



**21st Annual Southeast Asia Red Cross and Red Crescent Leaders Meeting
5-6 September 2024**

BALI STATEMENT

We, the Leaders of the Southeast Asia Red Cross and 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 Vietnam Red Cross Society attending the 21st Annual Southeast Asia Red Cross and Red Crescent Leaders Meeting, held in Bali, Indonesia on 5-6 September 2024;

Expressed appreciation to the Indonesian Red Cross for hosting the 21st Annual Southeast Asia Red Cross and Red Crescent Leaders Meeting, the 3rd Southeast Asia Youth Forum and other related meeting;

Recognized the Opening Remarks as stated by the Chairman of the Indonesian Red Cross which inspire and encourage the synergy and collaboration of the humanitarian efforts among National Societies, and with other stakeholders, in the Southeast Asia region; particularly highlighting the need to map and identify risks of crises and disasters, ensure sufficient capacity to respond with skilled personnel and supporting facilities; the importance of the auxiliary role, and the need to empower communities to be prepared and resilient, contributing to risk reduction efforts and environmental adaptation action;

Welcomed the participation of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

Underscored the spirit of localisation, climate resilience, and collaboration, within our Southeast Asia National Society network and with our International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (the Movement) partners;

Acknowledged the increasingly complex and inter-connected humanitarian issues and challenges in the region related to health emergencies, disasters, climate change and complex crises, including migration and displacement, and related humanitarian issues, which require innovative solutions, and the active role of National Societies in the promotion of humanitarian innovation for preparedness and effective responses to humanitarian crises;

Recalled the outcomes of the 20th Annual Southeast Asia Red Cross and Red Crescent Leadership Meeting and the second Southeast Asia Youth forum in Phnom Penh;

Reasserted the important role of Southeast Asia National Societies on inter-agency, whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches, including close collaboration and coordination with inter-governmental organisations such as ASEAN, civil societies and private corporations, while promoting localization;



Welcomed the Malaysian Red Crescent as Chair of the 22nd Annual Southeast Asia Leaders Meeting and the 4th Southeast Asia Youth Forum in 2025; and

Agreed to:

Empowerment of Red Cross and Red Crescent Youth

Endorse the Bali Youth Statement of the 3rd Southeast Asia Red Cross and Red Crescent Youth Forum in Bali on 2 to 4, September 2024, which is an integral part of this outcome statement;

Support youth contributions to humanitarian innovation, especially employing new technologies and digital skills, with particular emphasis on Protection, Gender and Inclusion, Mental Health, Climate Change, and Community Engagement and Accountability which entails a commitment to empowering youth to lead and innovate solutions;

Encourage youth contributions to the future of Red Cross and Red Crescent through the endorsement and support of good practices and innovations in youth programs, such as the youth exchange program, youth education, and the cultivation of ideas and areas of exploration put forward during the SEA Leaders meeting;

Agree that Youth Forums should continue to act as a central platform to cultivate innovation and substantive contributions to the Red Cross and Red Crescent agenda for the Movement;

First Aid

Reaffirm the centrality of First Aid provision and training as a foundational function of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies within Southeast Asia and as a primary element of response and assistance within disaster response;

Express appreciation to the Indonesian Red Cross Society, Palang Merah Indonesia, for hosting the 2nd Annual Southeast Asia First Aid Network Meeting in 2024;

Endorse and support the resolutions of the Southeast Asia First Aid Network Meeting 2024 to drive collective progress, highlighting the importance of Strengthening the Southeast Asia First Aid Network; First Aid Capacity Building and Training; commercialization of physical and psychological first aid; digitalization and innovation of First Aid programs; advocacy and policy development for the First Aid program; and continuation of the Southeast Asia First Aid Learning Hub;

Progress of the Phnom Penh Statement

Acknowledge the progress on the commitments made in the Phnom Penh Statement particularly in support of commitments on the empowerment of youth, the Climate and Environment Charter, Collaboration as a Movement in Southeast Asia, Southeast Asia engagement in IFRC governance, and introduction of Center of Excellence for Southeast Asia Pandemic Preparedness;



Continue to support efforts of the Southeast Asia Women's Leadership Working Group to advance women's leadership in Southeast Asia; and welcome the 2nd SEA Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies Women Conference to be hosted by the Philippine Red Cross in 2025;

Request the IFRC to develop a tool to assist monitoring progress of all Statements emerging from the Southeast Asia Leader Meetings;

Progress of the Hanoi Call for Action

Reconfirm the commitments of the Hanoi Call for Action, which emphasize volunteering, empowerment of Red Cross and Red Crescent Youth, becoming climate ready, becoming disaster ready, becoming sustainable National Societies, becoming trusted organizations, becoming well coordinated vis-a-vis Seville 2.0 and mutual aid between National Societies, and advancing women in Asia Pacific;

