

**Regional Resilience Initiative (RRI) Steering Committee Meeting**

17 May 2017 – Jakarta, Indonesia

**Minutes of Meeting**



**Venue:** **International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies**  
Jakarta Country Cluster Support Team (CCST),  
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**Chair:** Mr. Marwan Jilani, Head of Bangkok Country Cluster Support Team, IFRC

## Introduction

Mr Marwan Jilani as chair of the meeting introduced the participants and the meeting agenda. In his remarks, he reminded about the function of the annual Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting, which aims to review the implementation of the previous years and to discuss and approve the plan for the coming year.

He then recalled the two **specific themes** cutting across all the outcomes of the initiative which were highlighted in the PSC meeting in April 2016 as areas for even greater focus, namely enhancing gender integration and deepening the engagement with ASEAN. As well there was the recommendation to enhance the M&E for RRI. For each area, Mr Jilani provided a short highlight of progress:

- **Gender and diversity:** recognized as a “standout” of the RRI by the consultants as part of the M&E enhancement process, with an effective network of G&D champions in NSs who lead the integration process from the inside through policy / strategic and operational support.
- **Deepening the engagement with ASEAN:** noteworthy advancements include: engagement in ASSI, support to the ACDM chairmanship 2017, endorsement by ACDM of the SGBV research, disaster law peer platform, ASEAN Day on Disaster Management campaign, and ongoing technical cooperation with the AHA Centre; as well as discussions with the Deputy SG on youth engagement and the preventive approach.
- **Enhancing the M&E functions within RRI:** successful efforts included a 6-month process, with two workshops, visits to 4 countries, some 80 key informant interviews and an extensive review of the project documentation. Outputs include three theme reports related to the RRI outcomes, 5 stories of change and a final report with recommendations that were considered during the AWP4 drafting process.

Finally, Mr Jilani thanked the Canadian Red Cross (CRC) and the Canadian government (GAC) for their ongoing support to this important initiative, acknowledging the quality of the partnership to date.

*Note: a dedicated page for the meeting was created on the resilience library [here](#). All presentations and validated plans were uploaded after the meeting.*

## Initial remarks from the partners

**Mr Steve Jaltema (GAC)** started by setting the scene with reasons why Canada is working on DRR in the ASEAN region (a disaster-prone area with a need to protect both communities in SEA and Canadian interests) and background information about the profound relationship between ASEAN and Canada. In fact, 90% of Canadian response to disasters (development, humanitarian response, consular, etc.) is in SEA. The recent move from bilateral development programmes with SEA countries to a more regional engagement is recognizing the role of ASEAN in bringing ownership from governments and sustainability.

In this context, Mr Jaltema gave his appreciation to the engagement IFRC has been deepening with ASEAN and encouraged all project stakeholders to continue in this path, while acknowledging the importance of showcasing the project's impact during the last year of the project.

Mr Jaltema mentioned that GAC has three strategic partners that they are working with in the SEAsia region, those being the Aga Khan Foundation Canada, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Canadian Red Cross (CRC). GAC considers the partnership with CRC to be a special and privileged partnership and one that both parties should endeavor to ensure that we maximize the learning from the RRI and share it, within GAC, ASEAN and others. There is an expectation that RRI, in the final months "tell our legacy": what we have accomplished, what we have learnt along the way, what can be replicated and how can results be sustained. This is true particularly for the gender component of the RRI since gender equality is where Canada is recognized and where the future policy will focus. Mr Jaltema appreciated the visibility given to the GAC support to RRI within the ASEAN context including the publication of reports and stories of change.

**Mr Doug MacDonald (Canadian RC)** started by thanking IFRC for hosting such an important meeting and GAC for providing very clear and important messages. He recalled the several key strategic partnerships between GAC and Canadian RC in various regions, including in Afghanistan and in the Caribbean, highlighting the existing and potential cross-regional learning among projects.

Mr McDonald reiterated the importance to profile the success of the relationships and the networks created through RRI, recognizing that not every programme yields these levels of results. This is also important for Canadian RC and its partners to be able to take the results from RRI to replicate and multiply, identifying the areas that are the most promising on which it should continue investing. Finally, he thanked all partners for the level of engagement to date.

#### Overview of project achievements during the third annual work plan (AWP3)

The **presentation** (available online at the link above) was delivered by **Ms. Deborah Cote and Mr Herve Gazeau**. After recalling the key features of the RRI, it focused on key achievements by immediate and intermediate outcomes, providing evidence of progress as documented by the M&E enhancement process of the RRI.

#### Perspective from a National Society implementing RRI: the example of Palang Merah Indonesia (PMI - Indonesian Red Cross)

**Mr Arifin M. Hadi (PMI) provided some updates** from the implementation of RRI, both with ASEAN and in Indonesia.

On the ASEAN level, he mentioned that National Societies (NS) throughout ASEAN are now acknowledged as part of the “One ASEAN One Response”, and more specifically in the ASEAN Joint Disaster Response Plan (AJDRP). PMI mobilized ERAT 3 times (flooding in Myanmar, Brunei for simulation exercise and Aceh Earthquake) and six NSs were involved in the AJDRP drafting process (workshop in February 2016). PMI is also co-hosting an induction course on Red Cross Red Crescent as part of the ACE Programme in cooperation with IFRC.

In Indonesia, Pak Arifin reported the recent progress with Disaster Law, not only at national level, but having community members influence local parliaments as well. He described how PMI works with the BNPB (Indonesia National Disaster Management Office) on certifications and competencies, also contributing to the AADMER Work Programme (priority 8). He also stated that PMI is working with a civil society alliance to influence the revision of the Law 24/2017 on Disaster Management. This is done through dialogue with local parliaments and CSOs (through the national platform on DRR) and recently through a hearing at the national department in Dec 2016. Finally, Mr Arifin briefly mentioned the integration of gender and diversity into PMI’s programmes and disaster response operations.

