**International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies**

**Southeast Asia Community Safety and Resilience (CSR) Network**

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# Introduction

In 2014, the Community Safety and Resilience Forum (CSRF) was founded by the National Society Leaders to enhance collaborations and exchanges in the areas of disaster management, health programmes, and Organisational Development.

The last CSRF was hosted by the Malaysian Red Crescent Society in 2017, however the funding that was used to hold the annual Southeast Asia CSR Forum ended and since that time, the Forum was not held. Following the COVID19 pandemic in early 2020 and new ways of working online, it was formally decided by the Southeast Asia leaders in 2021 to migrate the forum to an online network and revitalize it. Malaysia RC was reconfirmed at the SEA leaders meeting in 2022 to lead the revitalization of the network. The Southeast Asia **CSR Network** is accountable to the Southeast Asia Red Cross Red Crescent Leaders and reports annually to their Leaders meeting. The main purpose of the CSR Network is to enhance community safety and resilience in Southeast Asia, through a virtual platform for disaster management and health practitioners from 11 Southeast Asian Red Cross and Red Crescent societies to regularly exchange.On 6 September 2023, the latest Southeast Asia CSR Network Webinar was held and saw active participation of CSR Network members focusing on the most effective ways to collectively address the Climate and Environmental Crisis.

# Key progress in 2023

- Revitalization of the Network into an online platform for a more effective interaction among members;

- On 6 September 2023, the Community Safety Resilience Network Webinar was held. Several actions have been taken to advance the common cause in disaster management, health programmes and organisational development including:

* Adoption of the revised ToR by the CSR Network members
* Presentation on the Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations (the Charter)
* Suggestions for practical actions for the Network members to deliver on the Charter’s commitments.
* Insightful contributions and discussions among the CSR Network members on how each National Society is currently aligning with the Charter’s commitments
* Proposal of collective actions to realize the commitments of the climate charter

**Key recommendations for decision**

To ensure the network’s relevance and the realization of commitments to the charter, the network calls on the leaders to

* Sign the Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations
* Lay out schedule-driven action plans and carry out collective actions in concerted efforts to tackle the Climate and Environment Crisis

**Summary plans for 2024**

* Conduct the next virtual CSR Network meeting in September 2024

# Review and refocus the CSR at the meeting for its long-term sustainability, and develop and endorse a regional action plan to be reviewed in the CSRF every year

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