Michelle Smith and Vu Minh Hai, Consultant of DRR Project

Outcomes from group discussion:

Task 1: Linking up Education and DRR

Roles and Responsibilities of NS in relation to Education and DRR	Challenges	Which NSs are pursuing on these issues	Programs and Projects (include name of partners)
-Training of Teachers - Primary schools training on disaster preparedness - Provide training/IEC materials - Advocate to the Government/ MOET to include DRR to be part of school curriculum (can be done in a formal/informal way))	- No appropriate technology/ --even terminology is not clear - No funding - No commitment of Government - Time constraint for teaching	VNRC, CVTL, PNRC	JRC, Ministry of Education and Training, IFRC
- Provide training to teachers - VNRC conduct, monitoring, guide teachers - Lobby to government - Share experiences with government,	-Funding Issues - Issue of Sustainability (Solution – include in curriculum (Informal education)	VNRC	Booklets for primary school children, Tri-partite agreement between MOET and youth

- Myanmar RC can share existing education tools (curriculum and activities) with other NSs if necessary. For Junior and disaster response team in school, syllabus is available and can also be shared. , Branches work closely with schools.

- In Malaysia, only RCRC ambulances are allowed in the schools, funded by Ministry of Education. No other NGOs are allowed to join

Group discussion:

Task 2: Early Warning System (EWS)

2 components: (1) Focus (2) Dissemination

Roles and Responsibilities of NS in relation to EWS	Challenges	What NSs are pursuing these	Programs and Projects (include names of partners)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 way communication Government agencies ↔ NHO - -> Chapters/Branches --> Community - Capacity Building - Train a team (CBAT) - Monitoring and Evaluation - Supply - Sustainability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding (lack of funding) - Lack of volunteers - Lack of Buy-in to importance of EW - Lack of technology 	TRC, VNRC, PNRC, CVTL	MRC, DHRW, ADPC, NDWC, Met Dept, Disaster Op Centre, Local authorities Radio amateur network
<p>PMI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PMI has developed a radio network - Bottom up and top down process needs to consider - Source of information collection: Collect info from Volunteers - Chapters, branches, sub-branches - SIBAT community, SATGANA <p>Tools for EW: Flag, traditional means, Siren</p> <p>FedNet (at chapter levels) , SMS, Hp, Fax</p> <p>VNRC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Loud speakers at communes - Radio for fishermen - Evacuation - EW training manual for RC volunteers (W/ ADPC, same as PMI) - Provide training - Support to CCFSC - - relaying messages - CB for VNRC (community level) + equipment 	<p>Late information from PMI to community (because of too many islands) + physical infrastructure. i.e., communication set up a constrain in Timor Leste</p>		

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Note :

- A big gap exists in relaying information from provinces to community
- Community fatigueless about early warnings exists therefore no response when receiving alarm/ Early Warning,
- No action taken for setting up communication channels at every level of RC (HQ, chapters, branches, and sub-branches) and from community to Red Cross
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- Issue on developing manual/ guidance on Early Warning with other agencies like ADPC and Government is a critically important. PNRC guideline is very useful.

Challenges:

- Better to link up early warning system with disaster preparedness and disaster mitigation (PNRC) initiatives rather than developing as an isolated vertical project
- Interactions with respective Government in each country is vital for enhancing early warning system
- PNSs also need to develop understanding about Climate Change Adaptation
- Sensitizing leadership on CCA is crucially important

For climate change adaptation, integrate livelihoods interventions into the existing disaster management programme/ linkages of health in disaster intervention (diseases, outbreaks, PSP),

Follow up points:

- NSs to come up with specific action plan in line with their current capacity to work on climate change adaptation
- Need to consider how partnerships, advocacy, education/training/ at regional, national, provincial and community level could be tailored to the climate change adaptation
- Assign two facilitators with each NS to coordinate further on this process

Day 3, Friday, 24th April 2009

Organisation Development in Emergencies and Volunteer Management

Malcolm Mckinlay, Regional Organisation Development Delegate of Regional Delegation Bangkok

Issue: During disaster operations, a lot of the international aid is received by a NS in terms of staffs, money and goods in kind. How far it is a realistic assumption that an external support during emergency period helps develop capacity of a NS?

