Building Urban Resilience in Southeast Asia

Philippines

The 18-month Building Urban Resilience in Southeast Asia project, funded by the European Commission’s Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO), supports Red Cross Movement partners in four countries, Cambodia, Lao, Vietnam and the Philippines, to build capacities of National Society staff, government officials, school teachers and school children, Red Cross youth and volunteers, and partners, through a coherent, regional strategy building on good practice and using innovative methods. The action emphasizes gender equity and social inclusion, among poor, vulnerable people, including people with disabilities and older people.

Outcomes

- Children and youth more resilient to disasters and have a safe and secure learning environment
- Safer behaviour, improved preparedness and social change through innovative and tailored public awareness and public education for disaster risk reduction
- Increased capacity of local government authorities and Red Cross for disaster preparedness and response through working with authorities to further build capacities and improve community-based disaster risk reduction tools

Philippines Country Profile

Since 1996, the Philippine Red Cross has been implementing disaster risk reduction (DRR) and resilience-building activities in urban and rural areas country-wide. Central to this have been efforts to strengthen community-based DRR institutions; the formation of trained volunteer teams; investment in enhancing communities’ capacities in reducing risk; and the promotion of risk reduction in schools through the ASEAN Safe Schools Initiative.

For the past several years, with support from DIPECHO (2011-2012) and EuropeAid (2013-2016), the Philippine Red Cross has collaborated with partners, the Spanish Red Cross, German Red Cross and Finnish Red Cross, to further reduce disaster risk.

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1 city (Quezon City, Metro Manila)  
8 urban public schools  
4 urban barangays  
100 Red Cross volunteers and staff  
60,559 children  
154,289 people