



Manila Call for Action (MC4A)

Southeast Asia Progress

18th SEA Leadership Meeting
16- 17 September, Bangkok, Thailand



Background



- 10th AP Regional Conference, hosted by the Philippine Red Cross, in November 2018
- Three priorities areas for SEA Roadmap:
 - Strengthening National Societies to maximize their potential (Localization);
 - Disaster risk management (Fast- Changing World);
 - Humanitarian diplomacy (Engaging)
- **22** commitments, **13** targets over four years until late 2022

Area #1 – Women's Leadership



Target

1. At least 50 per cent of the elected and appointed leadership of NS and IFRC governance are women

Key achievements and opportunities

- 20% of the SEA NS governance are women
- 4 Societies have women presidents while others have Women in Board, SG and Department Heads

Area #2 – Engaging



Target

1. At least of 70 per cent of National Societies join the One Billion Coalition for Resilience (1BC) by 2022.

Key achievements and opportunities

- 100% NS are active at the national platforms for disaster management/coalition for resilience.
- Orientation on 1BC concept and scope has been conducted in all NSs through different formats and events. While National Societies remain committed to the spirit of 1BC, many are progressing community resilience work differently through local, nationally led programming in response to complex needs during the pandemic.

Area #3, 4 & 5 – Engaging



Target

1. At least 50% of NS have a diverse volunteers in leadership and governance, especially youth.
2. At least 80 per cent of Asia Pacific NS incorporate youth representatives, elected or appointed by youth, at a decision-making level
3. The IFRC and all National Societies develop mechanisms and tools to attract and retain volunteers

Key achievements and opportunities

- 15 (2 regional, 13 national) innovative youth-led projects were implemented under the Southeast Asia Youth Network Call for Proposals: *Promoting Ownership, Empowering Youth in Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies*. Youth Teams are responsible for the full Project Management Cycle.
- 45% SEA NS have youth representation in the governing board; 66% of SEA NS have a youth structure representing the voice of the youth.
- 90% of NS provide for at least a basic insurance scheme for volunteers – 4 NS are starting a Solidarity Fund providing for a more comprehensive safety net for volunteers.
- 72% of NS have youth policy while 63% have volunteering policy.

Area #6 – Engaging



Commitment / Targets

1. 100% of NS use appropriate connectivity tools considering their national and local context

Key achievements and opportunities

- 100 % of IFRC-supported operations are registered on the **GO platform**, allowing National Societies and partners to access interactive data related to each emergency.
- 100% of NSs loaded reports onto the **GO platform** for COVID-19 operations (10 shared their field reports as a public report).
- 100% of NSs are using connectivity tools such as social media (**Facebook, Twitter and You Tube**) in communications.
- Southeast Asia **Resilience Library** has an average of 700 viewers in both 2020 and 2021 in which significant contribution from NSs.
- 100% Societies invested in digital communication equipment and online meeting platforms

Area #7 – Engaging



Commitment / Targets

1. Establish a community of practice for optimizing income-generating activities and social entrepreneurship



Key achievements and opportunities

- The **Women's Empowerment Programme (WEP)**, an example of regional cooperation established out of the MC4A conference and funded by Kuwait Red Crescent and underway in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Vietnam to progress the PGI and Sustainable Development agendas and SGBV.
- Ongoing COVID-19 Response Plans focus on household-level economic distress
- The Livelihood Resource Centre website has comprehensive list of guidelines and an interactive COVID-19 helpdesk to address any queries emerging from National Societies

Area #8 – Engaging

Commitment / Targets

1. At least 60 percent of all National Societies are “cash ready”



Key achievements and opportunities

- 63% NSs are cash ready or cash capable in which NSs use Cash and Voucher Assistance in their operations including Covid-19 pandemic.
- More NSs are interested in CVA and orientation is in the process with 3 SEA societies.

Area #9 – Local Humanitarian Action



Commitment / Targets

1. 100 percent of NS and IFRC roll out PGI Minimum Standard in their operations
2. Integrate CEA into policies and strategic guidance
3. Include PWD in NS' membership and programs

Key achievements and opportunities

- EPoAs and DREFs now have consistent language on integrating the Minimum Standard and collecting Sex, Age and Disability Disaggregated (SADD) data
- NSs have increased and strengthened CEA activities. CEA was mainstreamed in several NSs under emergency operations including COVID-19 (7 societies).
- There was insufficient comparable data provided to determine the number of people with disabilities in NSs' membership and targeted programmes. Some NSs stand out for drafting PGI-related policies and disability inclusion.



