

MONTHLY UPDATES



The Thai Red Cross Society (TRCS) is providing 'tele-medicine' support to people who are in Home Isolation and are registered in the tele-medicine system in Bangkok, Nonthaburi, Samut Prakarn and Pathum Thani Provinces. After patients with COVID-19 are diagnosed, they receive medical check-ups twice daily through the system and cooked food is delivered to their doorstep along with a digital thermometer, fingertip pulse oximeter and basic medicines.

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Welcome to our newsletter providing updates of Southeast Asia for August 2021.

All photos used in this publication are from the respective Red Cross Red Crescent National Society or IFRC unless mentioned otherwise.

In addition to these monthly updates, you can find Southeast Asia Red Cross Red Crescent's resources, tools, events and updates at the [Resilience Library](#).

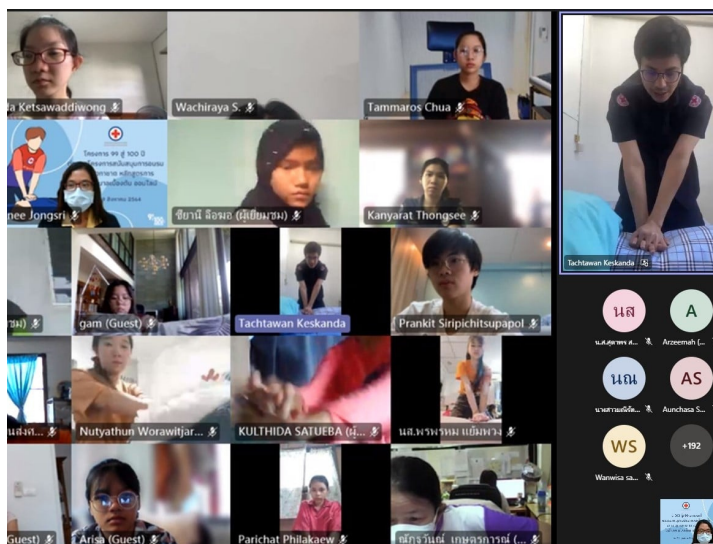
Viet Nam: Overcoming the COVID-19 challenge

The Vietnam Red Cross (VNRC) is supporting people affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in nearly 20 provinces or cities across the country. From August to November 2021, VNRC expects to assist about 10,400 households by providing family relief assistance bags; food and cash assistance. In addition to this campaign, VNRC is also supporting farmers to distribute and sell their agriculture produce. VNRC also launched a video campaign to motivate people to stay home in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, the Vietnam Youth Federation, the Vietnam Digital Media Association and the United Nations Children's Fund. Young people are invited to share inspirational video content and stories about staying home and maintaining a positive attitude, using the hashtag #onhavanvui #lacquanvuotdich #5K. For each valid video or livestream, TikTok will donate 10,000 VND to the Red Cross Fund for pandemic prevention and control.



Above: Teams from VNRC providing relief assistance to people across 20 provinces/ cities. Picture Courtesy : VNRC

Thailand: Online First-aid trainings



Adapting to the physical distancing requirements necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Thai Red Cross's Youth Bureau conducted online trainings on first aid for 1,279 youth volunteers and adults. They received training on performing Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), using an automated external defibrillator (AED) and responding to a wide range of emergencies to help those in need. (More information: <https://bit.ly/3DWCmN7>)

The training focused on providing knowledge and practical skills that can help save lives until more comprehensive medical facilities are available.

Above: Screen grab showing the online training on First Aid in progress. Picture Courtesy:TRCS

Singapore: Recognising humanitarian workers

On the occasion of World Humanitarian Day on 19 August, the Singapore Red Cross (SRC) paid tribute to its humanitarians. Check out the stories of humanitarians; Singapore Red Cross Academy Trainer Syafawi Ho, Community First Aider Girvan Tay, Volunteer Docent with the Blood Donor Programme Satianathan s/o K. Nadarajah, ElderAid volunteer Maggie Chan, Founder of BlueStar Charity Asia Fundraiser Steven Lau as they share their fondest memories and insightful stories from their personal experiences in this 'Project Storyteller' segment.

