

## Regional Community Safety and Resilience Unit

### Overview of activities for the month of August 2013

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#### Regional

##### *Asia Pacific Climate Change ToT, Kuala Lumpur, 25-31 August:*

Asia Pacific Zone organized Climate change ToT with an aim to develop a core group of climate change experts amongst Asia Pacific National Societies who can provide technical support to plan and implement climate smart project activities at national, sub national and community level.

The workshop saw participation of 19 NSs across AP zone. SEA was represented by 5 NSs (CRC, MRCS, Malaysian RC, PMI, PRC) attended the workshop. In addition, German RC staff based in Viet Nam also attended the workshop. CSRU, SEARD coordinated the entire workshop. Health officer from CSRU, SEARD attended the entire workshop as one of the member of facilitator team.

##### *Regional Health Technical working group (RTHWG) meeting:*

SEA RTHWG meeting tentative agenda is shared with Head of Health of SEA NSs. Based on the recommendation of NSs the tentative date for the meeting is *28 – 29 October, 2013*. The objectives of this meeting are:

- To develop better understanding of the importance of integrated programming and plan how best to contribute in operationalization of Resilience approach
- Share updates, lesson learnt from several health programmes regionally and globally.
- Discuss how to tackle the emerging health problem like Non-communicable disease and Influenza Pandemic.

##### *International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP) 2013:*

ICAAP is the largest forum on HIV/AIDS in the AP region. ICAAP is happening in Bangkok from 18 - 22 November, 2013. ICAAP participant list has been finalized - 7 participants (Cambodia RC-2, Lao RC-1, Thailand RC-2, Viet Nam and SEARD-1) will be supported by SEARD to attend the ICAAP. ICAAP committee have accepted the symposium proposal submitted by IFRC in collaboration with Thai RC. RCRC will be holding satellite symposium on 'From science to community - Asia Pacific Red Cross Red Crescent HIV/AIDS response'. In addition, there will be a booth where NSs can demonstrate IEC materials, case studies, strategic documents, etc. to prevent HIV/AIDS.

### *Building Safer and More Resilience Community in SEA:*

With the aim to empower youths in schools and communities toward community safety and resilience in South- East Asia region, the regional delegation is working with national societies in publication of a series of seven comic brochures focusing on seven common hazards in the region including:

Flood; Cyclone/Typhoon; Earthquake; Fire; Drought; Hygiene; and Tsunami. The translation of this publication is on-going in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Timor Leste and Viet Nam. The publication aims to be available before the International Day for Disaster Reduction on 13 October 2013 and the Global Hand Washing Day on 15 October 2013. The comic brochure will be four pages in A4 size and in colour.



### *DRR/Field Schools in Myanmar, 20-28 August:*

The IFRC's South- East Asia Regional Delegation CSRU has provided its technical support to Myanmar Red Cross as part of facilitator team during the national DRR Field Session in Nay Pi Taw, Myanmar. In the last three years, the CSRU has been engaging and supporting MRCS in building its multi sector assessment capacity by involving them in the first DRR Field Session in Laos then the national DRR Field Session later 2012 in Yangon with the aim to create an elite pool of facilitators in the country. Additional 30 volunteers and staff members were trained.

### *Red Cross Red Crescent - ECHO Coordination Meeting- South East Asia, 9th August:*

Fourteen (14) participants attended the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2013 with active participation from Finnish Red Cross (AP Rep), German Red Cross (Viet Nam DRR Coordinator), the Netherlands Red Cross (Philippines Rep), Danish Red Cross (Regional Rep), French Red Cross (Head of Delegation in Laos), Norwegian Red Cross (Acting Regional Rep) as well as ECHO Team headed by DRR Advisor, Communication Expert and DRR Program Assistant. IFRC/CSRU has coordinated and facilitated this meeting. The meeting was opened by Anne LECLERC, IFRC's Head of Regional Delegation. The key objective of this meeting was to reflect on the current partnerships within the RCRC family and between the RCRC family and ECHO, identify and share

good practices, look at opportunities and find best ways to move forward towards much strong partnerships with ECHO. RCRC family as one of the key partners for ECHO. The meeting details can be browsed at <https://storify.com/SM4Resilience/red-cross-red-crescent-echo-coordination-meeting>.

