

# Red Cross Red Crescent **MIGRATION** Activities in Southeast Asia



## **Rights of Migrants in Action, Information Session, Thailand October 2015**

Co-funded by the European Union, the global project is focused on promoting and protecting the human rights of migrants through a globally coordinated civil society action, with a specific focus on migrant domestic workers and victims of human trafficking. In Southeast Asia the project is implemented in Indonesia, Nepal and Thailand with a cluster of countries including Cambodia, Lao PDR, and Viet Nam.

## **Asia Pacific Migration Network, Australia 2012**

APMN is a regional forum, co-chaired by the Australian Red Cross and Mongolian Red Cross, was established by 17 National Societies in December 2012 to explore critical migration issues.

## **Doha Dialogue on Migration, Doha 2014 & 2016**

21 National Societies, from sending and receiving countries, discussed support to migrant workers and shared concerns and success stories. Members of governments and external agencies also attended to help develop future partnerships and joint advocacy. The next event to take place is scheduled for June 2016.

## **Manila Conference on Labour Migration, Philippines May 2015**

The focus of the Manila Conference was on female household service workers. A key outcome was the Manila Declaration that formalized the commitment of participants to work towards a common goal to increase the protection, rights and better provision of services for female household service workers.

## **Regional Inter-cultural and Inter-Religious Dialogue, Myanmar January 2015**

The regional think tank brought together National Societies from South and Southeast Asia along with academics, interfaith organizations, government representatives and non-governmental organizations to discuss issues of gender and diversity within migration.

## **Southeast Asia Leaders Meeting, Cambodia 2015**

At the annual leaders meeting, nine National Societies reaffirmed their commitment to focusing on labour migration and anti-trafficking, specifically targeting women and domestic workers.

## **Philippine Red Cross signs MoU to support migrant workers, Philippines**

The Philippine Red Cross is working with the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration to protect the rights of migrant workers, with a focus on women household service workers.

## **Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent targets female migrants with First Aid training, Brunei**

Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent is reaching out to housemaids and nannies, many of whom are female migrant workers. The targeted basic first aid course focuses on how to respond to emergencies and minor accidents in the home.

## **Thai Red Cross partners with national authorities to increase migrant access to healthcare, Thailand**

Thai Red Cross is a member of the Task Force, established by the Ministry of Public Health and convened by the World Health Organisation. The National Society provides emergency assistance to migrants.

## **Viet Nam Red Cross provides migrants with HIV/AIDS support, Viet Nam**

Viet Nam Red Cross integrated migration services into a HIV/AIDS project, with migrant workers identified as one of the focus groups. The programme worked to improve access to and utilization of HIV information, treatment, care and support services.

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