South-East Asia Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

REGIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY AND RESILIENCE FORUM

Monthly Update – August 2016

Hygiene promotion session by Cambodian Red Cross volunteers in Kratie Province, Cambodia (Photo credit: Chun Darat, Cambodian Red Cross in Kratie)

Peer-to-peer learning is one of the key approaches for regional cooperation in Southeast Asia Red Cross Red Crescent Societies, which consist of:

- Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society,
- Cambodian Red Cross Society,
- Lao Red Cross,
- Malaysia Red Crescent Society,
- Myanmar Red Cross Society,
- Indonesian Red Cross Society,
- Philippine Red Cross,
- Singapore Red Cross Society,
- The Thai Red Cross Society,
- Timor-Leste Red Cross Society,
- Viet Nam Red Cross Society.

The regional Red Cross and Red Crescent societies have been taking part in networks for regional cooperation.

The Regional Community Safety and Resilience Forum (RCSRF), Gender and Diversity network, South-East Asia Youth Network as well as Disaster Law network are key for this regional cooperation. IFRC is also providing inputs for sharing information with Asia Pacific Migration Network. Terms of Reference (TOR) of some of these networks are:

- Regional Community Safety and Resilience Forum – TOR
- South-East Asia Gender and Diversity Network - TOR
- South-East Asia Youth Network (SEAYN) - TOR
Zika virus situation in Southeast Asia

Introduction and symptoms
The Zika virus is transmitted by the Aedes aegypti mosquito, which is also known to carry the dengue, yellow fever and Chikungunya viruses. First detected in Africa in 1947, it baffled health experts in the second half of 2015 by spreading quickly through Central and South America. The Zika virus is spreading rapidly in Latin America, and Asian governments have issued advisories in a bid to contain. Zika virus is a member of Flavivirus, divided into African and Asian lineage. **Symptoms of Zika fever commonly present with fevers, mild headaches, skin rashes, conjunctivitis and joint pain** and it is transmitted by Aedes mosquito (the mosquito-borne disease) which could be linked to birth defects and can cause temporary paralysis. Incubation period in human is 4-7 days. Extrinsic incubation period in Aedes species is about 10 days. While lacking complete clinical evidence, doctors and researchers increasingly suspect Zika is connected to cases of microcephaly -- a neurological disorder in which infants are born with smaller craniums and brains. Generally, Zika is rarely fatal, with patients usually recovering on their own in about a week. There is no vaccine or specific cure for the disease. Zika key facts are available on the [WHO’s website](https://www.who.int/).

Risks analysis focusing Southeast Asia
World Health Organisation (WHO) officials say the disease is likely to have spread far more widely in South-east Asia than the number of cases suggests. Meanwhile, The WHO’s Western Pacific Region Office in Manila said as long as Aedes mosquitoes circulated in the region "It can be anticipated that the virus will emerge". Additionally, Asian governments have issued advisories in preventing and controlling the mosquito-borne disease. Thailand is the worst-hit country in South-east Asia, with nine Zika cases uncovered between 2012 and 2016 in various provinces. Last week, the northern province of Chiang Mai’s San Sai district found two more Zika virus patients, bringing the number of infected people found there to nine. Chiang Mai public health office deputy chief said the two new cases were a Maejo University student living in within the campus and an elderly person in Tambon Nong Han, both of whom were diagnosed for Zika virus on Thursday. So, we would like to urge the National Societies in Mekong Region especially Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam to prepare for and engage with communities in providing the public health education and awareness campaigns and increase the surveillance system in each country.

Measure for preventions/ Preparedness notes
“Protect Yourself, Your Family, and Community from Mosquitoes”
Some measures and warnings have been raised to:

- Advise pregnant women to consider deferring non-essential travel to Zika-hit countries and reiterated its warning to the public to destroy all breeding places of mosquitoes, which can spread dengue, Zika, and other tropical diseases.
- Work to raise public awareness about ways to prevent infections, including by using insect repellents and wearing protective clothing and keeping their surroundings clean and mosquito-free.
- Suggest wearing long sleeves and pants, using mosquito sprays and avoid leaving out buckets and other containers that can catch water, destroy mosquito-breeding places, and report to medical institutions in case of developing suspected symptoms.

