



# Introduction to Disaster Law – Part 2

## ACE Programme 2017

## *Overview of the session: Part 2*

Theme 2: Law  
and DRR

Background,  
multi-country  
study, DRR  
checklist &  
handbook

Disaster Law  
developments  
in South East  
Asia and role  
of RCRC

Country case  
study:  
Indonesia

Wrap up,  
questions,  
comments

## ***Why law and DRR? Experience highlights the importance of legal frameworks for DRR***

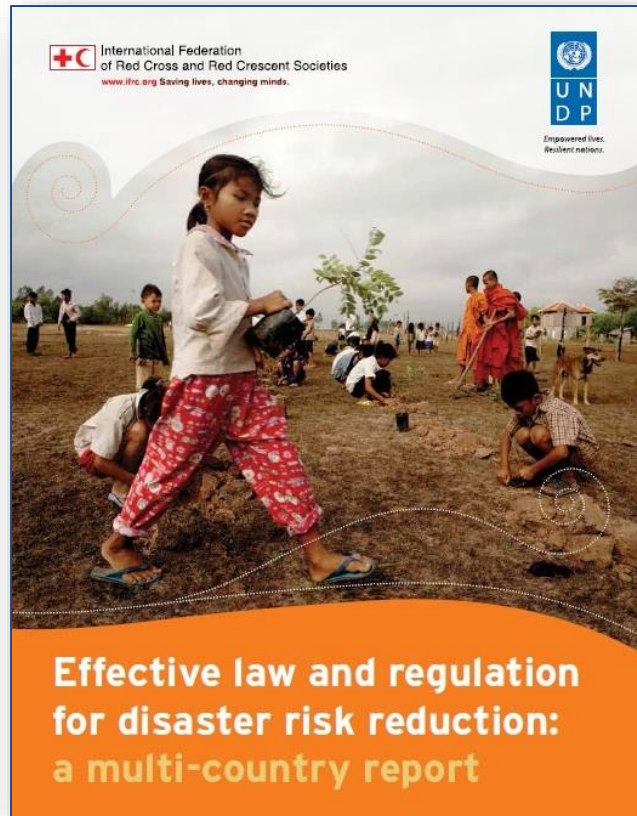


### **Vietnam:**

- Seen the benefits of having strong laws / regulations for DRR in terms of saving lives.
- Legislation on early warning, the establishment of dykes, drains (prevent flooding) and safe shelters and community awareness activities = a substantial reduction in lives lost from flooding and storms.
- The flood level in the Mekong Delta in 2011 was similar to 2000 BUT the number of deaths from floods dropped from 600 down to 60.



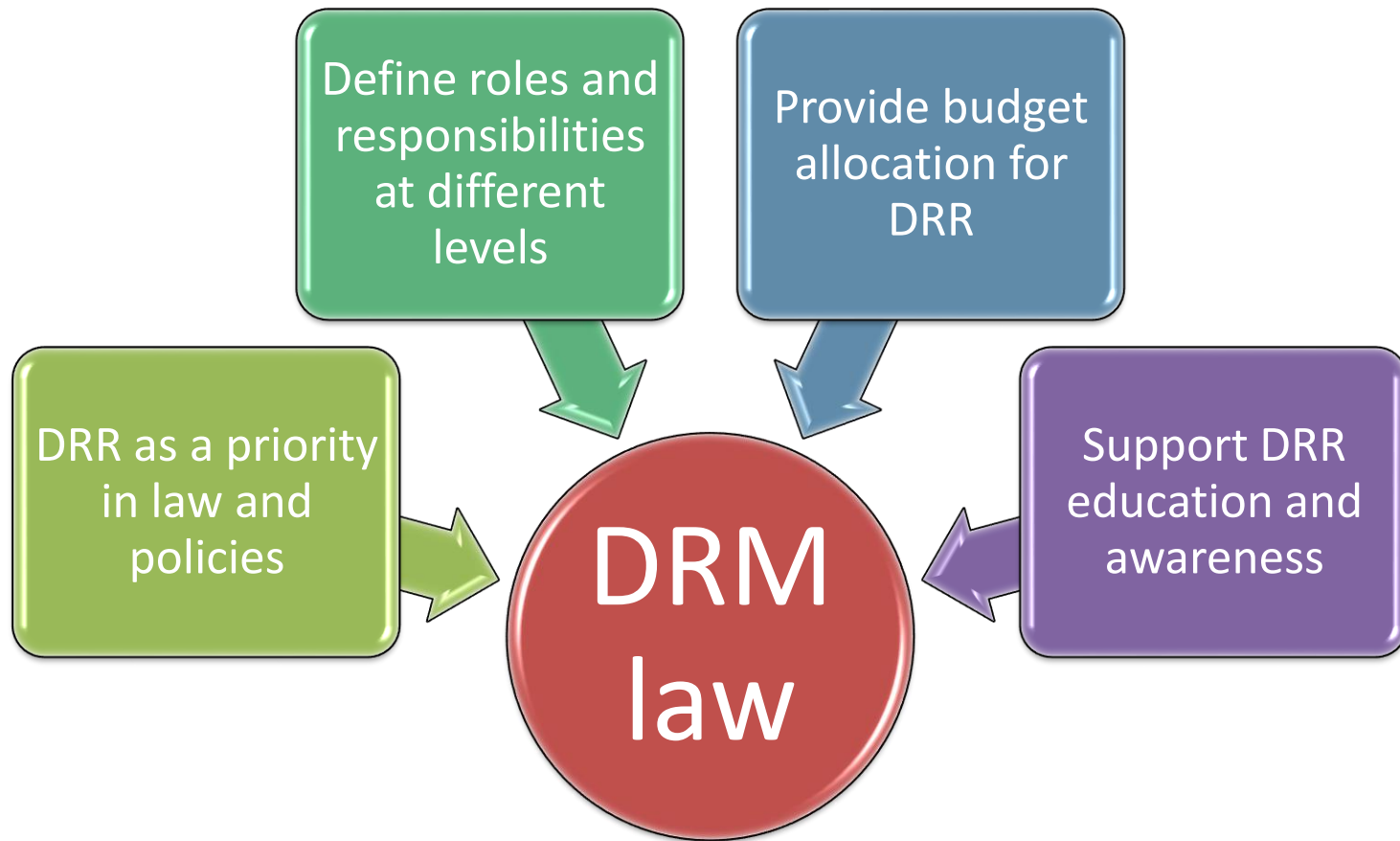
# *What has IFRC been doing to address this?* *Multi-Country Report*