#### **Presentation of the fourth Annual Work Plan (AWP4)**

After the lunch break, the **presentation** (available online at the link above) was delivered **by Mr Herve Gazeau**. It featured the planning process for AWP4 and key highlights from AWP4. Since the actual plan was submitted to GAC early May 2017 and had already received technical comments, it was not deemed necessary to present each component in detail, but rather to focus on the pending questions from GAC:

Generic comments from Steve: there is a need to identify success stories and involve GAC in the monitoring and evaluation activities.

Specific comments from Connie:

- Include the revised budget in the revised narrative
- Present the endline study and lessons learnt workshop as part of the final report preparation in the narrative
- Under each output (part 4.2) in the work plan, add an opening paragraph to highlight the context, what we have learnt from the three years and what are the last steps for the last year.

**Follow-up decisions from the steering committee after discussion:**

- The PSC approved the AWP4
- IFRC and Canadian RC will provide an updated AWP4 narrative integrating all comments required
- GAC involvement in monitoring and evaluation activities is welcomed. IFRC will continue to produce a quarterly calendar of events to be shared with GAC and will anticipate as much as possible events that might be of interest for GAC colleagues
- Three events were already pre-identified for GAC participation:
  - The workshop on the Global Agenda in Bangkok on the last week of August
  - The ASEAN Day for Disaster Management (ADDM) in Luang Prabang in October 2017
  - The 16 days of activism against gender-based violence in November 2017 (in particular if any event is held in the Philippines which chairs ASEAN and ASEAN-Canada relationships this year).

**AOB**

**Mr Jaltema provided an update of the ASEAN portfolio within GAC.**

- In 2016, a review of the international assistance was commissioned (70 countries, several thousand informants, including discussions with the ASEAN Secretariat and the Committee of Permanent Representatives). The outcome document “what we heard” is available in GAC’s website.
- Next step (pending) is the launch of the international policy statement (expected very soon).
- The future priorities for Canada:
  - Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls at the center (“feminist international development policy”): 650 million dollars globally for sexual and reproductive health rights (re-distribution of pre-allocated funds) for immediate and short term action.
  - “Inclusive and green growth”
  - Emphasis on climate change
  - Peaceful pluralism and democratic governance
- What does this mean for GAC / ASEAN?
  - The ASEAN programme within GAC is new, but budget would remain more or less the same in the short term
  - DRR and DM unlikely to be a focus, but this does not mean we will not work on it in ASEAN
- RRI beyond 2017:
  - Importance to showcase our successes and highlight their sustainability, and highlight those aspects of the project that reflect GAC priorities
  - Gender equality and SGBV could be a focus to look at for future engagement with GAC
  - Be realistic in terms of DRR/DM engagement in ASEAN

**Mr MacDonald** thanked GAC for the update provided and agreed on the need to focus on producing results, measuring successes, and having strong messaging around these successes. He further emphasized a need to consider the benefits provided by the structure of the RRI partnerships as well – in that RRI has facilitated and supported the strengthening of the framework of the partnerships, within which any number of sectoral initiatives can be launched, supported and strengthened (e.g. gender equality).

On a question related to the **priorities of the Canadian dialogue with ASEAN**, **Mr Jaltema** mentioned the existing structures relationship with a 5-year plan for cooperation (covering the three communities of ASEAN), and with key topics for the future: inclusive and green growth with SME, public-private partnerships, championing the rights of women and girls, as well as migrant workers. There is also a willingness to do more in education and exchange, which is why GAC is very appreciative of IFRC's work with ACDM, especially because it is not only with AHA Centre and on response, but is where IFRC has an added value: engaging the civil society and maximizing the auxiliary status.

**Ms. Cote enquired about the summative evaluation**, and Ms Tulus answered that the HR process is ongoing in Ottawa, while the evaluation process could start in July 2017.

**Annexes:**

1. List of participants
2. Agenda
3. Presentations (online [here](#))
4. AWP4 (online [here](#))

## **Annex 1**

Participants	
Ms. Connie Tulus	Senior Development Officer, ASEAN Regional Development Program, Global Affairs Canada (GAC)
Mr Steve Jaltema	Deputy Director and Counsellor (Development) at the Mission of Canada to ASEAN, GAC
Mr Doug MacDonald	Head of Region Asia, Canadian Red Cross
Mr. Marwan Jilani	Head of Bangkok Country Cluster Support Team (CCST), IFRC
Mr Giorgio Ferrario	Head of Jakarta Country Cluster Support Team (CCST) and Representative to ASEAN, IFRC
Mr Arifin M. Hadi	Head of Division for Disaster Management, Indonesian Red Cross (PMI), Head of the DM technical working group under the CSR Forum
Mr Teguh Wibowo	DRR Officer, Disaster Management Division, Indonesian Red Cross (PMI)
Ms. Deborah Cote	Program Manager Asia, International Operations, Canadian Red Cross
Mr. Herve Gazeau	DRR Manager, IFRC Bangkok

**Annex 2**

**AGENDA**

10.30 **Introductions and presentation of the agenda (Chair)**

10.45 **Initial remarks from the partners**

- Global Affairs Canada
- Canadian RC

11.30 **Overview of project achievements during the third annual work plan (AWP3)**

- Presentation
- Discussion

12.30 *Lunch*

13.30 **Presentation of Annual Work Plan 4**

- Presentation
- Discussion and amendments / endorsement

14.30 **Any other business**

15.30 **Final remarks and considerations/approval**