



**Regional Resilience Initiative (RRI)
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Regional Resilience Initiative (RRI)

- The Regional Resilience Initiative was launched in April 2014, with funding from the Canadian Government and the Canadian Red Cross (CRC).
- RRI sought to enhance skills and capacities on advocacy at national and regional levels, including increased and more strategic cooperation with ASEAN (both Member States and Secretariat).
- In February 2018, a lessons learnt workshop was organized in Bangkok to review four years of implementation. It was attended by NSs, IFRC, NDMOs, Ministries responsible for Women Affairs, regional partners, and INGOs.
- The results of the end-line study were presented and substantive discussions among partners organized in working groups on key thematic priorities (SGBV, localization, role of data and evidence in advocacy, and peer to peer learning).
- The outcomes of the workshop included the validation of the end-line study and a set of key recommendations on key priorities.

RRI Key Achievements

Overall Coverage:

- 11 countries covered (ASEAN + Timor Leste),
- Priority Outcomes: Capacity enhancement in communications and advocacy; integration of gender and diversity into national and regional policies and programs; disaster law; and regional cooperation and partnership with ASEAN and other regional partners.

Trainings (regional or in-country) = total 1181 (52% female)

- 612 people trained on Gender and Diversity (63% Female)
- 146 people trained on Climate Change (36% female)
- 57 people trained as part of the ACE programme together with AHA Centre (46% female)
- 366 people trained on communications and advocacy (41% female), including 99 in management positions (32% female)

RRI Key Achievements

Gender and Diversity

- 56 interventions, including 32 trainings, 26 technical support to NSs and 8 technical support to external partners
- 6 NS have developed G&D institutional policies/strategies, with 5 having them endorsed
- 7 NS have revised, contextualized or translated G&D tools for inclusive programming (based on inclusive VCA and Minimum Standard Commitments),
- 3 having conducted institutional G&D self-assessments (ready to support other NS to do the self-assessment)

Regional cooperation / peer to peer support / knowledge management

Four regional networks supported

Leadership meeting

CSR Forum

G&D network (established through RRI)

SEA Youth network

31 network and technical meetings supported

30 Case studies developed

8 community voices videos produced

11,000 visitors in the resilience library (around 500+ colleagues receive the monthly update)

RRI Key Achievements

Beyond the numbers, three strategic areas in which the progress has been most qualitative:

- Deepening the **strategic and technical engagement with ASEAN**, in particular the ACDM, ASEC &AHA
- **Gender and diversity mainstreaming and the research on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV):**
 - Promoting inclusive and protective policies as part of the Disaster Law programme (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Indonesia, Myanmar, Philippines, etc.)
 - Training jointly NS and Government representatives under the ACE programme led by the AHA Centre
 - Working with Women Affairs ministries in Cambodia and Lao PDR to promote inclusive DRR policies
 - Completed a joint research with ASEAN on the SGBV prevention and response before, during and after disasters (Indonesia, Lao PDR, Philippines)
 - Promoting and adapting the IFRC Minimum Standard Commitments (MSC) for Gender and Diversity in Emergency Programming, (provides critical guidance on Dignity, Access, Participation and Safety for all).
- Promotion of **peer to peer learning** among NS, with Governments, ASEAN and other partners. Examples include:
 - Regional RCRC networks (youth network, gender and diversity network, etc.)
 - Cross-border cooperation (e.g Lao-Thai cooperation), exchanges and knowledge management

Recommendations from the lessons learnt workshop participants

ASEAN partnership

- Over the years, trust and mutual understanding have been built through ACE programme, DIREX, ASSI, SGBV research, ADDM celebrations, etc.;
- There is also an enhanced visibility/recognition of RCRC contribution to AADMER.
- The 2014 Joint Action Plan with AHA Centre could have been monitored more closely and the recent work on RDRT-ERAT cross-learning is a good basis to continue the technical collaboration
- ***In this context, participants recommended to:***
- Support NS to have a sustained engagement with relevant ASEAN entities at national and regional levels within the ASEAN-RCRC strategy.
- Enhance the regional and national coordination within the RCRC movement for harmonized/coherent engagement and representation with ASEAN.
- Promote alignment of tools and mechanisms between RCRC and ASEAN (RDRT-ERT, ACE-AHA Centre, Joint Action Plan, G&D, SGBV, ASSI, etc.)