Comments:

- Continue to appreciate and contact volunteers throughout the year rather than during the impact of disaster. It will help volunteers stay in touch and motivate volunteers to engage regularly and improve their capacity
- Offer opportunity to volunteers by deploying them rather than having external people that do not know local context and about the Red Cross during disaster operation
- It is crucial to consider how to sustain volunteers for long term involvement in Red Cross and Red Crescent movement. Their economic background is a major constrain to continue as a volunteer.
- If volunteers are well paid during disasters, a NS may not be able to continue to pay such per-diems after emergency situation is over, therefore, this would be a strong demotivating factor for the volunteers with some NS, some people work for a full time and regularly but it is not volunteer at all, they are Red Cross staff
- Volunteer management does not imply that Red Cross must continue the entire volunteer forever, but if those volunteers who build up their capacity then should be full time staff.
- Volunteers are not only means of service delivery, but potentially beneficiaries during disasters as well
- The volunteers management is not only responsibility of organisation development (OD) programme, but a joint responsibility of OD, health and disaster management

Principles and Rules of Disaster Relief

Raul Garganera, Regional Response and Preparedness Programme Officer of Regional Delegation Bangkok

The presentation on the principles and rules of disaster relief is adopted by the 21st International Conference in 1969 and revised from, 22nd-26th International Conferences.

Comments and suggestions:

- This document was not well known among the RDMC members , therefore, need more dissemination
- For this kind of policy/guideline, there should be a focal point to monitor whether it is followed up or not (either in IFRC or at NS level)
- This document is not only useful for the DM persons but also it intends for all in NS, PNS and Federation

Outcomes of discussions:

- Use of principles and rules for disaster relief:
 - Some NSs used principle and rules of disaster relief but not widely disseminated at operational level
 - Cambodian Red Cross used this document as a basis for the development of the MoU with NCDM (National Committee for Disaster Management)

- Disseminating the principle and rules
 - There is a need to disseminate these rules by the Federation. Need to develop promotional materials and incorporate in all the relevant training (e.g. RDRT) and workshops (e.g. Relief to recovery)
 - We can collate all principles, rules, guideline....etc. then make it like a tool kit for distribution to leadership, RDRT members, workshop participants, to national platform member, PNS, ...etc.

- Added value and complementarities to the existing coordination framework of the Movement :
 - In relation to Armed Conflict and Internal strife
 - Armed conflict is considered as a disaster, it therefore should be considered this policy guideline should be compatible to DRR as well as this encompasses different components of overall disaster management including response
 - This should be relevant to recovery as well
Answer:
 - This is equally relevant to maintain relations with other actors e.g. UN/civil protection/NGOs?

 - Other changes/ updates needed:
 - Change the perspective from disaster “victim” to disaster affected people
There should be a consultation to clarify some of the articles whether it is applicable/ understandable or not

Shelter and Relief to Recovery

Patrick Fox, Head of Regional DM Unit of Regional Delegation Bangkok

The presentation on what is emergency shelter cluster coordination was provided to ensure that all participants become aware of Federation`s shelter co-coordinating roles during emergency.

It was also discussed that the Federation can coordinate Contingency planning processes before or after disasters. However, it depends upon situation on the ground if other key players in the sector including the government request Federation for the same. –However, what is crucial to understand is that co-ordination does not mean that Federation will take up all the responsibilities for contingency planning.

Southeast Asia Regional Disaster Response Team Intervention Team and Specialized RDRT

Raul Garganera, Regional Response and Preparedness Programme Officer of Regional Delegation Bangkok

The presentation on the Southeast Asia RDRT mission, deployment in the region and beyond the region in 2008, availability of RDRT in 2009, RDRT selection for deployment, current challenges and future deployment was made in the session.

Comments:

- RDRT deployment will not commence unless there is a request from host National Society
- For the deployment, NSs should recommend relevant candidates because NS knows who is available in the NS
- In term of preparation for deployment, issues like proper vaccination of the candidate, valid passport ready in-hand with visa of the host country etc, it is the responsibility of the NS to deal with these logistical issues as explained in RDRT SoP

Collaboration on Warehouse and Logistics System

Atiwan Kunaphinun, Disaster Management Officer, Thailand Tsunami Recovery Programme of Regional Delegation Bangkok

This discussion explored the possibility of collaboration for warehouse and logistics system development at regional NSs level...

Comments and suggestions:

- Lao Red Cross needs support for some regional warehouse and capacity building to warehouse managers.
- CVTL is also looking for some assistance on warehouse management
- PMI proposed to establish a regional warehouse in Indonesia.

Thai Red Cross Warehouse Development Project

Atiwan Kunaphinun, Disaster Management Officer, Thailand Tsunami Recovery Programme of Regional Delegation Bangkok

Dr. Amnat Barlee, Director of Relief and Community Health Bureau of Thai Red Cross

The presentation on the back ground of Thai Red Cross warehouse development project in Thailand and key activities and achievement of the project and step forward for the Thai RC were discussed. In addition, Federation is planning for the step forward at the regional level as well.

