Since 2012, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is hosting an online library, in order to encourage learning and collaboration between National Societies in Southeast Asia. The library contains resources from National Societies of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Vietnam.

The current online resource library is accessible from https://sites.google.com/site/drrtoolsinsoutheastasia, and in order to serve the need of National Societies better, the IFRC is moving the resources to an improved platform in 2016.

Objectives
The online resource library is a knowledge and information management initiative with the main objective to connect practitioners and resources in order to:

- Encourage and facilitate peer-to-peer learning of the National Societies in the region,
- Retain institutional memory,
- Share information and knowledge in order to optimize collaboration among the National Societies, national and regional authorities, as well as technical partners.

Response on online library
“Very resourceful”
National Societies Survey Findings 2015
What is the online library?

- A collection of over 2000 resources: tools, manuals, reports and guides from South-East Asian National Societies, IFRC and other partners
- Consisting of more than 272 pages covering topics in disaster management, health, gender and diversity, youth and volunteers, migration, disaster law, advocacy, community engagement and climate change.
- Contextualized information on South-East Asia
- Open to the public
- A constant work in progress
- Containing references to www.ifrc.org and FedNet
- Connecting people and resources from the field, to regional and to global contexts

We are moving to a newly improved platform, to be launched in the first half of 2016, with new features which support usage in the regional context:

- Enabling participation of each National Societies and other IFRC staff to upload documents: to be more participatory
- Summary of each key resource, such as overview, how to use, intended audience, key words: to guide usage
- Instant translation: to allow sharing the summary of resources from one National Society to another
- Rating/ranking of resources: to guide users
- Comment and discussions: to facilitate practitioners’ sharing of knowledge and experience
- Share in social media: to widely disseminate resources

How National Societies and other partners can contribute

- Share feedback on the structure and features of the library, or
- Send resources in English or in local languages along with a short description of the resources to IFRC South-East Asia Regional Delegation, by emailing to: angeline.tandiono@ifrc.org

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