For more information by the following authorities on Zika Virus: WHO, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

World First Aid Day on September 10

World First Aid Day 2016 communication pack, available for National Societies to adapt to commemorate the day. [all materials link to FedNet, so log in and password are required]

- Infographics [see opposite]
- Video [see opposite]
- Social media guidance for National Societies
- Concept note
- Key messages and call to action

On 10 September 2016, the world marks World First Aid Day, an opportunity to promote first aid as one of the core activities of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) around the world. The IFRC is the largest first aid educator and provider in the world. In 2014, more than 15 million people were trained worldwide by 116 National Societies, and for more than 150 years, first aid has been one of the principal services provided by Red Cross and Red Crescent volunteers.

Themed “First aid for and by children”, we are focusing on children this year. Child injuries are a global health issue. In many countries, injuries are the leading cause of death for children after their first birthday. The IFRC recognizes children as important first aid providers and they also represent a large portion of the population that receive first aid support in emergencies. We believe that providing children with life-saving skills can help build a more resilient future generation. For more information, please contact: Pornsak.Khortwong@ifrc.org.

Red Cross Red Crescent participation in the 6th ASEAN-ERAT Induction Course

During 20-29 August 2016, the 6th ASEAN-Emergency Response & Assessment Team (ASEAN-ERAT) Induction Course was held in Subic Bay, Olongapo, in the Philippines, aiming to “prepare regional responders, with experience in emergency management and coordination, to respond to a major disaster in the ASEAN region.” One colleague from Malaysian Red Crescent and three from Philippine Red Cross attended the course together with representatives from all 10 ASEAN Member States, civil society organisations, partners organisations, ASEAN Secretariat and AHA Centre. The course consisted of class room sessions and simulation exercise as described in the programme.
AHA Centre Executive (ACE) Programme Participants visiting the Philippine Red Cross regional warehouse and logistic hub

On 15 and 19 August 2016 the ACE Programme Participants (NDMO representatives from ASEAN countries) visited PRC Tower, Mandaluyong City and PRC Regional Warehouse and Logistics Hub, Mandaue City, Philippines, as part of the 6-month long ACE Programme. The Philippine Red Cross shared its expertise and experience on various subjects: Typhoon Haiyan response and recovery programs, set up and function of the regional warehouse and logistic hub, the potential of cash transfer programming to address logistical issues, as well as the importance of donor education.

Building Urban Resilience in Southeast Asia Project

In the Philippines: A. Project launching was held on 18 July 2016 at the Convention Hall of PRC Quezon City Chapter in Diliman, Quezon City. A total of 63 participants (37 males, 26 females) attended the activity, comprising of PRC staff at NHQ and chapter levels, representatives from PNS, ECHO, and INGOs, school heads, teachers, and officials from city and barangay government. B. School project orientation has been completed in the four targeted schools in District 2 and in 1 targeted school in District 4. The orientation in the 3 remaining schools in District 4 was re-scheduled on 22 and 26 August 2016 upon the request of school heads. The activity was attended by the school principals/heads, Red Cross youth advisers, DRR focal persons, student council members, and other stakeholders.

In Laos, the Project Inception Workshop was conducted for Lao Red Cross Staff on 10-11 August, 2016. The project agreement among LRC and IFRC BKK has been signed and the project team has developed the Details Implementation Plan (DIP) and started to prepare and coordinate with stakeholders to organize the Project Kick-Off Meeting in the country in September.

In Cambodia, the Project Inception Workshop was conducted in Serei Soaphoan together with Cambodian Red Cross management, branch representatives, volunteers, government
counterparts, and non-governmental organizations. Over 40 persons participated in the 2-day event (28-29 July). On 26 July, initial coordination meetings were organized with humanitarian partners in Cambodia, e.g. Save the Children, Action Aid, and People in Need (26 July), which included discussions on possible coordination areas, and synergies between different projects (coordinated approach to ECHO support in the country).

In Vietnam, the IFRC Public Awareness and Public Education (PAPE) guides and the PAPE messages have been translated in Vietnamese. In this connection, a consultant to develop a training package on PAPE adapted to Vietnam context and to design communication campaign will be recruited soon.