Integrative between Disaster Management, Health and Organisation Development

Dr. Sok Long, Director of Health Department of Cambodian Red Cross

The presentation on how to integrate health, disaster management and organisation development at National Society was discussed with great interest. It was highlighted that it is important to agree on a minimum standards of health services and then decide how to integrate DM and health in pre- and - post emergency disaster situation. Integration should not be limited to DM, OD and health, but also working with the partners to reduce illness, injuries, deaths and minimize the sufferings of the most vulnerable people.

Comments:

- In the Federation global agenda, the DM and health goals are very similar to each other
- RDRT has already developed specialised course on health in emergency for RDRT for future deployment
- The vulnerable capacity assessment, climate change and community based disaster preparedness activities of Thai Red Cross and Singapore Red Cross are exploring possibilities for integration between health and DM
- Out leadership should also be aware of the need of integration between health and DM, therefore, the meeting recommended to consider this issue during the leadership meeting in August 2009 as well.

Identification of Issues to be Addressed in 2009 and Beyond

Patrick Fox, Head of Regional Disaster Risk Management Unit of Regional Delegation

Action	Who	When
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Bangkok

Government to Government relationship (as agreed)	All	July 2009
DRR mapping existing programs (safer and resilient)	All	June 2009
National Contingency Planning	All NS	September 2009
Regional Contingency Planning	Focal group	October 2009
Specialise RDRT (HiE, RFL, Shelter, Relief, WatSan.)		Ongoing
Volunteer Management issue	Focal group	December 2009
Shelter + Recovery (operation and cluster) => LBD	All (- SRC)	October 2009
Logistics both at regional and country level	All	Date not confirmed
FACT training		End of May in Finland
Climate change (4 steps 2 nd round+ integration)	All	Ongoing
VCA guideline	Focal group	December 2009
On the job training (exchange program) NS to NS and NS to RDMU	All	Ongoing
Translation and dissemination of RDRT SoPs	All	
Wakening up the Brunei Red Crescent	RD+ MRC	Ongoing
Civil-Military relationship lessons/practices/guidance WS	All	Date not confirmed
Meeting minutes	RDMU	15 May 2009
Feedback from NSs on the minutes	All NSs	31 May 2009
Final minute dissemination to RDMC and SGs	RDMU	5 June 2009
Endorsement of meeting minute	All NSs	25 June 2009
14 th RDMC meeting hosted by PMI	All	April 2010
DRR framework in Bali	All	21 to 22 May 2009
6 th RDMC Sub committee meeting in Bali	4 subcommittee members and RDMU	23 May 2009
Leadership meeting by VNRC, IDRL, RFL, P and R	RDMC rep	Mid August 2009
Combine meeting between DM and Health	SRC & TRC	March 2010
Quarterly updates	RDMU, RDMC	April, July, Sept, Dec
Quarterly updates from NSs	All NSs	April, July, Sept, Dec
Flood and typhoon and food security preparedness	RDMU+ NSs	Ongoing
7 th RDMC Sub committee meeting	4 sub committee members and RDMU	March 2010
ARDEX 09 (9th ASEAN Regional Disaster Emergency Response Simulation Exercise)	PNRC+ Fed+ RDRT	August 2009
DMIS updates	All	Ongoing
Training of RFL pool of experts for Asia in BKK	AP, MdE	5 October 2009

Regional DRR WS in BKK	All	22 to 24 Sept 2009
OD in emergency working group in BKK	PNRC, PMI, RDMU	End of June 2009

Closing Ceremony

Mr. Doan Van Thai, Vice President cum Secretary General of Vietnam Red Cross

Mr. Doan considered the regional meeting as a unique opportunity to develop good relations between RDMC members and RDMU, to present current issues and initiatives and to share experiences. He expressed that is the continual improvement of DM capacity and programs within the region. The 13th RDMC meeting was then officially closed by the Honourable Mr. Doan Van Thai of Vietnam Red Cross.

Note:

An apology was received from Singapore Red Cross for their inability to participate in the meeting for other commitments.

Annex:

Minutes of the 13th RDMC Meeting Adopted By:

Cambodia

Duch Sam Ang

Disaster Response and Preparedness Coordinator

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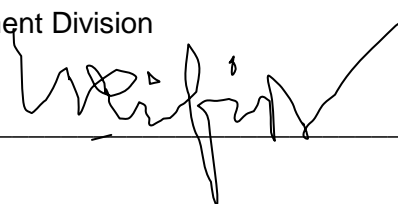

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Indonesia

Arifin M. Hadi

Head, Disaster Management Division

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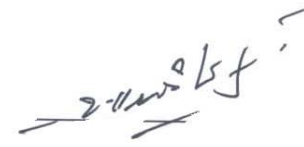


