

Southeast Asia Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

# REGIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY AND RESILIENCE FORUM

Monthly Updates – **August 2018**



*Four clean water purification units and 22 toilets were installed by the Lao Red Cross to ensure access to clean water and sanitation facilities for people still residing at evacuation centres in Tamoyod Village, Attapeu Province, seven weeks after the dam collapse. (Photo by Lao Red Cross).*

Welcome to our August 2018 Southeast Asia news updates. In addition to these monthly updates we send to you every month, you could also find Southeast Asia Red Cross Red Crescent's resources, tools, events and updates at Resilience Library at <http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org>.

## Thematic Updates from Southeast Asia

### At Regional Level:

#### Fourth Red Cross Red Crescent Induction Course for AHA Centre Executive Programme



Photo credit: IFRC

For the fourth consecutive year, the Red Cross Red Crescent Induction Course as part of the AHA Centre Executive (ACE) Programme was co-hosted by Palang Merah Indonesia (PMI) and IFRC, this time held in Jakarta on 20-24 August 2018. Participants in the course were government officials from nine ASEAN countries, who added to the opportunity to learn about the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, its principles and rules for humanitarian assistance, as well as ways in which National Societies enhance community resilience in the region. The course, organized as part of the Regional Resilience Initiative (RRI) funded by Canada, included a one-day field visit to PMI community-based programming. Click [here](#) for more information.

#### IFRC Presents Forecast-based Financing at Risk-Informed Development Regional Conference



Photo credit: [UNESCAP](#)

During 27-29 August 2018, IFRC participated at the Regional Conference on Risk-Informed Development titled “Using Disaster Risk Information for Resilience.” Ms. Sanna The event was hosted by the Asian Development Bank, UNESCAP, and UNISDR, among others. IFRC Regional Disaster Risk Reduction Coordinator and Climate Change Focal, Sanna Salmela-Eckstein, had the opportunity to present the *Forecast-based Financing* approach/ mechanism as well as IFRC’s *Forecast-based Action* through the Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF), and practical application and evidence from the Red Cross Red Crescent in Asia Pacific that connect risk-informed decision making, early actions to reduce risks and increase investment in FbA and preparedness for response. Click [here](#) for more information.

#### IFRC, Mongolian Red Cross Society Co-Host Training on Cash Transfer



Photo credit: Mongolian Red Cross Society

IFRC and the Mongolian Red Cross Society co-hosted the Practical Cash Transfer in Emergencies (PECT) training in Ulaanbaatar during 6-11 August 2018. The training was participated by 30 participants from Asia-Pacific and Partner National Societies. The main objective of the training was to increase the number of Red Cross and Red Crescent Surge personnel with the skills and knowledge to be deployed as Cash Regional Disaster Response Team in emergencies. During the training session, the participants were provided with exposure and hands-on experience using the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement Cash in Emergencies Toolkit. After the successful completion of the training, a pool of cash trained specialists has been added to the cash roster for field deployments.



## Highlight Updates from National Societies

### Cambodia

#### Cambodian Red Cross Kampot Branch Conducts Emergency WASH Training of Trainers



Photo credit: [Cambodian Red Cross](#)

The Cambodian Red Cross Kampot Provincial Branch conducted the Emergency Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion (WASH) training of trainers to its 25 volunteers (nine females) and the communicable/non-communicable disease team from the headquarter. The training was aimed at strengthening Red Cross volunteers' capacity in Emergency WASH, and that they will be able to disseminate the knowledge to friends and people in their community.

### Indonesia

#### Palang Merah Indonesia Offers Training on Earthquake Preparedness



Photo credit: [Palang Merah Indonesia](#)

In light of the devastation caused by Lombok earthquake in late July, Palang Merah Indonesia (Indonesian Red Cross or PMI) offered to help the people of Dusun Tojong-Ojong, Central Lombok by disseminating a list of actions should be taken in an event of earthquakes. The awareness raising activity was done using large posters with simple images and information about measures to be taken in anticipation of the earthquake. This activity is routinely done by PMI volunteers for the communities affected by the earthquake Lombok. It aims to help people understand what to do and how to help Lombok society moving forward more prepared for disasters. Click [here](#) to read full story by PMI.

### Lao PDR

#### Lao Red Cross Provides Relief Assistance to Flash Flood Victims in Attapeu Province



Photo credit: [Lao Red Cross](#)

It has been more than a month after the collapse of the Xe-Pian Xe-Namnoy hydropower dam on 23 July which caused massive flash flood displacing more than 4,000 household according to a UN report. Many flood victims still remain at emergency centres, some of which are not accessible by road. Lao Red Cross (LRC) has since installed four clean water purification units at three shelters and 22 toilets at four shelters to ensure access to clean water and sanitation facilities in Tamoyod Village, Attapeu Province. Delivery of relief items, health services, and other humanitarian assistance have also been provided by LRC with the support from the Emergency Appeal.