This video was produced in collaboration with the students from Republic Polytechnic's Diploma in Mass Communication. Read stories of Red Cross Youth Officer Chow Yin, long-time volunteer Dr Carol Loi.



Above: Clockwise from top left; SRC's humanitarians: Maggie Chan, Steven Lau, Dr. Carol Loi and Girvan Tay. Picture Courtesy : SRC

Indonesia: COVID-19 prevention

Through the support of IFRC, the Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) distributed more than 2,000 Information, Education, and Communication materials to communities in Java and Bali on how to conduct self-isolation. This will help the Red Cross to educate the community to assist those who are in self-isolation to avoid further spread of COVID-19. In addition, they continue to educate the community about the importance of abiding to the recommended health protocols and gain accurate information related to COVID-19.



Above: The Indonesian Red Cross across Java and Bali continues providing health education to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Picture Courtesy : PMI

Cambodia: Practicing Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA)

Documenting and understanding community insights is crucial to identify information gaps and address questions, concerns, suggestions, and misinformation especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

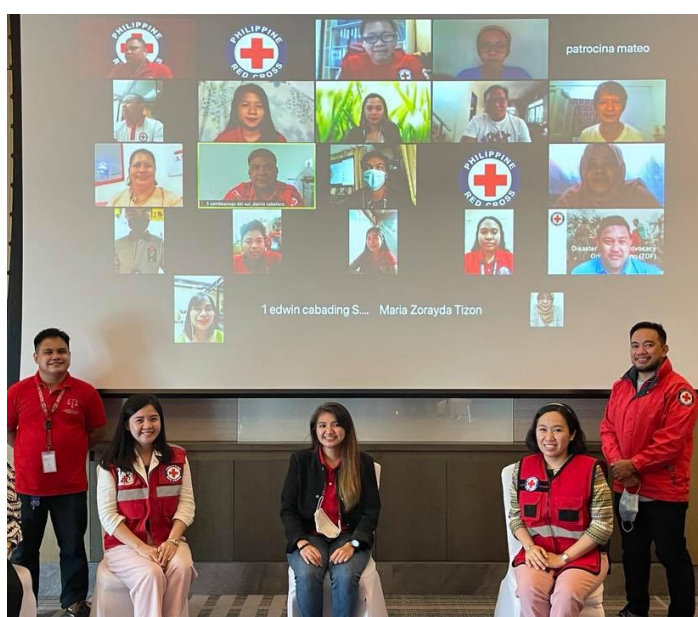
In August 2021, the Cambodian Red Cross launched a Community Feedback initiative in 11 target provinces where they implemented a COVID-19 prevention and response project. Staff and volunteers of CRC went around meeting community members and recording their feedback through phones using the digital platform KOBO and using paper-based questionnaires as well which would be later uploaded to KOBO.

Collecting feedback is an essential component of community engagement and maintaining accountability. The responses from the community is being analyzed to identify gaps and strengthen the program.



Left: RC staff collecting feedback using KOBO from people at Oa Chher Krom village,, Sala Krao District. **Right:** A volunteer collecting community feedback by using paper based questionnaire at Teahean Krom village in Svai Reang City. Picture courtesy: CRC

Humanitarian Diplomacy and Disaster Law in action



Above: Participants at a disaster law training held by PRC. Picture Courtesy : PRC

Leveraging an opportunity to speak at a session of the provincial legislative council in Western Samar, Mr.Bryan Soledad- a trainer of disaster law, managed to secure funding from the council for implementing Early Action Protocols under the forecast-based financing project.