2017 Planning Process

Country Cluster Support Team (CCST) Bangkok office, Cambodia and Vietnam country offices have conducted the meeting with respective National Society of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam on 2017 planning process. This is to ensure IFRC activities are based on National Societies’ needs and properly aligned against the IFRC Plan and Budget. The outputs of the meetings are the pre-planning tables by country which have been shared with IFRC Asia-Pacific Regional Office. With these inputs and the IFRC Plan and Budget, the next step is to develop and complete the CCST operational plans and operating budgets for 2017 by 31 October 2016.

Grab and IFRC partner to improve road safety and disaster response for Southeast Asia

Grab and the IFRC have announced on 18 May 2016 for a one-year partnership to promote road safety, provide emergency assistance and equip Grab fleet drivers with life-saving skills and road safety knowledge across the region. The partnership will upskill Grab drivers with first aid and road safety skills and draw on Grab’s driver fleets and call centers as a first-responder network during disaster and emergency situations. The multinational collaboration is between Grab, the IFRC and its National Societies across the region.

As part of the regional partnership, the Thai Red Cross Society (TRCS) by First Aid and Health Care Training Center agreed in principle with Grabtaxi (Thailand) Co., Ltd to provide the technical support in conducting the Basic First Aid trainings for Grab taxi drivers about 30 drivers per training course or 12 times a year. It is expected that about 360-400 taxi drivers in total will be trained and certified in the basic first aid training conducted by the First Aid experts from TRCS. Therefore, Grab drivers will be empowered to provide first aid and life-saving interventions to those in need in case of accident on the road and for self-help during emergencies. The first training on first aid will be conducted on 22 Sep 2016 in Grab Office in Bangkok.

Gender and Diversity

Lao Red Cross endorsed the Minimum Standard Commitments to Gender and Diversity in Emergency Practice
Following an extremely successful collaboration within Lao Red Cross headquarter and branch staff, the Lao Red Cross have endorsed their Minimum Standard Commitments to Gender and Diversity in Emergency Practice (MSCs). A series of three workshops brought together colleagues from different technical expertise to adapt the IFRC MSCs to the Laos context and to the work and priorities of the Lao Red Cross. The MSCs, now available in Laotian, will provide a the Lao Red Cross a key operational tool to provide guidance on the minimum standards we should be applying to our work in emergencies as well as when preparing for emergencies. This initiative was led by Ms. Ketkeo Oupalavong, Gender and Diversity Focal Point of the Lao Red Cross and Deputy Head of the Advancement for Women – Mother and Child Work Division.

Regional Southeast Asia gender and diversity training and network meeting 1-5th August

On 4-5th August, a second meeting for the Southeast Asia Regional gender and diversity network was held and chaired by Malaysian Red Crescent. This was attended by all 11 National Society focal points/representatives (3m:8f) in the region. During the 1.5 day meeting, Focal Points reflected on their personal and collective achievements and successes, since the first annual meeting in October 2015. Common challenges to integration of gender and diversity were also discussed and solutions were identified going forward. The meeting was an excellent opportunity to bring all the focal points together to better get to know one another and to share experiences and lessons learnt. A key outcome from the meeting was an updated regional action plan outlining ways to: better share information and resources among members; increase dissemination of the Minimum Standard Commitments to Gender and Diversity in Emergency Programming; and raise awareness within the National Society among staff and volunteers to Governance and Senior Leadership.

The meeting was preceded by a 2-day '7 Moves' Training, co-hosted by Malaysian Red Crescent and held at their headquarters. Norwina Eclarinal, gender and diversity focal point from Philippines Red Cross co-facilitated the training with IFRC. The training was attended by 32 participants (9m:23f) from South east Asia National Societies, Partner National Societies, ICRC and IFRC. The training was based on the IFRC Minimum Standard Commitments to Gender and Diversity in Emergency Practice, highlighting the importance of taking a gender and diversity approach and practical ways to operationalize the guidelines in disasters.