## Philippines

### Philippine Red Cross Set Up WASH Facility for Drought-Affected Community in Catanduanes Province



Photo credit: Philippine Red Cross

At a request by the Mayor of Virac Municipality, Catanduanes Province, the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) set up the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene promotion facilities in the communities where natural water resources no longer meet the municipality's demand for safe drinking water due to a dry spell. PRC has deployed one water tanker; one water treatment unit; Onion bladders for water production; Pillow bladders, tap stands and hoses for water collecting units. PRC has also established a water production site in Barangay Poniton while water collecting points were established in Barangay Calatagan Tibang and Calatagan Proper. Click [here](#) for a full story by PRC.

## Singapore

### Singapore Red Cross Implements Patient Ceiling Hoist Solution at Home for the Severely Disabled



Photo credit: Singapore Red Cross

Singapore Red Cross unveiled a mechanical hoist solution at the Red Cross Home for the Disabled (RCHD) - Singapore's only residential home for the severely disabled on 11 July. RCHD is the first such home in Singapore to be installed with a ceiling hoist system. With direct connection to the bath area, the hoist enables caregivers to safely move residents in and around the ward with ease. The hoist system comprises a lifter and rail track mounted on the ceiling, to lift and move persons with mobility challenges. The hoist is intuitive and efficient in that a single caregiver can move a resident without assistance from other staff, freeing RCHD's nursing aides for other duties. Click [here](#) to read full story by Singapore Red Cross.

### Singapore Red Cross Offers Home Monitoring and Eldercare Service to 50 Elderly Homes



Photo credit: Singapore Red Cross

In a special collaboration with Jurong Central Grassroots Organisations and insurer Aviva Singapore, Singapore Red Cross offered [Home Monitoring and Eldercare \(HoME+\)](#) service to 50 elderly homes in Jurong Central. Comprising two motion sensors, a door sensor and an alert button, the Red Cross HoME+ notes the movement patterns of people and notifies SRC of any abnormality. SRC will then deploy a volunteer to respond. HoME+ helps seniors living on their own, through a helpline that operates 24/7 for non-emergency situations, and a monitoring, alert and response system for home safety. Click [here](#) for more information.



## Thailand

### Thai Red Cross Society Meets With National Partners on GIS Tools for Emergency Response



Photo credit: Thai Red Cross Society

The Thai Red Cross Society (TRCS) and its partner such as Thailand's Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM), Ministry of Public Health, Geo-Informatics and Space Technology Development Agency, etc have been working together to develop the Geographical Information System (GIS) for Emergency Response and Disaster Relief Operation. Now in phase 2, the objective of this system is to support disaster relief tasks and to provide smart accessibilities to all user to analyse and collect data to be shared between network partners. Ongoing meetings between system development and pilot users in Ayutthaya, Singburi and Nakornnayok Provinces. First testing of the system is scheduled to take place in September 2018.

### Thai Red Cross Society Provides Relief Assistance to Flood Victims in Phetchaburi



Photo credit: Thai Red Cross Society

On 29 August 2018, the Thai Red Cross (TRCS) Headquarter and the Health Station No.8 in Phetchaburi Province and relevant agencies, provided 200 relief kits to flood victims at Kaeng Krachan sub-district and Song Pee Nong sub-district in Phetchaburi Province following the massive flood caused by torrential rains coupled with typhoon Bebinca which made landfall in mid-August, and release of dam water. TRCS has also reached out to several other provinces in the north and northeast part of Thailand which were also inundated by flood water and provided relief assistance. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Viet Nam

### Viet Nam Red Cross Carries Out Relief Operation in Areas Hit by Typhoon Bebinca



Photo credit: Viet Nam Red Cross

Heavy rains, overflowing river and release of dam water in late August and early September have resulted in landslide and severe flooding in Vietnam's northern provinces of Son La, Lao Cai, Cao Bang, Yen Bai, Thanh Hoa, and, Nghe An. Among these provinces, Thanh Hoa was the most affected with thousands of families evacuated to safer areas. The Viet Nam Red Cross is providing cash assistance, shelters, and clean water filters to those affected. According to the National Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention and Control, as of 5 September 2018, the flood has claimed 15 lives and left 5 other missing. About 380 houses were destroyed, swept away, and heavily damaged, while 789 other houses were damaged or abandoned due to damage.

## Featured Story

### Stories of Survivors



Photo credit: IFRC

More than a month after the dam collapse, many flood victims still find themselves in emergency shelters. With the rainy season continuing, conditions are difficult for thousands of people who are now living in makeshift camps. Some roads and bridges remain impassable, making humanitarian assistance a huge challenge. The Lao Red Cross has been working around the clock to transport much needed aid, including helping to deliver 15,000 litres of clean water daily to thousands of people in Sanamxay district, the worst affected area.

