

Regional Community Safety and Resilience Unit (CSRU)

Overview of activities for the month of August 2014

Community safety and Resilience forum meeting

Three day meeting has been scheduled from 16-18 September in Bangkok. The main purpose of the Regional Community Safety and Resilience Forum is to enhance integration approach for community resilience and strengthen the regional cooperation among and between SEA RCRC members. It is tasked to translate the results of the strategic policy and direction decisions of the Leaders into the operational action to promote the establishment of safer and more resilient communities. This Forum is responsible for escorting the global Community Safety and Resilience agenda as per IFRC strategy 2020, IFRC CSR framework and other agendas including Hyogo Framework for action and Millennium Development Goals. Head of health and Head of DM from NS of this region are the part of meeting. Members of regional OD steering committee will also be part of the meeting. The CSR forum meeting has been designed for three days. Health, OD and DM will be integral part of three days meeting. The meeting structure is illustrated as diagram firm.



Building Regional Capacity and Collaboration for Community Resilience in Southeast Asia

In August, SEARD team visited Indonesia and Cambodia to present the regional advocacy initiative and have discussions with PMI and CRC on opportunities in the future months. In each country, a presentation was made to senior management of the NSs as well as heads of technical departments, in an effort to ensure a common understanding about goals and expected outcomes. It was also a good opportunity to meet with PNS representatives in the countries and discuss areas of collaboration.

The main highlight of the month was a technical meeting with the ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance (AHA) Centre in Jakarta on 8 August, together with representative of PMI and IFRC country office. The objective of the meeting was to discuss how IFRC can enhance the level of our collaboration, building on past joint experience between RCRC and AHA Centre in the region. It was felt that AHA Centre and IFRC have much to share and ample opportunities exist to support peer-to-peer training and capacity-building among National Societies of the region, alongside their government counterparts dealing with disasters.

This was followed by a visit from two AHA Centre staffs to the IFRC SEARD office on 21 August as part of the preparation of the second batch of the AHA Centre Executive (ACE) Programme. The ACE is a

capacity-building initiative targeting 20 senior managers from National Disaster Management Agencies (NDMA) every year. It provides them with an integrated 4-month course to prepare them to become the future leaders of DM in the region. As part of this programme, technical expertise from IFRC and RCRC was requested by AHA Centre and more discussions will come to fine-tune the exact contribution of the Movement in this programme. AHA Centre representative will attend the CSR Forum to be held in Bangkok in September 2014 and will deliver a keynote presentation on ways to enhance cooperation between AHA Centre and RCRC in the region.

The documentation process on the contribution of NSs to the HFA and AADMER is also ongoing:

- In Myanmar, the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) started the collection of data with MRCS in preparation of those reports as well as the identification of key advocacy messages from reports of Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment s (VCA) implanted in communities. A first technical meeting was organized on 25 August with MRCS staffs to verify the initial findings and continue data collection. First drafts of the reports will be provided to MRCS at the end of September and a second meeting should be arranged then to review them before finalization.
- In Thailand, a consultant was selected in August jointly with TRCS and the process will be initiated in the first week of September
- In Vietnam, the IFRC country delegation also agreed this month with the VNRC on the TOR for this documentation as well as the VCA review linked to advocacy messages. Recruitment of consultants is now under process.
- In Indonesia, initial discussions were held with PMI this month and the process will be launched in September.
- Discussions are also ongoing in Lao PDR and Cambodia, and the process might start later in the year.

In Cambodia, the team also conducted a **gender scoping mission** this month to better understand where CRC stands with regards to gender and diversity and how the regional initiative could contribute to the enhancement of this thematic, under the guidance of the new IFRC Gender and Diversity Framework (2013).

Finally, the team welcomed a new member this month: Ms Warongrong Tatrakom (Ying). Ying will be providing support to the overall coordination of the regional initiative. Furthermore, Lucia Cipullo (Disaster Law Regional Delegate) moved from the KL Zone Office to the SEARD office in Bangkok. She will continue supporting Disaster Law with a more specific focus on Southeast Asia in the coming years.

Regional Climate Change Master Training

SEARD is preparing to conduct Regional Climate Change Master training, from 1 - 6 September, 2014 with an objective to develop a core group of climate change experts amongst SEA National Societies who can provide technical support to plan and implement climate smart project activities at national, sub national and community level. The workshop will see the participation of around 25 participants from Southeast Asia and few participants from South Asia.

CSRU team along with reference group (facilitators' for climate change training) is preparing a climate change training package in line with climate centre training kit, for Southeast Asia National Societies.