This was followed by a one-day field visit which aimed to promote the importance of partnership and collaboration within the Movement, as well as with external agencies and government, on issues related to gender and diversity. The field visit comprised presentations from the Department of Welfare: Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development on their social inclusion initiatives in Malaysia, including in times of disaster. ICRC representatives then presented on sexual violence in conflict and other situations of violence, and ICRC’s response. Participants then visited a project site of the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, which provides vocational training skills to people with disabilities. This provided the opportunity to come out of the training room and experience first-hand the importance of gender, diversity and social inclusion as an approach in all our work. Please contact Christina.Haneef@ifrc.org for further details. All the resources for the training can be found on the IFRC Southeast Asia Online library: https://sites.google.com/site/drrtoolsinsoutheastasia/gender-and-diversity/southeast-asia-refreshers-training-and-annual-network-meeting
Gender and Diversity in Healthcare Workshop

A 2-day inter-agency workshop, convened by Malaysian Red Crescent and IFRC was held on 24-25 August. There were 42 participants in total comprising Malaysian Red Crescent Headquarter and branch staff, NGOs, and Government Ministries. The workshop comprised a 1-day training based on the IFRC Minimum Standard Commitments to Emergency Practice and focused on the gender and diversity considerations in health, both in disaster and non-disaster times. On the second day, 11 high level expert panel speakers spoke on specific issues of diversity in health care including: Disability, ageing and psychosocial support in humanitarian emergencies; Dialysis & sexual reproductive maternal child health in humanitarian emergencies; The health needs and vulnerabilities of migrants in Malaysia; and HIV, TB and Prison health – breaking taboos and stigma. The outcome of the two days aimed to be greater awareness among the Malaysian Red Crescent and external agencies in Malaysia on the work being achieved in this area as well as some of the key challenges that we as a community should and can working towards together.

Disaster Law

Philippines Disaster Law Training and Nepal Peer-to-Peer Visit, 16-18 August

On 16-17 August, Philippine Red Cross hosted its first Disaster Law Training Workshop at PRC Headquarters in Manila. Co-facilitated with the IFRC’s Disaster Law Programme, the two-day training provided an interactive introduction to disaster law themes, including International Disaster Response Law (IDRL) and Law and Disaster Risk Reduction. Participants were given an introduction to advocacy and influencing skills, and how to better harness the auxiliary role of the Red Cross in national law and policy making processes. The training targeted managers and technical staff from relevant departments including Disaster Management Services, Health, International Relations, IHL, Safety Services, etc, and outlined the cross-sectoral relevance of disaster law for the departments involved. The training included special sessions delivered by guest speakers, including an overview of the existing legal framework for disaster risk management in the Philippines, delivered by the Office of Civil Defence, and a panel discussion on recent disasters and the need to better facilitate and regulate international assistance, with representatives from UNOCHA, the Department of Social Welfare and Development, and the Nepal Government on the panel.
A delegation from Nepal was visiting PRC (the same week as the Disaster Law training), to share experiences in disaster law development and its operational relevance. The delegation from Nepal included representatives from Nepal Red Cross and the Nepal Ministry of Home Affairs. In addition to joining the disaster law training and sharing their insights with PRC, a series of bilateral meetings were organized between the Nepal Delegation, PRC, IFRC and the Philippines’ Office Civil Defence, Department of Social Welfare and Development, UNOCHA, as well as key Partner National Societies working in the Philippines. PRC is taking great strides at the moment to further its work in disaster law, and harness current opportunities to work with government partners to strengthen the existing national disaster risk reduction and management law. Given the extensive experience PRC has had dealing with disasters, and the progress made by the national authorities to address disaster preparedness in its national legal and policy framework, many countries look to the Philippines to learn from their good practice. The visit from Nepal has been one of several disaster law exchanges taking place across Asia over the past twelve months, as National Societies and governments are increasingly looking to learn from one another’s challenges and good practice, in an effort to ensure they have the right frameworks in place to facilitate all aspects of disaster risk management.

Laos
Visit of IFRC Head of CCST Bangkok to the President of Lao Red Cross

On 19 August 2016, Mr. Marwan Jilani, Head of IFRC Bangkok Country Cluster Support Team (CCST) paid a courtesy visit conveying the congratulations of President Tadateru Konoe and of Secretary General Elhadj As Sy to Mr. Khamhoung Heuangvongsy, the newly appointed President of Lao Red Cross who has taken up his position in July 2016. This significant visit strengthens the good relationship and continues the excellent cooperation between the two organizations especially in the scope of organization development and disaster preparedness.