## **IFRC and UNDP launched a global study in 2014 looking at 31 countries:**

- Examples of good practice legal provisions
- What helps or hinders implementation
- Recommendations for reviewing or drafting laws
  
- **Aim to support legislators, public administrators and development practitioners to prepare and implement legal frameworks for DRR**

## *Findings: Role of Disaster Risk Management laws*

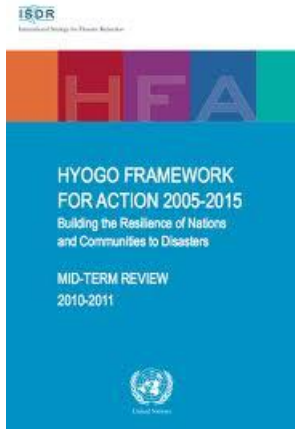


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# *Findings: sectoral laws are equally important!*



## ***Background: where did this idea come from?***



**HFA Priority 1 – DRR – a national and local priority through: “policy, legislative and institutional frameworks for disaster risk reduction”**



**Resolution 7 - International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in 2011 – calls on states to review existing legal frameworks for DRR**



# *Disaster Law: International Commitments*



**Sendai Framework  
for DRR: focus on  
DRR legislation and  
IDRL Guidelines**



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**Resolution 6 on  
Disaster Law,  
2015**

**International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent**

# ***DL TOOLS: The Checklist & Handbook on Law and DRR***

## The checklist on law and disaster risk reduction

Pilot Version, March 2015



## The Handbook on Law and Disaster Risk Reduction



The **strengths** in the legal framework

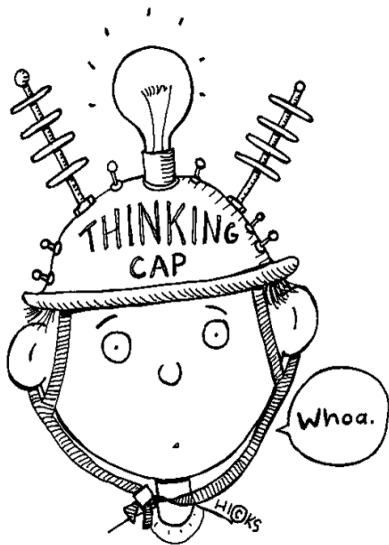
Where greater focus is needed on **implementation**

If **drafting** or revising legislation is needed

## *True or False?*

- If you have a good disaster management law, your legal framework for DRR is complete
  
