

RCRC Participation in the 2017 ACE Programme

Final Report

Background

The AHA Centre Executive (ACE) Programme aims to provide capacity building for professionals from National Disaster Management Offices (NDMOs) of ASEAN Member States who wish to pursue a career in disaster management. It gives select group of NMDO staff the opportunity to further develop their professional knowledge, skills and experience in regional cooperation on disaster management by exposing them to various settings in which they work with and learn from key partners including the United Nations and other international organizations. The programme also serves as a platform to develop strong inter-governmental network in order to strengthen regional cooperation. Funded mainly by the Japanese Government, the programme seeks to generate a pool of disaster management champions across ASEAN. It is carried out over a period of 4-6 months each year, with different sessions held in Indonesia, Japan, New Zealand, Malaysia and other countries (changing from year to year), including a substantial period based within the AHA Centre in Jakarta. The ACE programme was initiated in 2014 with 13 officers trained, with subsequent batches 2, 3 and 4 conducted until 2017. In 2017, the programme was organized between July and November (see [here](#) the AHA Centre video presenting the 2017 highlights).

Since its inception, IFRC was identified by the AHA Centre as one of the key resource organizations for some modules of the course, given its expertise in disaster management, emergency shelter, disaster law and logistics. Consequently, the AHA Centre requested IFRC to facilitate a week-long session dedicated to the Red Cross Red Crescent starting in 2015. At the same time, AHA Centre has welcomed each year the participation of ASEAN-based NS colleagues in selected modules of the course. Funding for such activities was secured over the past three years under the Regional Resilience Initiative funded by Canada (except for the New Zealand module in which NS participation was directly funded by NZAID). More information about IFRC engagement with ACE Programme can be found on the [Resilience Library](#).

Expected outcomes for the collaboration

The collaboration is planned and implemented in the spirit of the “*One ASEAN One Response*” vision and in contribution to the AADMER Work Programme 2016-2020, also referring to the 2014 [joint action plan](#) for technical collaboration between AHA Centre and Red Cross Red Crescent.

Specifically, the following outcomes are expected from the collaboration:

- 1) Enhance RCRC engagement with ASEAN in the field of Disaster Management
- 2) Increase understanding of RCRC among ACE Programme participants: the “future DM Leaders” in the region
- 3) Reinforce the linkage between NSs and their NDMO counterparts through joint capacity-building

I - RCRC Induction course



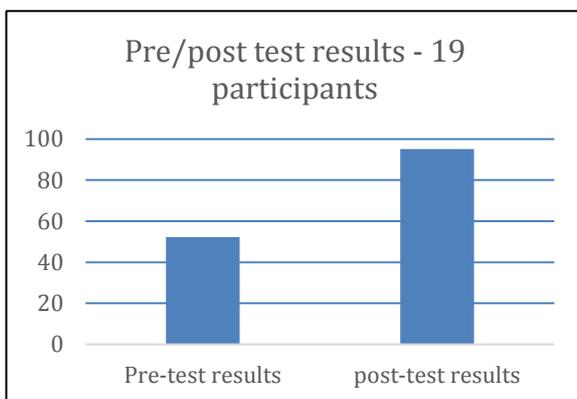
IFRC and PMI co-facilitated a RCRC Induction training in October 2017, hosted by PMI in its Semarang training centre. Participants included 19 colleagues from NDMOs (10M/9F) and 2 colleagues from AHA Centre (1M/1F) and facilitators were mobilized from among IFRC, ICRC and PMI teams.

Following the evaluation of batches 2015 and 2016, and in discussion with AHA Centre, it was decided to focus on the following components:

- Introduction to the RCRC
- Focus on response and preparedness to response, (as part of the One ASEAN One Response)
- Include Gender and Diversity and Disaster Law as cross-cutting themes

Besides session in the training center, a simulation exercise was held in Demak District in conjunction with an ICBRR programme of PMI funded by the American Red Cross. This allowed participants to join community members and local authorities in in field-testing local capacities for response, with a focus on inclusiveness, using the IFRC Minimum Standard Commitments on Gender and Diversity in emergency programming as a key reference tool.

Furthermore, the participants had the opportunity to visit PMI programme activities in both rural and urban contexts, including through the visit of mangrove plantation managed by community members as well as a half-day seminar on urban resilience opened by the Mayor of Semarang (one of the few [Resilient Cities](#) under the global campaign) and with the participation of the City Resilience Officer.



The comparison of pre/post test results show an increase in knowledge of the participants from 52% to 95%. Individual results were shared with AHA Centre to be part of the overall assessment of the ACE programme participants.

The course was highly appreciated by the participants, in particular the field visits, the learning about resilience, the mangrove planting and the simulation exercise. Some challenges mentioned by participants included some overlap in the contents with UN-led sessions in the previous weeks as well as the simulation lacking some

clarity on the expected role of participants beyond observing the communities responding alongside local authorities. From the short survey conducted at the end of the training:

- 100% of participants ranked the training of “excellent” or “good” value,
- 100% of participants agreed that the training would help them to be more effective in their job
- 60% of participants considered the balance between theory and practice as “excellent” as 40% as “good”

For more information about the training as well as all presentations, access the dedicated page on the resilience library [here](#).