Support to Lao Red Cross in its radio programme

From Aug 3 to 12, IFRC conducted capacity building support for the Lao Red Cross (LRC) communication and fundraising department (CFD) to review its radio programme and develop a plan of action to run the programme in a more effective and systematic way to contribute to building community resilience. Specifically, the review entails desk research on existing community radio programmes in Laos, consultation meetings with the CFD, technical departments including DM, healthcare and blood centre, and the Laos National Radio. For the first time, the Red Cross also has consultation meeting with communities in two villages to find out whether the programme has been useful to them and their information needs, as well as how the programme can better meet their needs and how they can provide feedback to the Red Cross. Based on the findings, the IFRC will work with the CFD to develop a plan of action with a monitoring and evaluation framework as well as work plan.

Lao Red Cross provides relief to communities affected by flooding and landslides

Lao Red Cross is responding to landslides and flooding that has occurred across the northern part of the country over the past weeks. Earlier this August, heavy rains started pouring down in the provinces of Luangprabang, Oudomsay, Salavan and Sayabuly. More rains arrived later and the province of Xiengkhuang suffered the brunt of the rainfall.

The government reports that around 18,800 people have been affected in Oudomsay, a mountainous province in the northwest of the country in which most of the population still practices subsistence agriculture.
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Lao Red Cross has started to work with village, district and provincial authorities, to assess the damage and address the most immediate needs. Distribution of rice, food, drinking water, blankets and clothes to the most vulnerable communities has been the first priority. In addition, the Red Cross is preparing kits with hygiene items such as bars of soap, detergent, female sanitary pads, mosquito nets and water purification tablets, and basic medical items. For more information, please refer to this IFRC webstory.

The IFRC has released 128,687 Swiss francs (131,555 US dollars) from its Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to Lao Red Cross, to assist 5,000 of the most affected people in Oudomsay, an Regional Disaster Relief Team (RDRT) logistics alert was sent to the National Societies.

Thailand

Thai Red Cross Society, Thailand’s Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM) and IFRC’s meeting

IFRC had the pleasure to welcome representatives from the two agencies on 15 August 2016 for an informal meeting. Both TRCS and DDPM colleagues acknowledged the quality of the technical cooperation between their offices, including in organizing jointly the celebration of DRR Day each year in October, during the last Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) in Bangkok in June 2014 as well as in numerous joint trainings and seminars.

IFRC recognized the importance of such partnerships across various sectors of the countries and shared some good practices where NDMO and the National Society jointly convene some consultations in order to prepare for conferences such as AMCDRR, or to follow up on the implementation of their recommendations.

IFRC also shared a final draft of a report depicting the TRCS contribution to the Hyogo Framework for Action in the past years. Such report was developed with TRCS colleagues and it is hoped that it will be a useful contribution to the discussion around Sendai Framework of Disaster Risk Reduction baseline and planning. The final printed copies of the report will be available in the coming days.

Viet Nam

National Disaster Response Team (NDRT) Refresher Training

On 15 to 16 August, a refresher training was provided to 38 participants who are Viet Nam Red Cross National Disaster Response Team (NDRT) team members from the Headquarters and provinces. The topic of the training included: VNRC disaster preparedness and response activities, needs assessment, cash transfer programming, Principles and Rules for RCRC in Humanitarian Assistance; IFRC global response tools, Gender and Diversity; Sphere and discussion on revision of VNRC standard operating procedure.

Pre-disaster Meeting and Table Top Exercise

Pre-disaster meeting and table top exercise in Ha Noi. Photo credit: Vietnam News Agency
A pre-disaster meeting combined with table top exercise was organized on 18 August in Ha Noi with participation of 90 people who are representatives from national authorities (Department of Natural Disaster Prevention and Control, Disaster Management Centre, Military, Meteorological), Viet Nam Red Cross (VNRC), IFRC, PNSs, UNDP, UNICEF, USAID and media. Apart from two opening remarks by the VNRC president and the IFRC Head of CCST Bangkok, the presentations included VNRC preparedness plan, possible trend on hazards towards the end of the year, followed by a table top exercise on response mechanism.

**Myanmar**

**School Based Risk Reduction Project**

Myanmar Red Cross Society conducted awareness raising (hygiene promotion) in 3 schools, a light search and rescue session for the Red Cross volunteers. Furthermore, Myanmar Red Cross Society also planted some trees to raise global warming awareness of school students.