Recommendations from the lessons learnt workshop participants

Peer-to-Peer learning and support within SEA National Societies

- The structure of IFRC with five offices in SEA makes coordination more challenging. This said, the appetite for cross-learning and network among SEA NSs remains high, also linked to the ASEAN project among respective governments.
- Face to face meetings remain important for joint learning, but costs are high. Therefore, sustainability of prioritized networks and cross-learning is a joint responsibility. (e.g. SEAYN).

In this context, participants recommended to:

- Maintain the integrity of the SEA RCRC regional networks with a focus on sustainability and concrete added value to the National Societies' priorities.
- Build on the existing platform of the Resilience Library by promoting/encouraging National Society's ownership, sustainability, utility, as well as greater linkages with ASEAN platforms and other knowledge management initiatives.
- Support and encourage cross-learning on evidence-based decisions and data management.
- Build on and learn from the Thai-Lao cross-border cooperation as an effective model for peer-to-peer support and capacity building.

Recommendations from the lessons learnt workshop participants

Gender and Diversity and SGBV thematic recommendations

- Integrate the Minimum Standard Commitments on G&D in Emergency Programming into SOPs and existing strategies of NS by the end of 2020.
- Support and strengthen G&D Network through:
 - ✓ involvement of senior leadership during Network meetings and at the SEA Leaders Meeting
 - ✓ refresher trainings on requested Gender and Diversity issues once a year
 - ✓ joint resource mobilization for formulation and implementation of a G&D network work plan 2018-2020
- Contextualize and implement SGBV in emergencies training package at community, province and headquarter level with RCRC volunteers, staff and senior management by end of 2020.
- Strengthen Movement-wide efforts on PSEA by:
 - ✓ Developing and standardizing a template for internal feedback, reporting and follow-up mechanism by end of 2019
 - ✓ Develop, contextualize and implement sensitization on prevention of sexual harassment in the workplace, in collaboration with the Human Resources, Security and Legal department by the end of 2018
- Strengthened commitment to regularly attend cluster meetings on SGBV prevention and response before emergencies.
- Dedicated financial and human resources towards integration of protection, gender and inclusion during emergency and non-emergency time for NS by end of 2020.

Recommendations from the lessons learnt workshop participants

Disaster Law thematic recommendations

- NS supported by IFRC, to act as a convener of model/practice in development and implementation of Disaster Management Law at national and local levels, drawing on best practices from the world.
- IFRC to support and strengthen capacity of NS to engage in legislative advocacy, relevant for their countries.
- NS to strengthen ownership on Disaster Law activities and advocacy within their constituencies, particularly with leadership and local actors.
- IFRC to partner with ASEAN in drafting and encouraging implementation of national and regional Disaster Law, with the respective National Society.

RRI final phase – Way Forward

- The last phase on RRI plan will be implemented throughout September 2018. The planned activities will focus on: **Engagement with ASEAN, Gender and Diversity, SGBV and Disaster Law areas:**
 - A campaign on SGBV to engage both technical regional networks (G&D and SEAYN).
 - A joint initiative with AHA Centre focusing on women leadership and PGI mainstreaming within regional humanitarian action.
 - A regional course on Disaster Law in partnership with the academia, ASEAN, NDMOs and NSs to contribute to the ACDM-endorsed peer to peer learning platform on DL.
- Additional areas under which we are encouraging NSs to plan for in the next months:
 - Follow-up on the SGBV research in Indonesia, Lao PDR and the Philippines
 - Expansion of the SGBV and DL research in Cambodia and Viet Nam
 - Support NS activities around key themes including DL, PGI, ASEAN, and promotion of women leadership in humanitarian action.

Thank You

