

Southeast Asia Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

# REGIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY AND RESILIENCE FORUM

Monthly Updates – **October 2019**



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Welcome to our October 2019 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:

#### 16th Southeast Asia Red Cross Red Crescent Leadership Meeting



Photo credit: Philippine Red Cross

Eleven Southeast Asian Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies met during 24-25 October 2019 for the 16th Southeast Asia Leadership Meeting in Manila, Philippines. This year, the meeting focused on the National Societies' commitment and plans to fulfill the [Manila Call for Action](#) that outline the commitments and targets to engage local humanitarian actions. The annual meeting also provided an opportunity for the National Societies to share their successes, challenges and future directions and to promote peer-to-peer learning. Click [here](#) for more information on the meeting.

#### ASEAN Safe Schools Initiative Regional Learning Event



Photo credit: World Vision

On 29-30 October 2019 in Bangkok, the Government of Thailand hosted the ASEAN Safe School Initiative (ASSI) Learning Exchange Event: "bringing in digital innovation and innovative approaches in school safety in ASEAN", supported by and in coordination with the ASSI consortium partners and ASEAN Secretariat. The event aimed to create a hub and marketplace for sharing and learning of the ASEAN community on school safety, in particular, for this occasion on digital innovation, technology utilization, evidence-based researches, tools and innovative approaches in school safety interlinked with child protection, climate change adaptation, emergencies, etc. IFRC and Thai Red Cross Society took part at the event and showcased the series of

[Safe Steps Kids](#) Cartoon developed to raise awareness among kids on disaster preparedness, as well as the use of Virtual Reality technology in providing users a better understanding of how to respond to disaster in real time. Click [here](#) for more information.



## Highlight Updates from National Societies

### Indonesia

#### Sukabumi Red Cross Chapter Trains Volunteers for Disaster Preparedness



Photo credit: Indonesian Red Cross

The Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) of Sukabumi City, West Java recruited volunteers to take part in the community-based disaster preparedness in the village, as part of PMI's pilot programme focusing on earthquake readiness. The programme aims to promote knowledge and understanding of earthquake disaster preparedness in respective regions to minimize the loss of lives and properties. The volunteers are expected to play an active role in disaster risk reduction preparedness. Click [here](#) for more information on the programme.

#### Indonesian Red Cross Provides Psychosocial Support to Ambon Earthquake Survivors



Photo credit: Indonesian Red Cross

The Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) provide psychosocial support to children who are displaced after a 6.8 magnitude earthquake hit Ambon on 26 September. The children were invited to join a game on disaster preparedness. The activities aimed at improving the psychosocial well-being of individuals to be able to function optimally at the moment of crisis in a disaster situation. Click [here](#) to read the full story by PMI.

### Lao PDR

#### Lao Red Cross Provides Clean Water, Health Promotion to Flooded Communities



Photo credit: Lao Red Cross

In October 2019, Lao Red Cross (LRC) continues to assist communities in six southern provinces that were affected by tropical storms and severe flooding. Water purification units (AP700) were dispatched to the affected areas to produce clean water for household utilization. LRC also provided basic health care and demonstrated good practices in maintaining personal hygiene to stay healthy and prevent diseases.

## Malaysia

### Malaysian Red Crescent Society Conducts State Disaster Response Team Training



Photo credit: Malaysian Red Crescent

The State Disaster Response Team (SDRT) training was designed as a grassroots initiative and specifically structured so that the local and state volunteers of Malaysian Red Crescent Society (MRCS) have the flexibility to form their disaster response team in the way that best suits their disaster response. SDRT focus on enabling MRCS state volunteers to improve and enhance capacity of MRCS disaster response team in various sectors and thematic areas, utilizing the technical skills and knowledge developed and gained from training. MRCS currently has around 149 volunteers nationwide. This training is also supported by facilitators from ICRC, IFRC and National Disaster Management Agency (NADMA) Malaysia. Click [here](#) to see photos from the training in 2019.

## Myanmar

### Myanmar Red Cross Holds Training on Human Trafficking, Humanitarian Needs of Trafficked People



Photo credit: Myanmar Red Cross Society

On 26-28 September Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) held a 3-day training course on Understanding human trafficking and the humanitarian needs of trafficked people in the Myanmar context. The training was opened by the President of MRCS, and was attended by 15 participants, comprised of members of the MRCS Migration and Displacement Task force (Directors of Departments and Branch leaders of MRCS). The training was facilitated by the British Red Cross Anti-Trafficking Advisor.