**Cambodia**

**Water sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programme**

**KRATIE PROVINCE**

**Hygiene Promotion Session**

On 17 to 19 Aug 2016, Cambodian Red Cross volunteers conducted village cleaning exercise.
conducted home visit and information dissemination on water treatment methods at Prek Tatheoung village, Boseleau leav of Boseleav commune, Chitr Borei district. The dissemination session consists of:

- What drinking water is and what the different sources are;
- How to make water safe for drinking with different treatment methods.

A review was conducted to assess the project activities with National Headquarters and the Project Manager in Kratie province, and they agreed to use the unspent money for construction of household sanitation and development of water sources in the villages.

### SVAY RIENG PROVINCE

**Development of water sources:**
A pond was developed to collect rain water to further fulfill the domestic requirement of the surrounding communities.

**Deep tube well with solar panel construction:**
Development of the water source for 2 villages are identified, and one deep tube well drilling is completed, while the second one is currently ongoing in the village. For procurement of solar panel and engine, quotations are received and a technical review process is currently ongoing.

### BANTEY MEAN CHEY

A total of 151 households start using the improved pour flush latrine and the construction of the rest 29 are ongoing. Hygiene promotion sessions on the use of latrine, operation and maintenance are conducted for household levels.

### Timor-Leste

**Integrated Program for Resilience Workshop with Partners**

- Plenary discussion and recommendations
- Participation of Ministry of State Administration
- Stakeholder mapping
On 12 Aug 2016, CVTL together with IFRC organized the Integrated Program for Resilience Workshop in CVTL National Headquarters, with 22 participants (7F, 15M) coming from CVTL Government agencies and NGOs. The workshop aimed to increase awareness of Red Cross and its integrated program, conduct a stakeholder mapping, leading to strengthened collaboration and coordination among partners and governments to avoid duplication in future project implementation.

**Arrival and Departure**

- **Mirva Helenius**, the new Communication Delegate has joined the Bangkok CCST starting from 29 Aug 2015, to replace Katherine Bundra-Roux.
- **Hung Ha Nguyen**, the new Disaster Risk Management Delegate has joined the office starting from 5 Sep 2016, to replace Sanjeev Kafley.

**Publications**

- **Thai Red Cross Society contribution to implementing the Hyogo Framework for Action 2006-2013** by the Thai Red Cross Society, IFRC, Canadian Red Cross and Government of Canada
- **Reaching Out**, by Malaysian Red Crescent Society, IFRC, Canadian Red Cross and Government of Canada

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**Knowledge and Information Management – Online Library**

The Southeast Asia RCRC societies online library at [https://sites.google.com/site/drrtoolsinsoutheastasia](https://sites.google.com/site/drrtoolsinsoutheastasia) is being improved with more participatory and user-friendly features. This is done in close collaboration with IFRC Geneva. The new domain address will be announced at the training and launching scheduled to take place in the end of September 2016. For this, we are working closely with the contracted web developer.
Analytics of library usage: Within August 2016, the online library has an increase of users (158% from 239 to 618 users) and page views (185% from 831 to 2,372 page views) comparing to the same period in 2015, which highlights the significantly growing usage of the online library from the Southeast Asian countries. Interestingly, this period features high access from UK, US, and India, apart from Southeast Asia countries in the top 10 countries where most of the audience are accessing from. The most accessed pages include: Information, Education and Communication (IEC); Philippines; Gender and Diversity Resource Library, Vietnam and Climate Change Adaptation Training Kit 2016.

New additions in the current online library:
- Southeast Asia Refreshers Training and Annual Network Meeting in Kuala Lumpur | 1-5 August 2016
- Zika Virus
- First Aid
- 4^th SEAYN Annual Meeting and Youth in School Safety (YSS) Facilitators’ Training | 5-9 Sep 2016

Thank you for providing us with resources which we could share in the online library from the National Societies and other partners. To reach us, please contact angeline.tandiono@ifrc.org
Weather Forecast

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Meteorological agency in the respective South-East Asian countries:
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- Cambodia
- Indonesia
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Source: IFRC
IRI’s weather forecast Sep to Nov 2016
### Upcoming events for September to November 2016

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