

Building Urban Resilience in Southeast Asia

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- 18 months
- 4 countries
- 15 organisations
- 12 high-risk urban communities
- 11 urban public schools
- 289,959 people reached

Asia-Pacific is one of the world's most disaster-prone regions. Between 2005-2014, approximately 500,000 people lost their lives in recorded disasters, with an additional 1.4 billion people affected. Today, almost half the region's population live in urban areas, estimated to rise above two-thirds by 2050: this rapid growth will exacerbate pressures on infrastructure and resources, exacerbate socio-economic disparities, and magnify the risk of environmental hazards and health risks.

The Building Urban Resilience in Southeast Asia project, funded by the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO), supports Red Cross Movement partners

in Cambodia, Lao, Viet Nam and the Philippines to build the capacities of National Societies, government, school teachers and children, Red Cross youth and volunteers, and partners, through a coherent, regional strategy drawing on good practice and innovation. The action emphasizes gender equity and social inclusion of poor, vulnerable people, including people with disabilities and older people.

The IFRC, in partnership with Finnish, German and Spanish Red Cross societies, brings to the project extensive experience in school safety, public awareness and public education, and risk mapping, with strength in peer support and learning.

Outcomes



Children and youth are more resilient to disasters and have a safe and secure learning environment through improved Red Cross contributions to the ASEAN Safe School Initiative



Safer behaviour, improved preparedness and social change through innovative and tailored public awareness and public education for disaster risk reduction



Increased capacity of local government authorities and Red Cross for disaster preparedness and response through working together to improve community-based disaster risk reduction tools



Project stakeholders in Southeast Asian countries improve urban disaster risk management, through regional cross-learning and sharing events facilitated by the IFRC

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