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Dr. Bountheung Menvilay

Head, DP and Relief Division

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Malaysia

Nasir Abdul Khan

Disaster Management Manager

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Myanmar

Maung Maung Khin

Head of DM Department

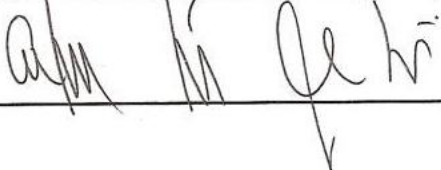
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Philippines

Catherine Marie G. Martin Head of DM Service and Emergency Response Unit

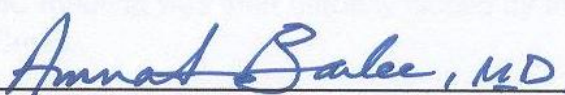
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Thailand

Dr. Amnat Barlee Director, Relief and Community Health Bureau


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Timor-Leste

Luis Pedro Pinto Coordinator of Disaster Management Department

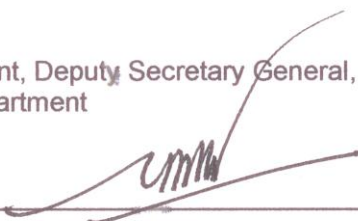
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Vietnam

Prof. Phung Van Hoan Vice President, Deputy Secretary General, Director of Social Welfare Department

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Annex 1: 13th RDMC Participant List*List of Participants*

No.	Name	Position	Organization
1	Duch Sam Ang	Disaster Response and Preparedness Coordinator	Cambodian Red Cross
2	Dr. Sok Long	Director of Health Department (represent the Regional Health Team, SEA)	Cambodian Red Cross
3	Arifin M. Hadi	Head, Relief Department	Indonesia Red Cross (PMI)
4	Umi Alfiah	Coordinator Disaster Response Restoring Family Link Division	Indonesia Red Cross (PMI)
5	Catherine Marie G Martin	Manager of Disaster Management & ERU	The Philippines NRC
6	Dr. Bountheung Menvilay	Head, DP and Relief Division	Lao Red Cross
7	Dr. Selva Jothi	Chairman of National DM	Malaysian Red Crescent
8	Nasir Khan Abdul Rahman	DM Manager	Malaysian Red Crescent
9	Maung Maung Khin	Head of DM Department	Myanmar Red Cross
10	Aye Aye Thant	Deputy Head of DM Department	Myanmar Red Cross
11	Dr. Amnat Barlee	Director, Relief and Community Health Bureau	Thai Red Cross
12	Dr. Sithichoke Nakaphongse	Medical Doctor, Relief & Community Health Bureau	Thai Red Cross
13	Luis Pedro Pinto	Disaster Management Coordinator	Timor-Leste Red Cross (CVTL)
14	Prof. Phung Van Hoan	Vice-President cum Director of Social Welfare Dept.	Vietnam Red Cross
15	Nguyen Thi Thu Ha	Deputy Director of DP Department	Vietnam Red Cross
Guest from Vietnam			
1	Mr. Nguyen Xuan Dieu	Standing Member, Director of General Office of Central Committee for Flood & Storm Control	Central Committee for Flood & Storm Control
2	Mr. Tran Ngoc Tang	President of VNRC	Vietnam Red Cross

Meeting Focal Person from VNRC			
1	Dinh Thi Kieu Van	Officer of International Relations and Development Dept.	Vietnam Red Cross
Federation Representatives			
1	Dang Van Tao	Disaster Management Coordinator	Vietnam Delegation
2	Kamal Niraula	DM Delegate	Timor-Leste Delegation
3	Patrick Fox	Head of Regional Disaster Risk Management Unit	International Federation, SE Asia Regional Delegation
4	Nguyen Hungha	Disaster Risk Reduction Project Manager	International Federation, SE Asia Regional Delegation
5	May Nwe Nwe Aung (May)	Reg. DM Assistant Programme Officer	International Federation, SE Asia Regional Delegation
6	Raul Garganera	Reg. Response and Preparedness Programme Officer	International Federation, SE Asia Regional Delegation
7	Seng Samban	Reg. DM Programme Officer	International Federation, SE Asia Regional Delegation
8	Atiwan Kunaphinun	Disaster Management Officer, Thailand Tsunami Recovery Programme	International Federation, SE Asia Regional Delegation
9	Malcolm Mckinlay	Regional OD Delegate	International Federation, SE Asia Regional Delegation
11	Daniel Bolanos Gonzalez	Disaster Response Delegate, Asia Pacific Zone	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
12	Victoria Bannon	Programme Coordinator, International Disaster Response Laws, Rules & Principles	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
13	Rebecca McNaught	Senior Programme Officer	Red Cross/Red Crescent Climate Centre
ICRC Representatives			
1	Bernhard Julier	Cooperation Delegate	ICRC
2	Beatrice Munier	Regional RFL Advisor	ICRC