



# 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeast Asia Red Cross Red Crescent Leaders Meeting

6-7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

## BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN STATEMENT

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**We**, the Leaders of the Southeast Asia Red Cross Red Crescent Societies, including Presidents and Secretaries General of: Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society, Cambodian Red Cross, Indonesian Red Cross, Lao Red Cross, Malaysian Red Crescent Society, Myanmar Red Cross Society, Philippine Red Cross, Singapore Red Cross, Thai Red Cross Society, Timor-Leste Red Cross, and Viet Nam Red Cross Society, attending the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeast Asia Red Cross Red Crescent Leadership Meeting, held in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam on the 6-7<sup>th</sup> October 2022;

**Expressing appreciation** to the Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society for hosting the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeast Asia Red Cross Red Crescent Leadership Meeting; the first time for the society to do so noting that this is the first-in person since the COVID-19 pandemic in 2019;

**Welcoming** the attendance of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and noting with appreciation the key-note speeches of the IFRC President and ICRC Vice-President;

**Reinforcing** the spirit of mutual cooperation and solidarity within our Southeast Asia National Society network and with our International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement (the Movement) partners;

**Acknowledging** the complex and inter-connected challenges that our sub- region is facing in relation to health emergencies, disasters, climate change and complex crises, including migration and displacement, which exacerbate existing vulnerabilities and the crucial role that National Societies play in preparing for and responding to their humanitarian impacts;

**Recalling** the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeast Asia Red Cross Red Crescent Leadership Meeting particularly in relation to COVID-19 Response and Cooperation, youth, financial sustainability, the Manila Call for Action progress, and collaborating as a Southeast Asia Network;

**Emphasising** the importance of shared learning, collaboration and capitalising on opportunities in relation to COVID - 19 for recovery in Southeast Asia and for building back better from the pandemic;

**Underlining** the important role that Southeast Asia National Societies can play in inter-agency, whole-government, and whole-of-society coordination, including working closely with inter-governmental organisations like ASEAN, and closely coordinating with civil society and promoting localization;

**Welcoming** the Cambodian Red Cross as Chair of the Southeast Asia Leaders meeting and the Southeast Asia Youth Forum and to host the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Leaders Meeting in 2023 followed by Indonesia Red Cross in 2024.

**We**, the Leaders of the Southeast Asia Red Cross Red Crescent Societies will:



## Red Cross and Red Crescent Youth Ready

**Endorse** the outcome statement of the Southeast Asia Youth Forum Bandar Seri Begawan 3rd-5th October 2022. The statement is an integral part of this outcome statement.

**Commit** to work collectively with our Youth :

**Tap** on the vibrancy, knowledge and enthusiasm of the youth, to provide leadership and be the driving force for relevant areas, such as a Movement and National Society social media strategy, humanitarian innovation, first aid and other areas;

**Allocate** resource strategically, both financial and otherwise, to support and promote youth development;

**Create** a conducive, enabling, empowering and stimulating environment to encourage meaningful youth engagement, including strengthening youth engagement with and involvement in the leadership of National Societies and the Movement;

**Enhance** youth involvement at all levels through open and transparent communication channels, and reflect the voices of the youth in our programmes and activities;

**Leverage** on the potential of the youth to build a diverse and progressive Movement;

**Encourage** a culture of innovation, and empower our youth to help find innovative and creative solutions to pressing issues facing the humanitarian community;

**Promote** the understanding and application of knowledge and tools related to the Fundamental Principles, International Humanitarian Law, Movement strategies and ASEAN-IFRC MoU amongst the SEA youth.

**Agree** on an annual Southeast Asia Youth Forum to be held as an integral part of the annual SEA RCRC Leadership meeting, noting that the second Youth Forum to be hosted by Cambodian Red Cross in 2023.

**Further agree** that the Youth Forum should consider and discuss substantive issues that would enhance the role of the youth driving key issues involving the Movement.

## Progress on the Bangkok Statement 18<sup>th</sup> Southeast Asia Red Cross and Red Crescent Leaders meeting 2021

**Acknowledge** the progress on commitments made in the Bangkok Statement on responding and recovering from COVID-19, financial sustainability, mobilizing youth and volunteers, collaboration on engagement in statutory meetings 2022 and cooperation with ASEAN.

**Take note** on the 2024 National Society Statute revision targets to be completed in accordance with the Guidance for National Society Statutes 2018 for all Southeast Asia National Societies.



## Southeast Asia Pandemic Preparedness

**Agree** to strengthen National Societies Southeast Asia community level pandemic and epidemic preparedness collaboratively utilizing learning and building capacity from and of the National Societies through the Centre of Excellence Pandemic Preparedness, initiated by Singapore Red Cross.

**Continue** our solidarity through peer-to-peer cooperation and support in handling pandemic and epidemic in the region.

## IFRC and ASEAN – The way forward

**Acknowledge** the signing of the agreement between IFRC and ASEAN on 25 May 2022 for ratification of IFRC Governing Board

**Call** for prioritization of areas of cooperation with ASEAN entities and ASEAN Member States under the IFRC - ASEAN MoU to be agreed to through discussion amongst the SEA National Societies, IFRC Secretariat and ICRC, and subsequently to initiate a meeting between the SEA RCRC Movement partners and the ASEAN Secretariat and ASEAN Permanent Representatives in Jakarta, Indonesia in 2023.

