

21st Annual Southeast Asia Red Cross Red Crescent Leaders Meeting

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Session 2 Overview

Session Title Progress Update Southeast Asia First Aid Network	
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Key Objectives of the Session
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide an overview of the outcomes of the 2nd SEA-FAN Meeting, as well as the Joint Action Plan for the Network in 2025, and First Aid Network priorities for 2025.• Reinforce and reiterate the importance of enhancing First Aid coordination in SEA• Facilitate lessons-learned sharing and best practice from National Societies' successful First Aid program.

Background and Current Issues - Key Insights & Contextual Factors

In October 2023, the 1st Southeast Asia First Aid Network (SEAFAN) took place in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam with the Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent hosted the meeting as the 1st chair of the network. The meeting resulted in several priorities where the network will focus on strengthening and supporting knowledge on first aid programming within Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in the Southeast Asian region to align and achieve the IFRC First Aid Vision 2030., . This vision aims to enhance the capacity and reach of first aid services, making them more accessible and effective in saving lives and reducing injuries in different contexts of populations. Each National Society will continue promoting and prioritizing the first aid program and services within their respective country. The network focuses on following activities to accomplish this objective such as (1) Knowledge sharing and best practices, (2) Capacity building and training, (3)



Advocacy and policy development, (4) Research and development, and (5) Digitalization and innovation. Based on the joint resolution endorsed by the participants in the 1st SEAFAN Meeting, it was agreed that the 2nd SEAFAN would host by Indonesian Red Cross. Accordingly, the 2nd SEAFAN Meeting takes place on September 3rd and 4th, 2024, before the SEA Leaders Meeting.

The meeting will be attended by first aid representatives from the National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies across Southeast Asia. These representatives may include First Aid practitioners, program manager and other key stakeholders involved in First Aid initiatives especially those who were selected as first aid focal points during the 1st SEAFAN Meeting in October 2023. Other resources person from movement also join such as IFRC, ICRC, Global First Aid Reference Centre (GFARC) and Mental Health Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Reference Centre to synergize strategy and approaches.

The First Aid Network brings together Red Cross and Red Crescent (RCRC) representatives from South-East Asia (SEA), IFRC, ICRC and movement partners to discuss collectively supporting to achieve the First Aid Vision 2030. This network was formed as a decision from the 19th Southeast Asia Leaders meeting, hosted by Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society in Bandar Seri Begawan in 2022, which also agreed on Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society as the first chair of the network. The decision included a commitment by all leaders to invest in development of Southeast Asia National Societies capacity and resources in First Aid through peer-to-peer learning and support as well as scaling up Southeast Asia National Societies capacity in community first aid and continuing to invest in the development of commercial first aid, including utilizing digital platforms.

The 2nd SEAFAN Meeting will include a presentation from the Global First Aid Reference Centre, the MHPSS Centre, and statements from the Brunei Red Crescent and PMI. The first day will include four National Society Sharing Sessions focused on: Capacity Building and Training; Advocacy and Policy Development; Commercial First Aid, and Digitalization and Innovation. The second day will consider synergies and partnerships on first aid, community empowerment, and rehabilitation, as well as results emerging from the SEA First Aid Excellence Centre. The Meeting will culminate in the drafting of a *Joint Action Plan for the Network in 2025*.