

Update on SEA Collaboration and Relevant Networks

SEA Leaders Meeting 2024

Looking Back

Past SEA Leaders meeting have provided a platform for Network Updates.

Based on last year's meeting, the Phnom Penh Statement highlights the request for such a session in the following clause:

*“**Agree** to review the work and function of the subregional networks as well as the alignment of these subregional networks with regional and global networks so as to provide relevant and practical policy recommendations for the Networks to be reported at the 21st SEA RCRC Leaders Meeting in 2024.”*

Updates

Among the many networks whose work engages NSs within the SEA region, the following 6 key networks were requested to provide updates for this meeting:

- 1) **SEAYN**
- 2) **SEAFAN**
- 3) **PGI Network**
- 4) **CSR Network**
- 5) **APFN**
- 6) **APMN**

SEA Youth Network Updates

1. Handover Annual Meeting for SEAYN Coordination team.
2. SEAYN Youth Hacklab workshop - SEAYN Attended a sub-regional workshop in Thailand during 27th April to 3rd May 2024 called RCYN HackLab. The outcome of this workshop are innovative youth activity that carried over by the SEAYN members in each country.
3. Approval and implementation of SEAYN Action Plan 2023-2024. The Plan focuses on Youth as Leaders, Volunteers and Members of the Affected Communities according to the IFRC Youth Engagement Strategy and it includes four (4) broad sections with all SEAYN representatives collaborating closely in different working groups as follows:

Youth As Leadership: SEAYN Virtual Tour, January 2024 SEAYN Youth team organized an online youth virtual tour of each NS and present their youth activities.

Youth Engagement: Conduct Research Project: “Understanding Youth Volunteerism in Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies: A study on trends and Challenges in SEAYN”.

Communication: Created an Instagram account for SEAYN

SEA First Aid Network Updates –Progress and Plans

Key highlights from the 1st southeast asia first aid network (seafan) meeting held in october 2023 in brunei darussalam:

1. The sea first aid network was officially launched, bringing together national societies (nss) across the region to collaborate, share experiences, and strengthen capacities. Please find the agreed concept note attached, outlining objectives, terms, scope of work, and roles of the seafan.
2. All participating nss signed a joint resolution, committing to support the network and implement the annual work plan. The resolution is attached for your reference.
3. Brunei darussalam chaired the 1st meeting, and pmi has been selected to lead the network from october 2023 to september 2024.

Looking ahead to the 2nd SEAFAN meeting, PMI will host and guide discussions on:

1. Updates from each ns on first aid programming, aligned with our collaborative priorities and the global first aid vision 2030.
2. Technical support from gfar (virtual) and asia pacific mphss reference centre (in-person) on the total first aid initiative.
3. Reflection on the 1st seafan joint resolution, revisiting the concept note, and drafting new resolutions for the coming year.

SEA PGI Network Updates 2024-Key Progress

Promote National Societies in ensuring that they have the right institutional capacity, composition, and commitment to address violence, discrimination and exclusion.

1. Introduction on PGI and SGBV were provided to the Malaysian RC National Council to ensure PGI is embedded in the Movement Induction.
2. 70% of the national societies in the sub-region institutionalized and/or in the process of institutionalizing the PSEA policy and the Child Protection Policy. A Child Protection Training was also held for the Malaysian and RC to provide guidance in developing the policy
3. During the PMI National Youth Gathering and International Camp, a Child Safeguarding Assessment were conducted to ensure the safety and well-being of all the youth members. The Vietnam RC also received safeguarding and sexual and gender-based violence training.
4. The Indonesia Red Cross (PMI) launched a PGI Organizational Assessment to evaluate PGI capacities and its related commitments within the national society.

The national societies adopt Enhance Dignity, Access, Participation and Safety (DAPS) in operations through integrating PGI Minimum Standards in Emergencies.

1. Specialized PGI activities in emergencies and long-term programs conducted by CVTL to ensure equal participation of both male and female and by PMI collaborating with organizations for people with disabilities.

SEA PGI Network Updates 2024-Key Progress Continued

1. National Societies promote and influence minimum standards, norms, laws and behavior to reduce violence, discrimination and exclusion, through advocacy, partnerships, and learning within the Movement and externally.
2. Online tools are established for the network members to engage and constantly share resources.
3. EC materials on Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV) with survivor-centered approach were shared with the members to provide guidance and knowledge in assisting affected people during emergency operations.

SEA PGI Network Updates 2024- Plans

1. Building National Societies' institutional capacity to address issues of violence, discrimination and exclusion, with particular focus on safeguarding.
2. Strengthen the capacity to address PGI in emergencies by mainstreaming PGI in other sectors and initiatives, including migration, WASH, education, community health, preparedness and anticipatory action including addressing specific risks i.e. SGBV, Child Protection and disabilities inclusion in emergencies and long-term programs.
3. Boost network advocacy, partnerships and knowledge-sharing to strengthen collaboration and coordination on PGI, and to harmonize technical approaches to challenging themes while focusing on gender and social equality outcomes.