- Answer: False

## *Key points to remember!*



- ✓ Disaster management laws are important: BUT other sectoral laws are equally as important for risk reduction
- ✓ Effective laws and regulations serve as a foundation for building community resilience and making people safer
- ✓ The Checklist on Law and Disaster Risk Reduction provides guidance for reviewing and improving legal frameworks for DRR – so please go ahead and use it! 😊

# *What is the role of the IFRC's Disaster Law Programme?*

Technical  
assistance

Advocacy

Research and  
capacity  
building

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# Disaster Law Progress in Southeast Asia

Gov't fast-tracked review of DM law; new IHA guidelines 2018; PRC DL trainings for local Chapters & inputs to law review

Philippines

Cambodia

IDRL study, New DM law in 2015, DRR study 2017, Community Level dissemination

Indonesia

Thailand

IDRL workshop – Int. Asst. Guideline

IDRL Study, DRR study Contribution to NDRF DM law review in 2018?

Lao PDR

Vietnam

IDRL and DRR study, adopted DM law in 2013 Community Level Dissemination

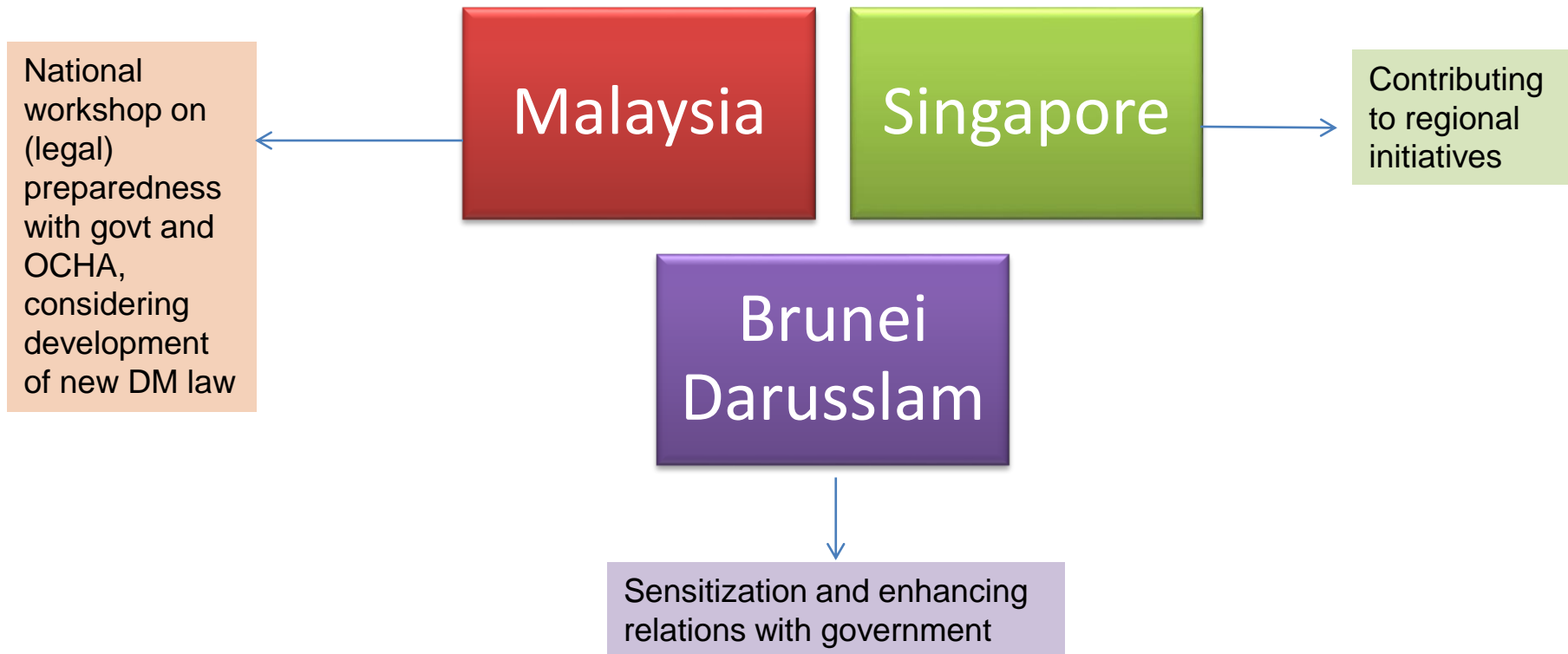
IDRL Study, Support to legal drafting processes: Climate Change Decree 2017 DM Law 2018

Myanmar

New DM law and rules, IDRL Research in Progress

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# *What disaster law work have SEA National Societies been doing?*





# South East Asia: Leaders in Disaster Law!





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***Thank you!***

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Comments?



Questions?

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