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2nd South-East Asia RCRC Youth Forum

Terms of Reference 17th-20th September 2023

Background

The Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement recognized young people as agents of change, with the power to address global humanitarian challenges relevant to their local communities. They are also, according to Youth Engagement in the RCRC movement, an essential part of building strong National Societies. Because of this, youth should be involved in the decision-making process at all levels of management, governance, and service delivery, as they are crucial for transferring experiences and knowledge between generations. To strengthen the youth's capacity, they must be empowered with the necessary skills, knowledge, and attitude, especially as volunteerism is central to youth engagement and is an effective and meaningful way of engaging young people in civic action.

IFRC Youth Policy recognized young people as “key drivers in humanitarian action and development. Being meaningfully engaged as today and tomorrow’s leaders, volunteers, and members of affected communities, foster community resilience. As contributors to the IFRC’s vision to prevent and alleviate human suffering and promote and protect human dignity and peace, they enable the targets of the Agenda for Humanity and the Sustainable Development Goals to be achieved”.

Using the opportunity from the annual 20th SEA RCRC leadership Meeting hosted by Cambodian Red Cross, together with the IFRC, is looking to organize an in-person 2nd SEA RCRC Youth Forum from 17th-20th September 2023 where the aim is to bridge the gap between SEA Leadership and youth leaders. In order for youth to have the opportunity and space in sharing their inputs, we need to allow spaces for youth to participate in such an important meeting and prepare them with the necessary support and enhance youth engagement in the RCRC movement and prepare youth for the decision-making process during the 20th SEA RCRC Leadership Meeting which will happen subsequently.

2nd SEA RCRC Youth Forum

Building on the success of the 1st SEA RCRC Youth Forum in Brunei during October 2022, Southeast Asia National Societies (SEA NSs) leaders committed to continuing the SEA RCRC Youth Forum held together with the SEA RCRC Leadership Meeting. The youth forum allows each NS youth staff and youth leaders to enhance leadership quality and jointly discuss issues of youth and generate solutions that can strengthen and accredit NS-led initiatives.

From 17th-20th September 2023, CRC, together with the support of the IFRC, is looking to support and endorse the Southeast Asia in-person Youth Forum for 34 participants from RCRC SEA countries (1 SEAYN member, 1 youth staff and 1 youth leader from each country, and 10 from the CRC with gender balance) to enhance leadership communication skills, including public speaking, pitching skills, and social media communication skills, which are all essential for youth leaders in working with the community and between each National Societies. All participants will then identify current challenges within the Movement in each thematic theme and identify solution that youth can contribute to.

Building on the in-person Youth forum from the 17th-20th September 2023, youth representatives will make a joint statement on the above topics and present it during the opening ceremony of the 20th SEA RCRC Leadership Meeting on the 21st September 2023. Together in the SEA RCRC Leadership Meeting, leaders and youths will have a round table meeting to further discuss the future of youth engagement in National Societies.

The 2nd SEA RCRC Youth Forum will be hosted by the Cambodian Red Cross. The logistical support will be provided by CRC for in-country activities. **SEA National Societies will support the participation of their own representatives by providing for remaining per diems, insurance, and airfare.** A request for support could be sent to the IFRC if needed.

Expected Outputs

By the end of this forum, the following outputs are expected:

1. 3days training and one day field tree planting/Humanitarian field trip and hand-on experiences are provided to SEA RCRC Youths.
2. A list of current challenges for the SEA RCRC Movement are identified based on different themes highlighted in the objectives.
3. Solutions and Prototypes to address the 2023 SEA RCRC challenges are proposed;
4. Social media contents for each thematic theme to be used for each National Society are created and widely shared;
5. Key roles of youths in contributing to the future of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement/ Humanitarian Innovation are identified;
6. 2nd SEA RCRC Youth Forum Joint Statement and Commitment (reflect and adapt from Bandar Seri Begawan Youth Forum Statement) with concrete follow up plan for each National Society is developed and to be presented at the 20th SEA RCRC Leaders Meeting;
7. Hand-on experiences in Climate Change action and the Cambodia's unfortunate history of the Khmer Rouge genocide are provided to youths (reflection sharing/ presentation from the participants);
8. Round Table discussion between Youth Delegates and SEA RCRC Leaders on the topic: **"Youth contribution for the future of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement / Humanitarian Innovation"** is organized.

Expected Outcomes:

1. Capacity of youths in leadership and effective communication including public speaking, project pitching, negotiation and persuasion, and team management is built.
2. The pivotal roles of youths are promoted more widely to multi-stakeholders and the public via social media contents.
3. Improved youths' engagement in the discussions on their contributions to Red Cross Red Crescent Movement/Humanitarian Innovation through the development of joint statement, identification of challenges and proposed solutions, and their roles.
4. Better understanding and more active participation in Climate Change action and environmental protection.

Activities:

Please refer to the attached document "Agenda of 2nd SEA RCRC Youth Forum" for more details.

Participants

The meeting will see the participation of the 34 Participants from RCRC SEA Countries (1 SEAYN member, 1 youth staff and 1 youth leader from each National Society, and 10 from the CRC with gender balance), one IFRC SEA Youth and Volunteer Senior Officer, four facilitators from four National Societies (Philippine RC, Brunei RC, Myanmar RC, and Cambodia RC) and 10 CRC youth involvement as Liaison Officers.

Participant's Arrival and Departure:

Participants are expected to participate in the 2nd SEA RCRC youth forum from 17th-20th September 2023 and also participate in the 20th SEA RCRC leadership Meeting from 21st-22nd September 2023.

- 16th September 2023: Arrival of SEA Youth members and IFRC and facilitators
- 23rd September 2023: Departure of SEA Youth members with their Leader delegation

Participants are advised to bring their respective National Society Uniform (Youth Cadet or Youth Uniform) and the National Society Flag. Traditional Clothes might be needed for the farewell dinner on the 22nd September 2023 under the patronage of **Samdech Kittiprittbindit Bun Rany HUNSEN**, CRC President.

Participants criteria

- 1 SEA Youth Network (SEAYN) member/ representative
- 1 Youth leader from each of 11 National Societies between 18-31 years old and is currently a youth volunteer with their respective National Societies.
- 1 Youth Staff/ Youth Focal person from each of 11 National Societies
- Fluency in English (Spoken and Written)
- Able to travel to Phnom Penh during the proposed date.
- People with disability are welcome to participate as a representative.
- Each National Societies can nominate 1 SEAYN Member, 1 youth leader and 1 youth staff (Total of 3)

Dates and Venue

- The event will take place at Sokha Phnom Penh Hotel and Residence, Kingdom of Cambodia from 17th-22nd September 2023.
- In and out to the meeting room are required by QR code.
- The schedule is attached. Please join group WhatsApp by QR Code below:



Event Timeline/ preparation

Activity	Timeline
Sending Invitations to National Societies	June 2023
Deadline for sending Nomination	July 2023
Confirming Nomination from National Societies	July 2023
Booking of flight tickets and accommodations	August 2023
Participant arrival	16 th September 2023
In-person 2 nd SEA RCRC Youth Forum + Site visit	17 th - 20 th September 2023
In-person 20 th SEA RCRC Leadership Meeting	21 st -22 th September 2023
Participants departure	23 rd September 2023