Acknowledge the importance of moving forward on the commitments of the Hanoi Call for Action, with particular emphasis on the need to prioritize practical implementation of the commitments under the Ha Noi Call for Action, in line with the 'Implementation Guide to the Ha Noi Call for Action' that was developed taking into account the diversity of the region, and ensure effective data collection to support the monitoring of progress;

Urge National Societies signatories of the Hanoi Call for Action to institutionalize the Hanoi Call for Action with clear targets and data collection frameworks to operationalize the commitments made during the 2023 AP Regional Conference to our operational plans and strategic plans;

Commit to sharing collective progress, best practices, and collective outcomes of the Hanoi Call for Action as standing agenda for the 22nd Southeast Asia Leaders Meeting 2025;

Engagement of Southeast Asian Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies Leaders and IFRC with ASEAN

Acknowledge the progress made in relation to the implementation of the MoU, particularly regarding the implemented initiatives with the ASEAN Secretariat focused on Disaster Law Mapping and participation of events with AHA Centre on emergency response and preparedness;

Appreciate the remarks by the ASEAN Secretary General, the IFRC Secretary General, and representatives of ACDM who stressed the importance of close collaboration between ASEAN, the Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies of Southeast Asia region and IFRC in promoting community resilience in Southeast Asia, and further appreciate the attendance of the Country Permanent Representatives to ASEAN and their overall support;

Appreciate the contributions by the Under-Secretary General of ASEAN, Executive Director of the AHA Centre, presentation by ASEAN Secretariat Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance (DMHA) Division focused on collaboration between ASEAN, the Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies of SEA region, and IFRC in the spirit of the MoU;

Appreciate participation and active engagement by Country Permanent Representatives to ASEAN from Indonesia, Cambodia, Vietnam, Myanmar and Timor-Leste and representatives of Country Permanent



Missions to ASEAN from Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines, and Malaysia during the ASEAN Engagement day;

Acknowledge the effective collaboration between the ASEAN Committee for Disaster Management (ACDM), ASEAN Secretariat, AHA Centre, the IFRC, Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies of SEA region, and encourage continued implementation of collaborative engagements ; with particular emphasis on increasing engagement with the ACDM and regular engagement with Country Permanent Representatives;

Encourage yearly dialogue with the participation of respective members of ACDM, ASEAN Secretariat, AHA Centre, Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies of SEA region, and IFRC;

Increase IFRC engagement with the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) through the ASEAN Secretariat, on behalf of Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies of SEA region, looking into more close cooperation opportunities and information exchange;

Call for more concrete measures and action plans to effectively operationalize the MoU, including conducting a mid-term review of progress ;

Request the IFRC to provide follow up on the commitments expressed by ASEAN and CPR, including continued advocacy to ASEAN and its bodies, to ensure that the priorities and actions of IFRC and Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies of SEA region are engaged and reflected in critical documents, including the AADMER 5 Year Plan;

Commit to the outcomes of the discussions, emphasizing collaboration in Disaster Management, disaster preparedness, enabling mechanisms, enhancing Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies of SEA region auxiliary roles, establish coordination mechanisms, and resource mobilization during the ASEAN related session on 04th of September with leadership of ACDM, ASEAN Secretariat, AHA Centre and ASEAN Member States on the implementation of the MoU;

Climate Resilience and Community Resilience

Reiterate the importance of moving forward on the Climate and Environmental Charter commitments acknowledged within the Phnom Penh Statement and target setting; ;

Endeavour to address changing climate and environmental risks in humanitarian actions, including through disaster preparedness, response, and recovery interventions, in keeping with the commitments outlined in the Climate Charter;

Encourage an increased focus on climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction, nature-based solutions, and early warning early action, in keeping with the commitments outlined in the Climate Charter;

Reaffirm the commitment to maximize the environmental sustainability of humanitarian interventions, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, in keeping with the commitments outlined in the Climate Charter;



Commit to supporting the work of the Southeast Asia Community Safety and Resilience Network, in their efforts to act as a platform for knowledge sharing, and provide technical support, facilitate partnerships, and foster regional cooperation, as well as supporting regional advocacy for stronger climate policies;

Recovery and Resilience in the aftermath of Tsunami 2004

Appreciate the coordinated cross-border response to the Tsunami 2004, marking one of the largest, most significant multi-country operations in Movement history, and acknowledging the unprecedented loss of life, which ignited changes on how collaborative response and recovery operations should be implemented;

Reinforce the need to align Disaster Management policy with key existing policy mechanisms, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, and the Sustainable Development Goals;

Commit to strengthening the resilience of communities before, during, and after crises through targeted interventions and support;

Reinforce the importance of National Society preparedness for emergency response including capacity and resources;

Underscore the importance of preparedness, through advocating for the establishment of strong Disaster Law frameworks, including through the development and support of targeted disaster law, policies, and plans;