Thailand

Flood preparedness network

Thai Red Cross-Nursing College along with university students from interested academic institutions (about 10 institutions) has created a flood preparedness network. The aim of this network is to provide knowledge about disaster and come out with preparedness action plan. TRC has organized a three day workshop to build the capacity of nursing students on flood resilience. SEARD provided technical support and facilitated climate change and flood resilience session. Total 100 nursing students attended workshop.

Post emergency preparedness operation

TRCS learnt lesson from 2011 flood and is focusing to improve its' infrastructure as well as facilities like Warehouse, communication system and emergency operation room to make its' operation further effective in future along with community preparedness initiatives. A total of 51 projects were planned from Post Emergency and Preparedness Operation of Thai Red Cross. Thai Red Cross accomplished more than 29 activities during the first year of implementation, i.e. as of August, 2014. Thai Red Cross cancelled five projects because these planned projects were no more rational/relevant as it was defined earlier. Remaining activities under the post-emergency preparedness operation of Thai Red Cross will be continued as per revised plan of action which will be completed



before end of fourth quarter of 2014 and will focus on enhancing response capacity of Thai Red Cross and community resilience.

Tsunami Residual funding project

An event was organized for Red Cross Youth Volunteer Gathering from 11-13 August 2014 at Suan Saen Palm Agricultural Training Center in Nakhon Pathom Province. 400 RC Youth Volunteers from 40 first aid clubs around Thailand participated in this event. The objective of the event was to refresh and update knowledge/skills in first aid of RC youth volunteers, RC youth volunteer trainers and consultants of RC Youth Volunteer clubs. This event provided a platform for RC youth volunteers to show their first aid skills and exhibition as well as their talent on performances. First Aid skills were tested through competition which consists of 10 stations; 5 on first aids and 5 on knowledge about the Red Cross Movement and Thai Red Cross. After the first aid competition, there was a session where trainers could review first aid practices done by the volunteers and correct them through a brief first aid refreshing course. Besides first aid competition, the RC youth volunteers were also given opportunity to connect with and learn about agriculture from local

community. The RC youth volunteers could choose to either learn about rice farming or mushroom farming at nearby communities. In return for agricultural knowledge they received, representatives of RC youth volunteers demonstrated some useful first aid skills for farmers; such as treatment for poisonous animal bite, first aid for heatstroke, first aid for cut wound, etc.

SSAR volunteer recruitments were arranged at Phang Nga and Krabi on 14 August and 16 August respectively. There were 26 persons registered for physical fitness test at Phang Nga province but only 15 persons passed the test. More people registered for physical fitness test at Krabi province. Out of 47 registered persons, 25 passed the test. 4 persons who had acceptable results were



preserved for substitution. Those who passed the physical fitness test, including the substitutions will be trained on a tough 9-day SSAR basic course which consists of physical strengthen training, first aid training, training on the use of sea rescue gears, and rescue skills training. After the completion of basic course, SSAR volunteers will be trained on SSAR advance training which will stress on practices and mock exercise. The basic course is scheduled during 21-30 September 2014 and 23-29 November 2014 is scheduled for advance course.

CBDRR program

Thai Red Cross is at last phase of CBDRR programme. Lesson learns workshop was organized from 26-27 August in Ubonratchathanni. Three participants from Lao RC also attended and shared their learnings. The total participant was 60 people.

The objective of this lesson learn workshop was to identify the success, challenges, approaches to overcome challenges in order to implement CBDRR programme. The participants of workshop were divided into 4 groups to finalise the topic as follow:

- the successes and Challenges/failure,
- how to overcome challenges,
- how can replicate and share the success,
- how can community engage other stakeholders including local authority to address the needs of community

EWS, Awareness generation (DRR Education), mitigation activities, training and coordination were the main topic for LL workshop. The community representatives gave very positive feedback and recommendation on above topic. The key message of implementation CBDRR project from communities were the great collaboration from relevant stakeholder including community members, the working relation of local authority and TRC in term of coordination, the information sharing from one generation to next generation, sharing information with school in each community. Community expressed their trust on TRC and the most important that could facilitate TRC to work closely with communities and had a successful was trust and respect each other.