### *Community Flood Resilience workshop- Indonesia, Jakarta, and 27-29 August:*

The workshop was an opportunity for colleagues between PMI, IFRC and Zurich Insurance Group to meet, share and identify strategies of strengthening the collaboration for the implementation of the Flood Resilience Programme. The workshop mainly focused on:

- Develop an understanding of PMI's strengths and capacity in the flood resilience area
- Develop an understanding of Zurich's strengths and capacity in the flood resilience area
- Develop a programme concept, particularly on :
  - § Community-based disaster risk reduction, including preparedness
  - § Innovative tools and approaches to tackle flood issues
  - § Communications and Advocacy;
- Develop consensus on roles and responsibilities for each of the actors involved on the flood resilience programme
- Devise a work plan to turn this concept into a working plan for the coming 4 years.

The workshop was jointly organized and coordinated by PMI, Zurich/Indonesia and IFRC.

### *Psychosocial support service:*

- The development of training material in relation to the health manual used in the Community Clubs of the Cambodia RC Community Based Health Development programme is on-going.
- Collecting and studying relevant documents and tools on HIV related PSS material in order to develop training modules for Lao RC in collaboration with the Lao RC HIV focal person is progressing. PSS delegate will meet with a technical advisor from the IFRC PSS centre in Copenhagen on September 2, 2013 to discuss the topic as the technical advisor has extensive HIV-PSS experience from working with the French Red Cross in Cambodia for many years.
- PSS delegate has been asked to co-facilitate ERU PSS refresher training in Denmark from October 24-29, 2013. The training which aims to update and strengthen the capacities of PSS ERU trained delegates on how to:
  - § Utilize the PSS kits and material developed by the PSC in an ERU setting
  - § Provide Psychological First Aid and supportive communication
  - § Teach others about Psychological First Aid and supportive communication
  - § Facilitate and manage group activities within an ERU setting
  - § Manage stress amongst volunteers

- PSS delegate continues to coordinate with Cambodian RC in August. Dates have been fixed for a visit in October (7-17, 2013) to support the final editing of training manuals and conduct refresher training on CBPSS for the participants of the first ToT on Basic Community Based Support.

### *Epidemic Control for Volunteer, Cambodia:*

Southeast Asia Regional Delegation (SEARD) and Cambodian Red Cross with the financial support from Dip ECHO, successfully organized the ECV training for a total of 26 participants from different 24 Red Cross branches, on 20-22 February 2013, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Extending the epidemic control capacity reaching to grassroots level, SEARD, IFRC, continue supporting the Cambodian Red Cross to organize the ECV trainings for 50 Red Cross Volunteers (24 females) in 2 Red Cross Branches located in Koh Kong and Ratanakiri provinces, from 6-8 August, 2013. The translated ECV manual and its tools were adapted to volunteer context and applied as training materials and tools.

## Thailand

### *Post emergency preparedness operation:*

The working advance of period July – September 2013 has been transferred during August 2013. Following activities have been considered during this period:

- Preparation of International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction
- Building Capacity for TRC Drivers of heavy weight Vehicle Driving Skills
- First Aid training for Youth

### *Tsunami Residual Funds Operation:*

As per the decision made during the first quarterly review/meeting, SEARD has recruited a Project Assistant to assist TRCS for the implementation of the activities identified under this operation. She has already gone through briefing sessions from SEARD as well as TRCS and started working with Thai Red Cross. She is based on Thai Red Cross office.

### *Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction programme in Thailand:*

Quarterly project meeting was held on 1-2 August in Chiang Mai. Total 26 related staff members of implementing health station were part of this meeting.