SEA CSR Network Updates 2024-Key Progress

1. Following the 2023 SEA Leaders Meeting that took place in Cambodia, the Cambodian Red Cross was appointed as the new Chair of the CSR network. Since then, CSR network webinars have taken place every three months.
2. During the reporting period, regular CSR Network Webinars were held.
3. Discussed the Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations (the Charter) to understand how its objectives and recommendations are relevant to SEA National Societies.
4. Exchanged and suggested practical actions for the CSR Network members to deliver on the Charter's commitments, and more specifically set their targets.
5. Discussed possible objectives that could be adopted collectively by all SEA National Societies under the Charter and enable the CSR Network to monitor the process (ideally to be proposed during the 2024 SEA Leaders meeting).
6. Proposed a SEA National Societies' strengths mapping that would allow National Societies to express their need for support in certain technical areas, and for others to propose technical expertise they'd like to share. The ultimate objective is to initiate peer-to-peer initiatives aiming at strengthening National Societies' capacities to respond to the current climate and environmental crisis.

SEA CSR Network Updates 2024-Plans

1. Collectively commit to three or four common objectives under the Charter.
2. Each National Society will later endeavor to develop their own targets, based on their mandates and capacities, to deliver on these common objectives.
3. Appoint a new Chair for the CSR Network.
4. Conduct the next virtual CSR Network meeting in October 2024.
5. Establish a yearly plan of action focusing on the strengths mapping and the setting of targets/activities under the Charter's objectives.

Asia Pacific Fundraising Network Updates - Progress

Webinar - APFN Hosted the below webinar so far in 2024:

1. Increasing support for "Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF)" Thursday, 30 May 2024
2. In the pipeline this year are as follows: Story Telling in Fundraising, Major Donor Fundraising and Continuation of the Digital Fundraising Series.

Launched the CRM System Information Guidance. The Customer Relationship Management (CRM) System has relevant information such as value of investing on it, why do you need it and what CRM to choose for your National Society. You can also see a comparison of self-developed CRM and standard CRM solutions available in the market to help National Societies started

Documented new stories of fundraising success in Asia Pacific - APFN completed two (2) new success stories which were added in its collection, Resource Mobilization Guidebook - Fundraising Success Stories of Asia Pacific National Societies.

1. Thai Red Cross Society shared how they achieved success in events fundraising amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Australian Red Cross highlighted their best practice on leveraging partnerships with the country's Post Office and how they were able to engage the Post Office to support communities before, during and after emergencies.

Launched Emergency Fundraising Toolkit. This toolkit is a collection of sample resources from within and outside the Movement which your National Societies can customize based on your respective context. You can find examples of decision-making processes, fundraisers' talking points, policies and campaigns.

Asia Pacific Fundraising Network Updates – Progress Continued

Actively promoted the participation of Asia Pacific National Societies to the International Fundraising Leadership Forum (IFLF) Peer Review 2023. APFN has promoted the participation of Asia Pacific National Societies to the Peer Review in 2023 through its various communication platforms. The Peer Review is an annual global fundraising benchmarking project together with 16 other INGOs. In 2023, the following Asia Pacific National Societies participated: Australia, Hong Kong, Philippines, Thailand and Japan.

Engaged fundraising practitioners through regular communications. APFN strives to be a resourceful and professional network by communicating with and engaging fundraising practitioners through the publication of bi-monthly e-Newsletters and regular coordination with NS focal persons. APFN has also set up an online forum on Whatsapp.

Initiated new partnerships. APFN initiated new partnerships with Movement partners who can support in expanding its resources. APFN initiated new partnerships with Movement partners like Kuwait Red Crescent and Turkish Red Crescent and renewed partnerships with Australian Red Cross, Swiss Red Cross, Hong Kong Red Cross, Turkish Red Crescent and ICRC who have pledged to provide financial contribution. for 2023-2024.

Asia Pacific Fundraising Network Updates – Progress Continued

APFN supporting the Joint Resource Mobilization Initiative of APRO. APFN continued to ensure Asia Pacific National Societies are supporting each other through the IFRC led initiative where APFN will play a key role on sustaining the support, ensuring focused peer to peer, and leveraging on existing RM capacities in the region to create tangible results.

Peer to Peer Support. APFN continued to facilitate Adhoc requests including sharing of sample fundraising strategies, policies and other resources to other National Societies in need. The overall peer to peer support, as one of APFN's flagship programs, is also currently being reviewed to identify the most relevant working model to allow more peer to peer exchanges among National Societies.

New Chair and Steering Group Members. In March 2024, APFN elected new Steering Group members.

APFN Plan of Action 2024-25. The new APFN Steering Group members developed the APFN Plan of Action 2024-25 to help achieve the APFN Strategy. The Plan of Action will be presented to the members during the AP Side Meeting at the International Fundraising Skillshare in Lisbon this September 2024, from where a budget will be developed and fundraised accordingly within the members.

Participation at the upcoming 2024 International Fundraising Skillshare. APFN facilitated the participation of 13 AP NSs in the Global Fundraising Skillshare happening in Lisbon. It will be the first time AP NSs actively participate in such global forum.