## Philippines

### Philippine Red Cross Volunteers Join Health Department To Counter Polio



Photo credit: Philippine Red Cross

Volunteers of the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) joined the *Sabayang Patak Kontra Polio* campaign of the Department of Health (DOH) to conduct door-to-door vaccination for children ages 0 to 5. Each vaccination team deployed to the barangays is composed of four volunteers – a team leader, a health educator, a recorder, and a vaccinator. This strategy not only ensures that vulnerable children are vaccinated and properly recorded but also provides an avenue to explain the vaccines to parents and guardians. The DOH recorded a 95 per cent decline in polio vaccination among children below five years old last year. Click [here](#) to read the full story by PRC.

## Singapore

### Singapore Red Cross Enhances Disaster Preparedness for Elderly Residents



*Photo credit: Singapore Red Cross*

Singapore Red Cross Youth educated elderly residents on the importance of emergency preparedness, through first aid-related station games and a Virtual Reality (VR) station on fire safety at the Halloween First Aid Fiesta at Khatib Plaza on 18 October. The Safe Steps ambassadors were also on hand to conduct cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) demonstrations and reinforce the importance of emergency preparedness. The youth also carried out a door-to-door community data mapping exercise at Khatib on 28 September.

### Singapore Red Cross Conducts Regional Forum To Boost Resilience Coalition



*Photo credit: Singapore Red Cross*

Singapore Red Cross organized Southeast Asia “Better Together Forum” on 18 October to strengthen the ASEAN Coalition of Resilience. The forum provided a platform for Red Cross Red Crescent leaders to discuss collaborative ideas such as disaster risk reduction workshops, pandemic preparedness and response initiatives, and digital fundraising.

### Singapore Red Cross Engages Youth With & Without Disability in First Aid Advocacy



*Photo credit: Singapore Red Cross*

Youth members of APSN Delta Senior School (DSS), Red Cross Youth Club Singapore’s first inclusive club for youth with and without disability, demonstrated cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and shared their first aid advocacy experiences at a Halloween themed First Aid Fiesta roadshow at an Inter-SPED event held at APSN DSS on 28 September. Their first aid advocacy experiences included service-learning and overseas exchange. Besides that, Singapore Red Cross Youth Members shared first aid tips with the public and set up a first aid game booth at West Coast Community Club’s Inter-generation Charity event.



## Thailand

### Thai Red Cross Health Stations Hold Country-Wide Celebration of International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction



Photo credit: Thai Red Cross Society

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the Virtual Reality tools developed to provide user virtual simulation of how to handle emergency situation and the community/school-based disaster risk reduction activities. At the event, TRCS also introduced "Phonphai" application through which users are able to report disasters and request aids. The information collected through the application will be shared among disaster management agencies including TRCS.

### Thai Red Cross Mobile Medical Unit Provides Health Services in Kamphaengpet



Photo credit: Thai Red Cross Society

Thai Red Cross Society's mobile medical unit visited several communities in Kamphaengpet Province in late October 2019 to provide basic health and dental services as well as disseminate information on safe use of chemicals and how to prevent and treat when exposed to poisonous animals. The communities were also given basic medicine, medicine cabinets, and wheelchairs.

Source: Thai Red Cross [Facebook page](#).

### Thai Red Cross Supports Ban Peuy Community To Establish Disaster Management Committee



Photo credit: Thai Red Cross Society

Thai Red Cross Society (TRCS) supported Ban Peuy Community in Ubon Ratchathani Province to establish its Disaster Management Committee that will take the lead in evaluating disaster risks and engaging the community in development of its disaster management plan. This development is part of a set of activities under the the Community-based Disaster Risk Reduction programme that TRCS is carrying out in disaster-prone communities with the support of USAID/OFDA. Source: TRCS [Facebook page](#).

## Viet Nam

### Vietnam Red Cross Conducts Workshop To Visualize Future Priorities



Photo credit: Vietnam Red Cross

From 10-12 October 2019, leadership and the management of Vietnam Red Cross (VNRC) gathered in Hanoi to visualize the future of VNRC in 2030 and beyond. The workshop was participated by both VNRC's external and RCRC Movement partners. The process aimed to stimulate ideas and visualize VNRC that is attuned to current times and built on the experience and knowledge gained over the years, taking into account challenges and opportunities in the current context of the country. As part of the process, models of sustainability and institutional strengthening will be defined. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Upcoming Events