Ubonratchathani Health Station: Tha Bong Mung community - community's member in collaboration with TRC and local authority - Sub district Administrative Organization organized a practical exercise to promote the learning on installation of temporary shelter during flood. There were 47 people participated in this exercise. In addition, TRCS sent 10 community members from Wad Burapa Community in waste management seminar organized by local authority during August, 2013. TRCS has encouraged community members of Baan Chang Mor

Community to establish “Waste Bank”. Waste Bank is a place where community members can buy and sell different items that can be recycled. Total 41 community members are the part of such initiative. The community’s members are aware of the benefit of waste and interested more and more in turning trash into cash. In addition, TRCS also supports community’s members by giving the knowledge of sorting waste and tries to convince them to continue this activity by themselves.

Surin Health station: All five communities like Baan kok kamin, Baan Chamrae, Baan mara, Baan lumchi and Baan Nong Praya have completed table top exercise on flood situation. The local authority and other stakeholders were part of it. All communities are planning to conduct the simulation exercise as next step along with available stakeholders and local authority.

Chiang Mai health station: TRCS organized an open session at Baan Sob lerm community to refresh their roles and responsibility in order to continue the activities. Total 43 community members were attended this session. TRCS organized FA training at Baan Pang Maklaui community. Total 30 people were part of training. Participants learnt to assess the victims and provide the FA service in case of bleeding. Similarly, TRCS organized EWEA training at Baan Sobguy community. Total 28 people were part of it. Participants developed their skills and knowledge to monitor the flood situation and dissemination of related information for Early action. Baan Makaanil Tai community involved in tree plantation during this reporting period to prevent soil erosion and Baan Pao community is working with local authority to carry out mitigation activity.

### *Disaster Risk Reduction – Information Education and Communication materials - Thai Red Cross:*

TRCS has printed 4 items (Roll up, Polypropylene Board, Vinyl Notice board and DRR ladder (snake) game). The materials have been distributed to 300 Schools of 17 provinces: (1) Ang Thong 24 schools, (2) Singburi 23 schools (3) Nonthaburi 30 schools, (4) Chainat 25 schools, (5) Cha Cheng Sao 23 schools, (6) Nakorn Sawan 25 schools (7) Chonburi 1 school (8) Rayong 11 schools (9) Nakorn Prathom 27 schools (10) Saraburi 20 schools (11) Nakorn Sri Ayudthaya 23 schools (12) Nakorn Nayok 25 schools (13) Petchaboon 23 schools (14) Lopburi 5 schools (15) Uthai thani 3 schools (16) Pathumthani 3 schools (17) Kanjanaburi 5 schools.

It is expected that these materials will help to develop the understanding on hazards, related risks as well as prevention, preparedness and mitigation measures among the students of targeted Schools. Material has been sent to 243 schools. 57 schools will receive the materials during September.

TRCS will conduct orientation sessions in coming days to the selected teachers and students about the messages and use of these materials. A details plan of orientation will be finalized soon.



### *Knowledge Sharing:*

Health bulletin continues to be shared with respective colleagues of NS as well as AP zone and country delegation in order to update knowledge and enhance communication. The bulletin includes- latest health related events in the region and around the globe, funding opportunities, on-going activities of CSRU and upcoming events in the region. You can find previous health bulletin on <https://sites.google.com/site/drrtoolsinsoutheastasia/health-and-care/health-bulletins>. This above site is regularly being updated with DRR, health and other reference documents by SEARD/CSRU Team.

### *Upcoming Events for September/October 2013:*

Date	Events	Venue
16–20, September	Sixth Asia Pacific Population Conference	Bangkok
1 October	International Day of Older Persons	
1 – 5 October	AP Zone CBHFA workshop	Sri Lanka
TBC	ASEAN Regional Disaster Emergency Response Simulation Exercise (ARDEX)	Viet Nam
13 October	International Risk Reduction Day (UNISDR-IDRR) with the theme of “people with disabilities”	Thailand
28-29 October	Regional Health working group Meeting	Bangkok