Area #10 – Local Humanitarian Action



Commitment / Targets

1. At least 75 percent of NS integrate the needs of migrants, refugees and IDPs in strategic planning, through needs assessments, migration policies and strategies where relevant

Key achievements and opportunities

- 63% of NSs included migrants, refugees and/or internally displaced people in their COVID-19 Response Plan
- 5 societies in SEA had specific programs targeting migrant communities



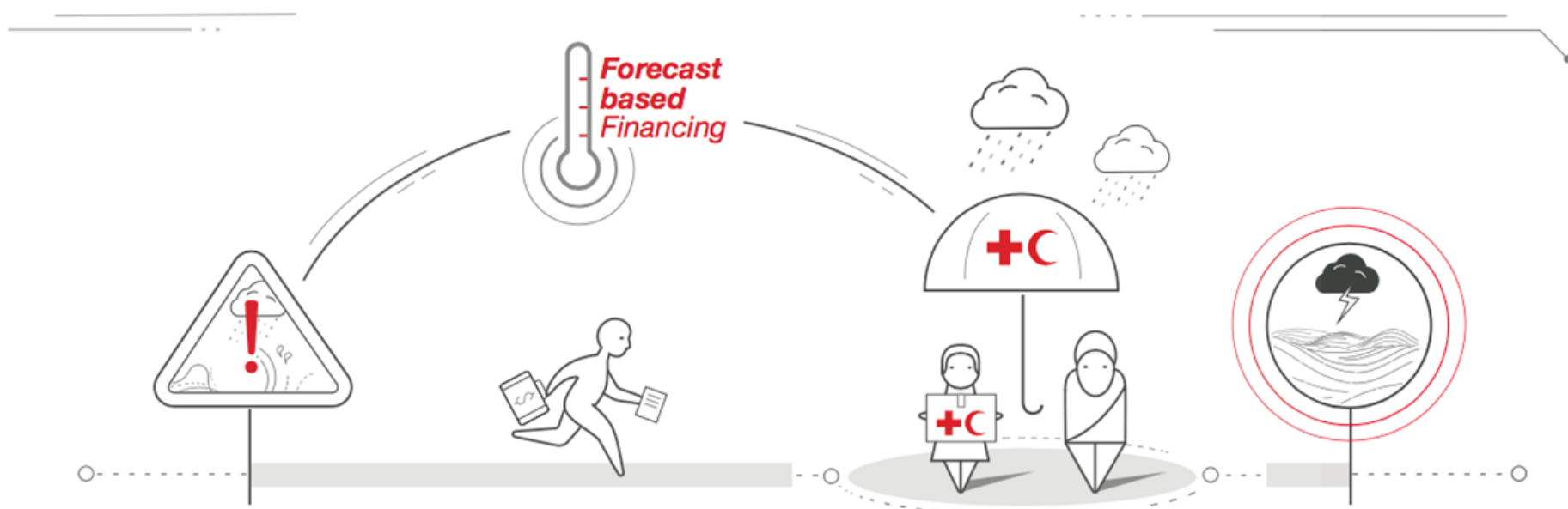
Area #11 – Fast Changing World

Commitment / Targets

1. At least 50 percent of NS introduce forecast-based financing (FbF) and community-based surveillance systems (CBS)

Key achievements and opportunities

- 2 approved and active EAP for typhoons (the Philippines) and Heatwave (Viet Nam).
- More orientation on FbF is in the with at least 2 societies
- 4 NSs have used CBS tools as an integral method to respond to COVID-19 operations (basic introduction to CBS).
- peer support between societies to build up CBS system capacity



Area #12 – Fast Changing World



Commitment / Targets

1. At least 50 percent of NS engage with Safer Schools initiatives



Key achievements and opportunities

- 100% SEA NSs are engaged in the ASEAN Safe School Initiative (ASSI).
- All SEA NSs conduct school-based activities (DRR, climate change, first aid, road safety, PGI, etc) to build students' capacities, nurture humanitarian values, and, together with IFRC, trained trainers to expand the capacities of youth.
- National Societies have strengthened and contextualised their activities utilising flagship initiatives like Youth as Agents of Behaviour Change (YABC) and have increased cooperation with other organisations such as ASEAN, Safe Step Kids with Prudence Foundation and the Asia Football Confederation since late 2018.

Area #13 – General



Commitment / Targets

1. 100 percent of NS have policies in place on: integrity and the prevention of fraud and corruption, and sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA), to maintain the highest standards of integrity, probity, transparency and accountability to our communities and partners

Commitment / Targets (Global)

1. 100 percent of NS have updated statutes in accordance with the Guidance for National Society Statutes

Key achievements and opportunities

- **54%** NSs share their annual report while only **45%** NSs share financial statement and audited reports with IFRC.
- **No** societies in SEA have adopted a PSEA policy, although some under development
- IFRC has developed a tool to support NSs in PSEA policy development

Key achievements and opportunities

- Many societies in SEA recently updated their statutes, however all need to revise according to the guidance by 2023.

Key recommendations



Targets that are behind

- Women in Leadership
 - Using statutes revisions to inclusion and equality clauses (as well as youth/volunteering)
 - Develop plans for strengthening diverse women's leadership
 - Peer society women in governance working groups - GlowRed
- Compliance
 - Greater focus on fraud and corruption, whistle-blower, code of conduct, PSEA policy development and implementation
- Youth and Volunteering
 - Finalising policy development
 - Building systems for retaining and protecting volunteers
- Protection, Gender and Inclusion
 - Translation and integration of the PGI minimum standards

Questions

Suggestions from Leaders on opportunities to address the targets that are falling behind.

- Women in Leadership
- Compliance and statutes revision
- Youth and Volunteering
- Protection, Gender and Inclusion

Other opportunities on targets that are on track

- Pandemic preparedness and response
- School safety
- Cash readiness
- Forecast-based financing