**Agreed** to hold a regional dialogue with ASEAN entities and ASEAN Member States to operationalize the IFRC – ASEAN MoU in 2023.

**Commit** to promoting a coherent Movement coordination amongst the Movement partners especially with regard to activities in the region and for a coordinated and meaningful engagement with ASEAN, thereby better positioning the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

## Humanitarian Needs in Myanmar and regional migration

**Seeking** a complimentary and Movement wide approach, including in the implementation of Safer Access Framework, and in humanitarian diplomacy to influence humanitarian outcome for the people of Myanmar.

**Build** on the special relationship amongst the SEA National Societies to collectively support MRCS and people displaced from Myanmar, in this regard commit to a joint SEA project to support Myanmar Red Cross.

**Encourage** National Societies SEA leaders to periodically convene to monitor progress of the Myanmar humanitarian needs and our collective endeavours to support displaced people internally and externally of Myanmar

**Emphasize the** importance of consistent humanitarian services to migrants and displaced people including branch to branch connections across borders to strengthen and prepare branches on migratory pathways



## SEA engagement in IFRC Governance

**Congratulate** HH Dato' Seri DiRaja Tan Sri Tunku Puteri Intan Safinaz Binti Almarhum Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah on her election to the IFRC Governing Board and commit to working collectively to support the priorities identified by the SEA RCRC National Societies, strengthening the voice of the region in the Governing Board.

**Agree** to institutionalise a session in the agenda of the SEA RCRC Leaders' Meeting with the IFRC Governing Board Member, and hence strengthening the communication and relationship between SEA National Societies and the IFRC governing Board.

**To enhance** complementarity between Movement components through adhering to respective mandates and working in a mutually reinforcing way, including in external representation, humanitarian diplomacy and fundraising, in times of crisis when Seville Agreement 2.0 is activated, and in day-to-day collaboration.

**Further commit to working together to help ensure that a SEA National society has a seat in the Governing Board**

**Reiterate** a standing agenda item in the SEA RCRC leadership meetings on cooperation and collaboration with ICRC, calling on the participation of ICRC at the relevant senior levels during the discussion on this agenda item.

**Agree** on a standing agenda item of the SEA leadership meetings to discuss SEA engagement in IFRC Governance with interim meetings in between to discuss specific agenda items.

**Commit** to continue to work more on advancing women as humanitarian leaders

## Working towards the First Aid Vision 2030

**Invest** in development of Southeast Asia National Societies capacity and resource on First Aid through peer-to-peer learning and support.

**Scale up** Southeast Asia National Societies capacity in community first aid and continue investing in development of commercial first aid, including utilizing digital platform for the courses.

**Build on** Psychosocial First Aid capacity among the Southeast Asia National Societies through the capacity building support from National Societies like the Thai Red Cross and Singapore Red Cross and Philippines Red Cross, and welcomed the establishment of Resource Centre for Total First Aid and the Southeast Asia FA network – First Aid and Psychosocial support initiated by Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society, linking with the IFRC Global First Aid Reference Centre and Mental Health and Psychosocial support collaborative hosted by Hong Kong Red Cross.

**Endorse** the formation of a Southeast Asia network for First Aid with inaugural chairmanship of Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society. Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society will report the progress of the establishment in the 20<sup>th</sup> SEA Leaders meeting in Cambodia.



## Southeast Asia National Society Networks

**Continue** our commitment to the Southeast Asia Community Safety and Resilience Forum (CSR), SEA Fundraising Network and the Southeast Asia Youth Network (SEAYN).

**Acknowledge** the reports, progress, lessons learned and 2023 plans of the relevant National Society networks in the region, including the Asia Pacific Fundraising Network (APFN), the Southeast Asia Youth Network (SEAYN), the Asia Pacific Migration Network (APMN), the Asian Red Cross and Red Crescent HIV/AIDS Network (ART), the Southeast Asia Community Safety and Resilience Forum (CSR) and the Southeast Asia Protection, Gender & Inclusion (PGI) Network.

**Take note** on the importance of engaging more youth representatives from each National Society in the SEAYN

**Encourage** leadership engagement of Southeast Asia National Societies, IFRC Secretariat and IFRC wide network as well as ICRC to support the continuity of the APFN by ensuring resources for the sustainability of the network.

**Commit** to nominate the chair for the PGI network and foster further collective support on the CSR network under the chairing of Malaysian Red Crescent Society.

## Progress on Manila Call for Action and the forthcoming Asia Pacific Conference

**Reaffirming** our National Societies' focus on integrity and accountability, including Fraud and Corruption Prevention and the Prevention and Response to Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (PSEAH), volunteering, and women in leadership in accordance with the Manila Call for action targets.

**Confirm** support to Viet Nam Red Cross' candidacy to host the 11<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Conference and contribute to the content of the conference with a focused set of SEA priorities.

**Support** data collection for the final review of the Manila Call for Action



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