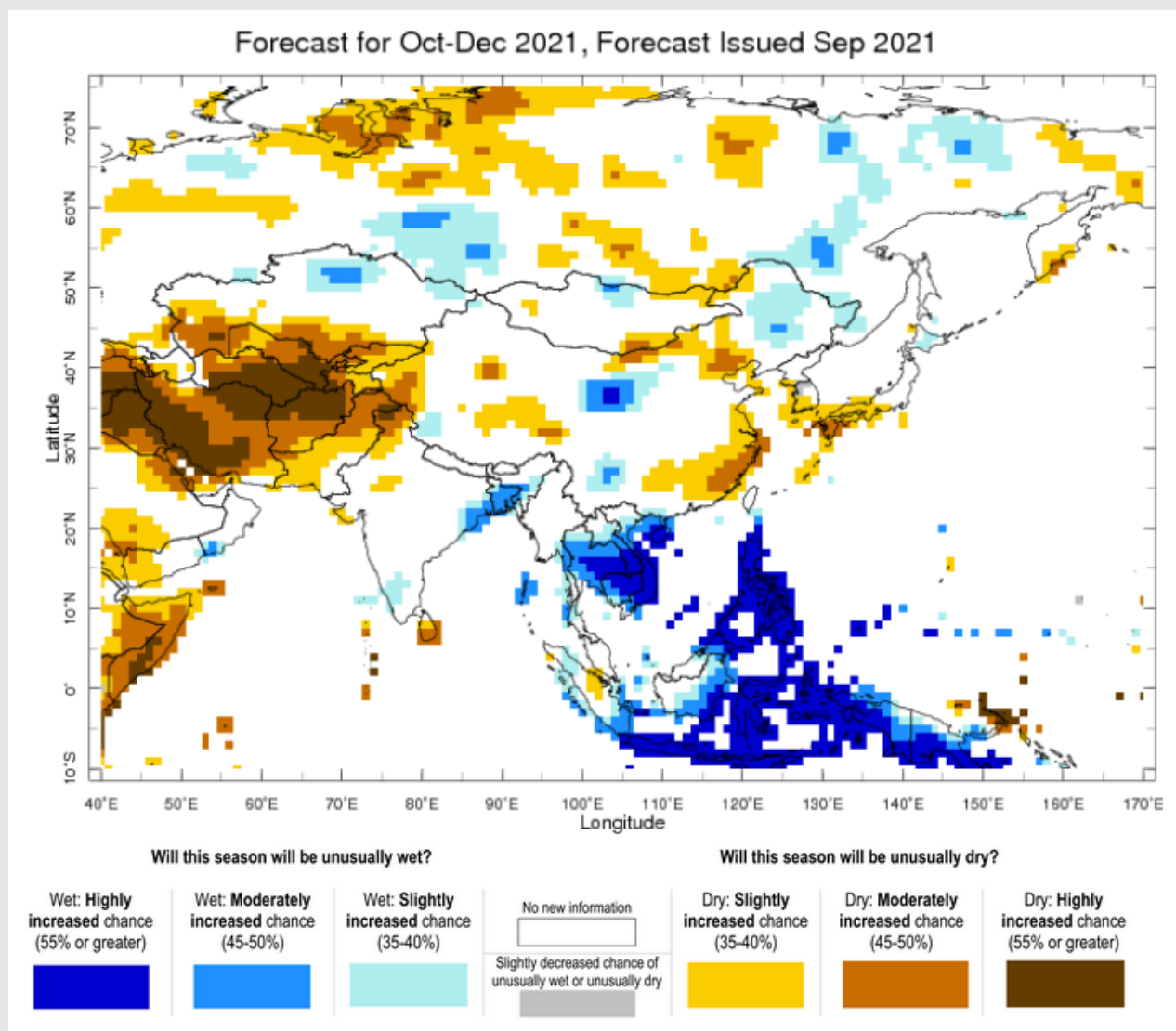
He shared that this advocacy opportunity helped to maintain the Philippine Red Cross's contact with local government focal points and keep track of local planning cycles. This is also the rationale for including local planning laws and regulations in PRC's Disaster Law and Humanitarian Diplomacy training, so that local Red Cross staff will have the necessary knowledge and confidence to engage in these policy processes.

In Pictures: Before the next storm comes

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, volunteers from the Philippine Red Cross ramp up the race for people to rebuild their homes and livelihoods, after the world's biggest storm of 2020 typhoon Goni. The Philippines Red Cross has supported more than 1,600 of the worst-affected families to repair their homes and rebuild their livelihoods and incomes in Catanduanes. For more, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/rb6cfb64>



Seasonal Forecast : October to December 2021



For the interactive map from IFRC IRI, go to: <https://bit.ly/2W8Ycfp>



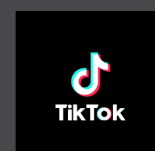
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