Supports the expansion of partnerships with the local communities, governments, civil society groups, the private sector, and other stakeholders involved in crisis response efforts;

Agree to work collectively to amplify the experience of Southeast Asia to impact humanitarian work and utilize the lessons learned in the 20-year aftermath of the Tsunami to inform and improve recovery and resilience efforts in the region, and position sustainable resilience as a foundational consideration in terms of disaster risks;

Red Cross and Red Crescent Statutory Meetings

Call for sustained engagement from Southeast Asian National Societies' with States and relevant stakeholders in preparation for, during, and following the International Statutory Meeting, with particular emphasis the adoption of resolutions ;

Agree to prepare joint statements to elevate the voice of Southeast Asia to influence outcomes of the International Statutory Meetings;

Reiterate the commitment to work together to ensure that SEA National Society has a seat in the IFRC Governing Board;



Take note of the upcoming international statutory meetings; the 34th International Conference 28 – 31 October 2024 preceded by a Council of Delegates on 27 - 28 October 2024 and 24th session of the IFRC General Assembly on 23 - 25 October 2024 that will include the election and appointment of IFRC Governing Board Committees and the Standing Commission;

Continue to include a standing agenda item in the SEA Leaders Meetings to discuss SEA engagement in IFRC Governance with the interim meetings in between to discuss specific agenda items;

Humanitarian Collaboration between National Societies for Myanmar

Appreciate the collaboration of the Myanmar Red Cross Society and Thai Red Cross Society in delivering cross-border humanitarian assistance to temporarily displaced persons inside Myanmar on 25 March 2024, and their continued efforts to provide humanitarian services to support people on the move in Myanmar and Thailand;

Continue to support a collaborative approach in humanitarian diplomacy to impact humanitarian outcomes for the people of Myanmar;

Agree to collectively support Myanmar Red Cross Society in providing consistent humanitarian services to migrants and temporarily displaced persons in and from Myanmar, including leveraging the connections across borders, when possible;

Collaboration in Southeast Asia through networks, bilateral, and multilateral cooperation

Acknowledge the reports, progress, lessons learned and 2025 plans of the relevant National Society Networks in the region, including the Southeast Asia Community Safety and Resilience Network (CSR), the Southeast Asia Youth Network (SEAYN), the Southeast Asia First Aid Network (SEAFAN), the Southeast Asia Protection, Gender & Inclusion (PGI) Network, Asia Pacific Fundraising Network (APFN), and the Asia Pacific Migration Network (APMN);

Strengthen the collaboration among various Movement components in Southeast Asia by aligning mandates, services, and resources, ensuring active engagement during crises under the Seville Agreement 2.0, and promoting ongoing cooperative efforts;

Commit to enhancing the preparedness, collaboration, and response capabilities of Southeast Asia National Societies through joint capacity mapping and capacity building, with the goal of improving their ability to respond to crises both regionally and beyond;

Continue to enhancing the peer-to-peer collaboration among Southeast Asia National Societies, including cross-border mechanisms for knowledge sharing and joint crisis response efforts;



Reiterate our prioritization on the Southeast Asia Community Safety and Resilience Network (CSR), Fundraising Network, the Southeast Asia Youth Network (SEAYN), while acknowledging the SEA PGI and newly established First Aid Network;

Commit to contributing to the development of a mapping of subregional, regional, and global networks which receive engagement from National Societies of Southeast Asia; and

Preview the work and function of the subregional networks as well as the alignment of these subregional networks with regional and global networks to provide relevant and practical policy recommendations for the Networks to be reported at the 22nd SEA Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies Leaders Meeting in 2025.



Post amble

We, the Leaders of the Asia Pacific Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of Southeast Asia, agreed to prioritize practical implementation of the commitments outlined within the Bali Statement, with updates to capture progress.

Bali Statement of the 21st SEA Leaders Meeting endorsed by the following signatories from Southeast Asia National Societies

6 September 2024

Mr. Abdurrahman Muhammad Fachir
Secretary General
Indonesian Red Cross Society

 Mr. Muhammad Suhaimi Ibrahim President Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent	 H.E. Madam Men Neary Sopheak 1st Deputy Secretary General Cambodian Red Cross



 Mr. Khamlavanh Chanthalavanh President Lao Red Cross	 Her Highness Dato' Seri DiRaja Tan Sri Tunku Puteri Intan Safinaz President Malaysian Red Crescent Society
 Prof. Dr. Yee Yee Tin Executive Committee Member Myanmar Red Cross Society	 Dr. Gwendolyn T. Pang Secretary General Philippines Red Cross
 Mr. Benjamin Williams Secretary General Singapore Red Cross	 Mr. Tej Bunnag Secretary General Thai Red Cross Society
 Mme. Madalena Fernandes Melo Hanjan President Timor-Leste Red Cross	 Mr. Vu Thanh Luu Vice President Vietnam Red Cross Society

.....