II. Participation of the National Societies in selected modules of the ACE Programme

AHA Centre offered to selected colleagues from National Societies to join some modules of the ACE Programme as trainees together with the NDMOs. This great opportunity not only allowed NSs' representatives to enhance their capacity and expertise in the related thematic fields but also promoted the mutual learning and strengthened the collaboration between RCRC and respective government participants. The list of the trainees from NSs is annexed to this report (see below).

Finally, IFRC participated in the ERAT training held in Thailand in November 2017 as facilitators of the simulation exercise. Two colleagues from APRO and CCST Bangkok provided their technical input to the exercise.

Conclusion

As for previous years, the IFRC contribution to the ACE programme continued to be appreciated by the AHA Centre and NDMO colleagues. It was also highlighted as a great example of technical cooperation under the RRI endline study conducted at the end of 2017. The RRI external evaluation happening early 2018 will probably provide more feedback on this collaboration as well. Finally, during the 2017 Graduation Ceremony hosted by ASEAN, IFRC was mentioned as one of the three strategic partners of the ACE programme, together with the UN and New-Zealand.

Looking forward in 2018, despite uncertainties related to the continuation of the programme from AHA Centre side, there is definitely a space for continued engagement in joint capacity-building. Also, the G&D part of the training as always been a key highlight and uniqueness of our contribution, so this should be further enhanced in discussion with our partners.

Annex 1 - NS participants in ACE programme 2017

Date	Duration (days)	Name of Activities	Trainers	Location	Participants
14-16 Aug 2017	3	International Humanitarian System	OCHA ROAP & AHA Centre	JAKARTA	- Rafiq Anshori , PMI, Head of Disaster Preparedness Sub Division. rafiq_anshori@pmi.or.id
21-25 Aug 2017	5	Rapid Assessment Training	OCHA ROAP & Acaps	JAKARTA	- Ms. Su Nwe Wai , Director of Human Resource Department, Myanmar RCS sunwewai@redcross.org.mm
28-30 Aug 2017	3	Post Disaster Need Analysis and ASEAN Recovery Guideline	UNDP	JAKARTA	- Ms Pham Thi Thanh My , project officer of Disaster Management (Vietnam RC) thanhmyvnrc@gmail.com
4-6 Sept 2017*	3	Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Workshop	IOM	JAKARTA	- Mr. Sar Seang Heang , Director, Oddar Mean Chey branch (Cambodian Red Cross) seangheang@gmail.com
2-7 Oct 2017	6	Incident Command System and EOC	USFS	JAKARTA	- Mr. Sar Seang Heang , Director, Oddar Mean Chey branch (Cambodian Red Cross) - Mr. Archieval Molos , Disaster Response Unit Head, Disaster Management Services of Philippine Red Cross archieval.molos@redcross.org.ph
16-20 Oct 2017	5	ASEAN – UN Civil Military Coordination Training	OCHA ROAP & AHA Centre	JAKARTA	- Ms. Sukanya Supudommungmee , Head of Disaster Relief Unit, Relief and Community Health Bureau (Thai RC) mssukanya11@gmail.com - Mr. Bounyong Phommachak, Deputy Head of Preparedness Unit
2-3 Nov 2017	2	Communication Training for Disaster Professional	AHA Centre	JAKARTA	- Ms. Nattavadee Poolamphai , Head of Documents Management Unit, Relief and Community Health Bureau (Thai RC) nattavadee_p@hotmail.com

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Aulia Ariani, the Head of Communication Bureau, PMI
5-10 Nov 2017	6	Humanitarian Logistic Training	WFP/UNHRD	Subang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Masfuri, EOC Officer, PMI - Noel de los Santos, Logistics Manager of Philippine Red Cross noel.santos@redcross.org.ph
14-21 Nov 2017	8	ERAT Training	AHA Centre	Hua Hin, Thailand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. San San Maw, Director of Disaster Management Department (Myanmar Red Cross Society) - Ms. Suchada Toachuen (Nurse, Health Station - Hua Hin, Thai RCS) - Ms. Nichanan Janthangam (Nurse, Health Station 7 - Ubon Ratchathani, Thai RCS)
17-30 September 2017		Critical Incident Leadership in Disaster Response Management, hosted by the	University of Canterbury	New Zealand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Eka Wulan Cahyasari, Head of Public Health Subdivision, PMI - Mr. Ridwan Sobri Carman, Head of Emergency Response, Recovery and Rehabilitation Subdivision, PMI - Dr. Ye Wint Aung, Deputy Director (Humanitarian Values and communication Department), Myanmar Red Cross Society - Dr. Naing Naing, Deputy Director of Health Department, Myanmar Red Cross Society - Mr. Minh Chau Dang, Under Secretary General cum Director of Human Resources Department, Viet Nam Red Cross