Asia Pacific Fundraising Network Updates – Plans

Organizing a face to face regional Skillshare on all levels of fundraising. APFN plans to host this regional fundraising skillshare in October 2025 and initial confirmation has been made by the Thai Red Cross to host this event (official communications to the Secgen will follow). We aim to resume hosting face to face meetings and skillshares to ensure relationship development and ongoing skill-building within the network.

Improve more on Capacity Building programs. We aim to organise demand-based webinars, organise different levels of training based on capacities so fundraisers will have increased confidence and support with their daily fundraising work.

Promote more advocacies in fundraising. We also intend to advocate more thematic issues in fundraising with our NS leaders.

Enhance communities. Our practitioners need a platform where we can share insights, access resources and facilitate peer to peer exchanges with National Societies within our region and from across the world. While there are many platforms available out there, we aim to discuss with our members what works best for them.

Asia Pacific Fundraising Network Updates – Plans Continued

Facilitate more Peer to Peer among National Societies. Peer-to-peer support, among others, provides APFN an opportunity to mobilize its member National Societies and National Societies in other parts of the world that have diverse experience and learning in fundraising and resource mobilization. National Societies can offer support to other National Societies that have a need in learning about different fundraising methods and techniques.

Host monthly webinars in between the Skillshares. Webinars ensure ongoing learning opportunities for our fundraising practitioners. APFN encourages Southeast Asia National Societies to support as a speaker or participant.

Knowledge sharing and communications. APFN aims to continuously send out e-newsletters to allow flow of information, sharing of interesting practices from within and outside the Movement and cascade relevant initiatives.

Asia Pacific Migration Network Updates 2024-Key Progress

Nomination of APMN Focal Points

1. In March 2024, Asia Pacific National Society Leaders were invited to nominate / renominate a representative to participate in the APMN for the subsequent year.

Regular Meetings

1. Regular online meetings of APMN members have been held on a range of thematic topics related to migration in the Asia Pacific region. These sessions involved National Society peer exchange and exploring opportunities for regional cooperation, coordination and humanitarian diplomacy.

Asia Pacific Migration Network Updates 2024-Plans

1. Here Strengthen the added value of the APMN for members and for the IFRC network, through National Society peer exchange and regular meetings.
2. Support implementation of the Movement Migration Strategy at national and regional levels through socializing the Movement's principled approach to Migration, translating the Movement Migration Strategy in to other languages and raising awareness of the Movement Strategy within National Societies at all levels.
3. Explore opportunities for cross-border and route-based approaches to addressing humanitarian needs of migrants.
4. Explore opportunities for National Societies' engagement in national, regional and global policy fora.

IFRC-APRO Network Mapping

The Phnom Penh Statement also contained the following request:

*“**Request** the IFRC Secretariat to provide a mapping of subregional, regional, and global networks to support the review of engagement in the networks in Southeast Asia;”*

A mapping exercise of the relevant regional networks was undertaken by IFRC Asia Pacific Regional Office.

The Mapping is available here: [AP Networks \(1\).xlsx](#)

Way Forward

1. Challenges and barriers faced in current collaborative efforts
2. Gaps in existing networks and partnerships?
3. Opportunities within current Network areas of work?

Invitation to any other networks or collaborative efforts who would like to present to the group?

Bilateral Humanitarian Conference, Vang Vieng, Lao DPR

- ✓ From 18-19 July 2024, Lao and Thai Red Cross delegations attended the bilateral humanitarian conference in Vang Vieng, Lao DPR.
- ✓ This year, Lao Red Cross hosted the conference.
- ✓ The next conference will be hosted by Thai Red Cross Society in 2026.
- ✓ Please see more details from the link: [The 4th Lao-Thai Red Cross Conference](#)

Cambodia Red Cross Collaborations

1. **WASH Project:** Following the MoU between CRC and Singapore Red Cross (SRC) signed on 1st March 2024, the WASH Project supported by SRC has been implemented in 3 provinces. Latrines, hand washing facilities, wells, and solar water purification systems have been constructed to address the challenges of inadequate water during both normal and emergency situations.
2. **Cross-border partnerships** between the CRC and the Lao Red Cross primarily focus on coordinated efforts in disaster planning, response, and community resilience, particularly in border regions. These efforts include HIV/AIDS initiatives aimed at strengthening cross-border collaboration to improve access to ARV for PLHIV migrants, raising HIV awareness before departure, providing safe migration information, and promoting health education and services among residents of border communities.
3. **EW4A Roadmap:** The IFRC and CRC participated in a consultative workshop with stakeholders to develop the EW4ALL roadmap and create a plan of action under Pillar No. 4. This plan has been submitted for funding support to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) as part of a regional proposal.

PMI and CVTL Collaboration

Cross-border Cooperation- focused on cross border cooperation programme and service in humanitarian cooperation and this will strongly linking to anticipatory action specifically along the border area of Indonesia and Timor-Leste.

The cooperation includes in the following field;

Capacity building on DRM/health, preparedness, DRR/ER/RFL/ resource mobilization.

Dissemination and humanitarian diplomacy, migration in normal and disaster situation an so on.

- Joint training conducted from both side