This IFRC featured story [“Laos After the Flood”](#) offers a look at how people are trying to put their lives back together.

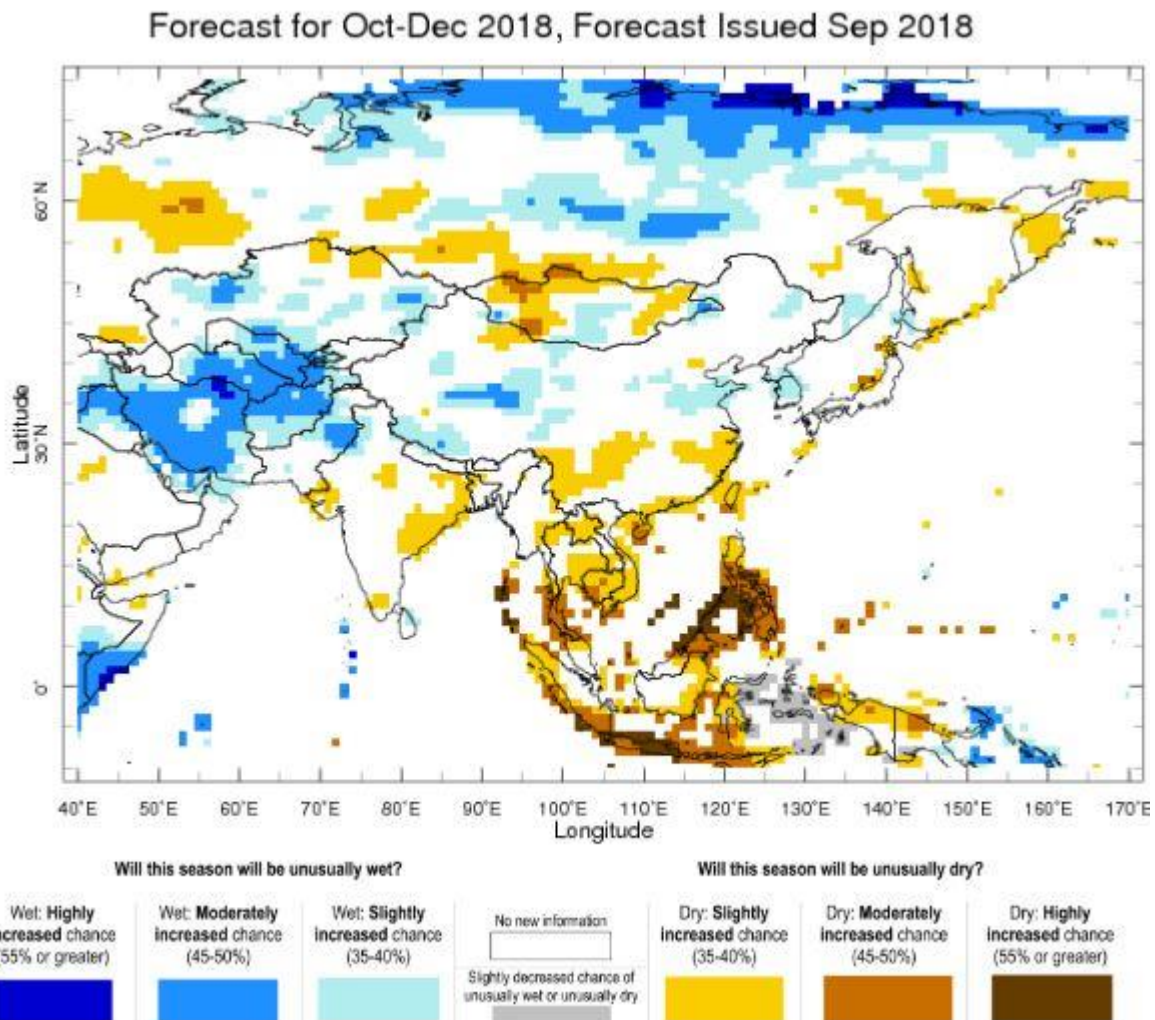
## Upcoming Events

Upcoming events for August to October 2018			
September	5-6 Sep	Workshop on Legislative Advocacy Toolkit	Philippines
	21 Sep	Consultative Meeting on the SGBV Research	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
	24-26 Sep	Southeast Asia Disaster Risk Governance Academic Seminar	Bangkok, Thailand
October	(TBC)	Radio Programming Workshop	Dili, Timor-Leste
	(TBC)	CBDRR Assessment	Singburi, Thailand
	8-10	RRI2 proposal development workshop	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
November	11-14	10 <sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Regional Conference of the IFRC	Manila, Philippines
December	3-5	14th meeting of the Regional Consultative Committee (RCC) on Disaster Management	Kathmandu, Nepal

## Seasonal Forecast

**October – December 2018**

For the interactive map from IFRC IRI, click [here](#)



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