Laos

SEARD supported Lao Red Cross to develop EoI for Malaria under the Global fund Call. The goal for this project is to “contribute to a reduction in morbidity and mortality due to malaria in the proposed district through universal access to Long Lasting Insecticide treated Nets (LLINs), behaviour-change communication and access to treatment focusing on key at-risk populations such as migrants, mobile populations, children under the age of 5, pregnant women, ethnic minorities and forest workers.” The expected impact is a lessened burden of malaria among at-risk populations. This proposal seeks support to undertake/strengthen activities under the following objectives:

- Objective 1: To implement the distribution of Long Lasting Insecticide-treated Nets (LLIN) among malaria vulnerable groups in the targeted communities of proposed four districts.
- Objective 2: To provide Behavioural-Change Communication (BCC) activities to malaria high risk groups including company workers, seasonal agricultural/forest workers and mobile migrant populations in the targeted communities of proposed four districts.
- Objective 3: To support access to diagnosis and treatment with appropriate anti-malarial through surveillance and case detection, case referral, transport, and patient follow up in targeted communities of proposed four district.

Indonesia

Pilot Urban Risk Reduction project

PMI has completed more than 50% planned activities so far. In 2013, the regional disaster management agency (BPBD) has endorsed the development of contingency plan for each village/kelurahan in DKI Jakarta Province. However the result from the contingency plan has not been formalized by local government, moreover there were no SOP developed to operationalize the contingency plan and socialized up to RW/RT level so that during the flood in January 2014, this contingency plan didn't worked as it should be. Therefore the pilot urban study project will focus on adding the value of existing contingency plan by providing risk analysis based on the VCA/GIS Mapping result, supporting the development of SOP as well as conducting Table Top Exercise to test the effectiveness of role and responsibilities for each stakeholder at community level for preparedness for better response.

The consultant for advocacy in urban risk reduction has conducted the desk study to map the existing stakeholders and policy along the ciliwung watershed. The Analysis of the stakeholders is done by identifying the roles and responsibilities of organizations, both government and non-government elements at the provincial and district /city. Data and information stakeholders are used to assess the extent to which stakeholders need attention in the development of "Practical steps in addressing the Urban Disaster Risk Reduction in Greater Jakarta". By having the literature study for the relevant policy which is the Government Regulation No. 37 year 2012 on Watershed Management, it is identified that the Ciliwung River Basin has covered 2 provinces that spread across various levels.

Referring to the stakeholder analysis and SWOT analysis, therefore these following steps are proposed as "Practical steps in addressing the Urban Disaster Risk Reduction in Greater Jakarta".

For PMI:

- Step 1 Start a capacity-building activities to strengthen a comprehensive climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction approach;
- Step 2 Design the integration of climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction programming by applying ecoregion approach;
- Step 3 Encourage a comprehensive communication with the BPDAS, BNPB and Government Agencies Prov/District;
- Step 4 Build alliances with City Resilience Program (ICLEI – ACCCRN/ Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network);
- Step 5 Connecting CBAT with WG ACCCRN in Bogor, WG Urban District LEDES in Bogor and Adaptation Working Group in DKI Jakarta Province.

For Ciliwung Watershed Management

- Step 1 Encourage the cooperation of multi-sector planning based on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation by applying ecoregion approach;
- Step 2 Encourage Cooperation amongst urban actors (incl. academics and NGOs) with watershed management policy makers so that climate information is used as a basis for programming.
- Step 3 Encourage the exchange of knowledge about climate risks amongst stakeholders related with Disaster Risk Reduction issues.

Brunei

SEARD was honoured to receive the visit of Brunei Red Crescent Society delegation in August, headed by its Secretary-General. The objective of the visit was to share about potential coordination and technical support from IFRC to the BRCS, in particular in the field of Disaster Management, Health (First Aid) and Humanitarian Diplomacy. During the 3 days of the visit, BRCS met with most colleagues of the office and exchanged views and ideas on ways to better position BRCS with its government, building on its strategic positioning and highly-motivated volunteers. SEARD and BRC will continue the communication to prioritize the specific activities and explore the opportunities to support the BRC.

Knowledge Information Management (KIM)

Online library (<https://sites.google.com/site/drrtoolsinsoutheastasia/health-and-care/health-bulletins/>) continues to be regularly updated to promote the knowledge sharing within and beyond the Movement. The fortnightly Health bulletin continues to be shared with respective colleagues of NS as well as AP Zone and country delegations in order to update knowledge and enhance communication. Number of uploaded documents related of DRR and Health is growing from day to day and it is only valuable if used by targeted audience. The site has been integrated into IFRC standard web-link as well.

Upcoming Events for September- November 2014

Date	Events	Venue
16-18, September, 2014	CSR Forum Meeting	Bangkok
19 September, 2014	Resilience Meeting	Bangkok
14 – 17 October, 2014	Regional Psychosocial support in Emergency Training	Cambodia
13 Oct, 2014	DRR day	
November, 2014	Pandemic Preparedness workshop	Singapore

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