1st to 10th RDMC Meeting Summary

1st Regional DM Cooperation meeting
Melaka, Malaysia
9-12 of August, 2001

Meeting out come:
- The prime outcome was the adoption by all participants of a Meeting Statement with four main conclusions basically confirming the relevance of regional cooperation, reflecting the underlying purposes, stipulating the desire to establish a cooperation body and expressing.

2nd Regional DM Committee meeting
Da Nang, Vietnam
16-18 of November, 2001

Meeting out come:
- Meeting outcome was the adoption by all participants of the “Framework Document for the Federations DM Cooperation in SEA”, basically regulating the Programme Framework and the Organization Framework of the cooperation mechanism.
- The Programme Framework defines four overall objectives for the cooperation mechanism and describes various activity areas under each objective, while the Organization Framework regulates the basics organization structure and the fundamental work procedures.

Main Programme Areas and Overall Objectives
On the basis of a tentative mapping and identification of development needs, as well as capacities available to meet these needs, the programme framework for the regional cooperation presently focuses on four main areas, and around four main objectives. The programme framework is intended to be supportive to the needs of individual National Societies, to ensure alignment with the Federation’s systems, and simultaneously to be ‘synchronized’ with the programme/annual appeal, as well as the functions and staff composition, of the Regional Disaster Management Unit of the SEA Regional Delegation. The main programme objectives are:

- **Objective 1**: The support to individual National Societies of the region in meeting their development needs in disaster and conflict management (DM/CM) being facilitated and increased.
- **Objective 2**: The Federation’s regional disaster response and response preparedness capacity being strengthened (for the benefit of individual NSs), and the understanding of and linkages to the Federation’s global response system being assured.
- **Objective 3**: The disaster management information systems, and the networking and knowledge sharing mechanisms within the region, being improved
- **Objective 4**: The Federation’s Regional DM cooperation framework in SEA being maintained, sustained and further developed
3rd Regional DM Committee (RDMC) meeting
Brunei
20-22 of February, 2002

Meeting out come:
The work of the four Sub-groups formed at the meeting in Brunei are each supposed to be facilitated by one staff from the Regional DM Unit.

- Objective 1, Sub-group 1 was formed and Dr Uy Sam Ath of the Cambodian RC (CRC) was appointed as chairperson/convener by NSs.
- Objective 2, Sub-group 2 was formed and initially, all National Societies appointed to Dr S. Selva Jothi of the Malaysian Red Crescent Society (MRCS) as the chairperson/convener.
- Objective 3, Sub-group 3 was formed and Ms Wantanee Kongsomboon of Thai RC was appointed by NSs as a chairperson/convener.
- Objective 4 of the regional cooperation framework, Sub-group 4 was formed and PNRC DM Manager was appointed by NSs as a chairperson/convener.

Related with objective 4; the meeting agreed that Geneva Secretariat, ICRC representatives and interested PNSs should be invited to attend the RDMC meetings.

4th Regional DM Committee (RDMC) meeting
Chonburi, Thailand
11-13 of June, 2002

Meeting out come:
- Connective with Health-in-Emergency Network with DM, and look forward to future cooperation opportunities.
- The Meeting agreed that relevant network representatives will be invited to be observers of future meeting and the RDMC will also send representatives to attend meetings of other network upon invitation.
- SEA NSs DM Managers are the committee members of the RDMC.

5th Regional DM Committee (RDMC) Meeting
Singapore
23-25 of October, 2002

Meeting out come:
- The DMIS focal persons: All National Societies have appointed DMIS focal persons from each NSs.
- Re-shaping of Sub-group 1-4

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Members: Dr Bountheung, Lao RC, Mr Y Kyaw Soe, Myanmar RC, plus new members to be appointed by the Thai and Philippine RC Societies

**Sub-group 2**

**Group Members**

**Chair:** Dr S Selva Jothi, Malaysian RC  
**Co-Chair:** Ms Connie Cheung, Singapore RC  
**Facilitator:** Mr Pepe Salmela, Regional RP Coordinator, RDMU  
**Members:** Mr John F. Mamoedi, PMI; Mr Mohd. Faizal, Malaysian RC; Mr Luis Fretias, CVTL; Mr Latifur Rahman, Indonesia Delegation; Ms Barbara Wetszig, American RC/ADPC; plus new members to be appointed by the Vietnam, Cambodian and Thai RC Societies

**Sub-group 3**

**Group Members**

**Chair:** Ms Wantanee Kongsomboon, Thai RC  
**Co-Chair:** Mr Nguyen Hung Ha, Vietnam National RC (VNRC)  
**Facilitator:** (vacant, now temporarily Ms Wantanee, Thai RC)  
**Members:** Mr Ismail Hj. Mohd Daud, Brunei RC; Mr Seo Seung Chul, Myanmar Delegation

**Sub-group 4**

**Group Members**

**Chair:** Mr James Y. Sian, Phillippine National RC (PNRC)  
**Co-Chair:** Col. Theam Poh Lim, Singapore RC  
**Facilitator:** (if not Mr Ingemar Andersson …..then vacant)  
**Members:** Ms Vu Minh Hai, Vietnam Delegation

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**6th Regional DM Committee (RDMC) Meeting**

*Bangkok, Thailand*

*14 – 16 of August, 2003*

In the meeting, four presentations on key thematic issues in the region were made:
- Community-Based Disaster Management
- Climate Change and Disaster Management
- Making cities safe before disaster strikes: Overview on urban disaster risk
- Population Movement

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**7th Regional DM Committee (RDMC) Meeting**

*Hanoi, Vietnam*

*24 - 28 of May, 2004*

Comments:
- The thematic issues presentations were long, although there was a need more time for group discussion.
- Communication between the Federation and national societies is nowadays less than before.
8th Regional DM Committee (RDMC) Meeting
Manila, Philippines
4 – 6 of October, 2004

Suggestion:
  • More affective for the meeting has to put two participants from each NSs for the next meeting

9th Regional DM Committee (RDMC) Meeting
Bangkok, Thailand
25 – 30 of April, 2005

Comment:
  • Lesson learned from NSs session is very useful and have to be presented in the next Meeting.