### Upcoming events for November 2019

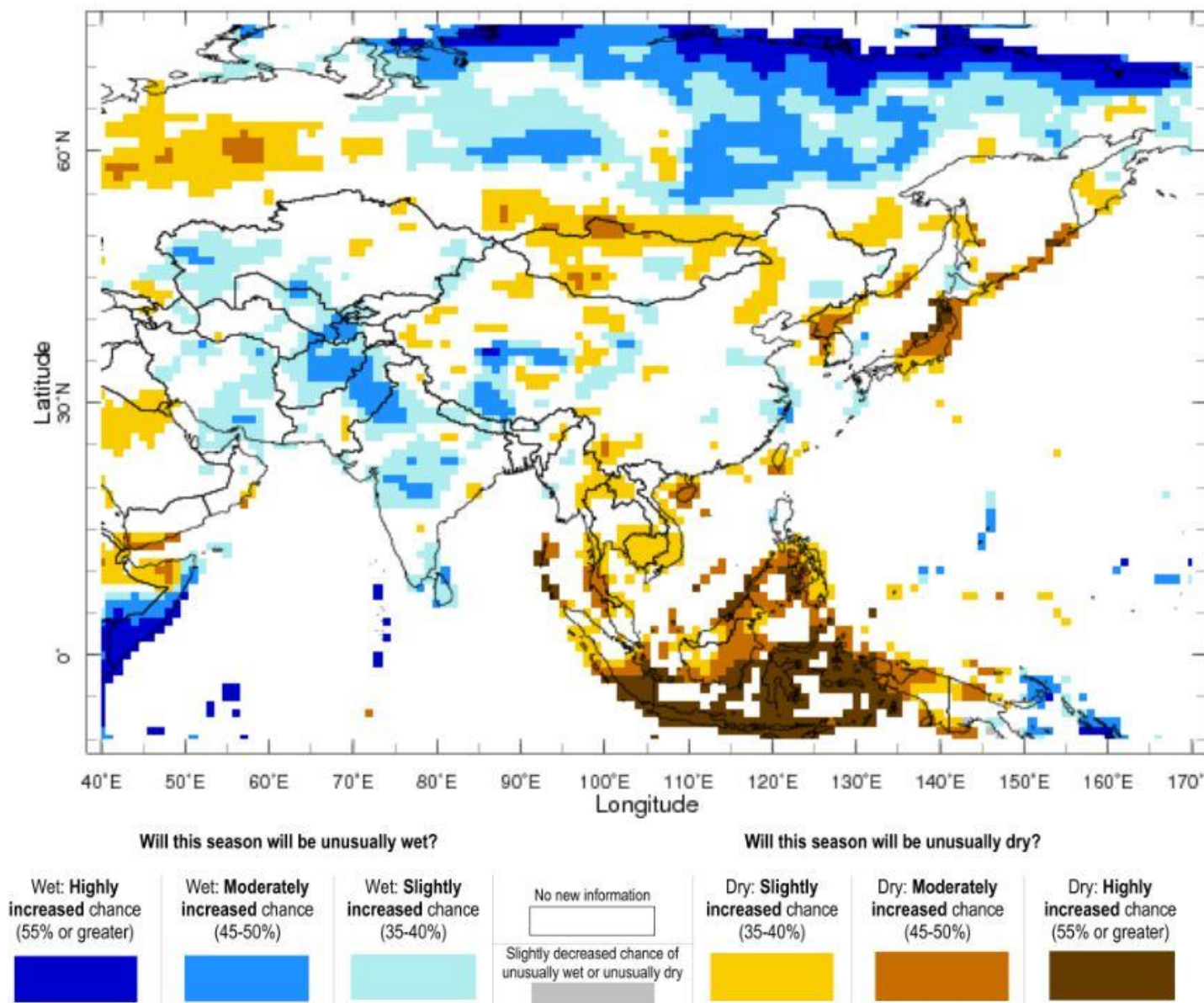
Nov	11-15	Viet Nam DREF Operation's Post distribution monitoring and Lessons Learned Workshop	Viet Nam
	11-17	Warehouse Assessment in Viet Nam RC	Ha Noi and Ho Chi Minh city
	18-20	<a href="#">Asia Pacific Epidemic and Pandemic Preparedness Workshop</a>	Bangkok, Thailand
	20-30	1st Regional Training of Trainers on Enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (EVCA)	Semarang, Indonesia
	21-22	Migration and HIV/AIDS Pilot training	Bangkok, Thailand
	26-28	3rd AP Interactive Innovation Workshop on Disaster Resilience: CBDRR & Resilience Programme Capacity Building	Seoul, Republic of Korea
	27	Launch of "Cost of Doing Nothing" in conjunction with ICVA	Bangkok, Thailand
	27- 28	WASH Lessons Learned Workshop	Cambodia

## Seasonal Forecast

October-December 2019

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

Forecast for Oct-Dec 2019, Forecast Issued Sep 2019



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