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
Southeast Asia Regional Lessons Learnt Workshop on School Safety Initiative and School-Based Disaster Risk Reduction

The Southeast Asia Regional Lessons Learnt Workshop on School Safety Initiative and School-Based Disaster Risk Reduction was organized in Bangkok on 15-16 September 2016 by IFRC-CCST in collaboration with Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) as part of the ASEAN Safe School Initiative (ASSI) and in collaboration with the Asia-Pacific Coalition for School Safety (APCSS).

With participants from Southeast Asia National Societies, government agencies, international NGOs and private sector, the workshop aimed to identify the key learning points for further interventions in school safety and what can be collectively achieved through collaboration among various stakeholders. The workshop featured a good example of a multi-stakeholder partnership was presented from Thailand, where Thai Red Cross Society, private sector, national government agencies and the national school safety network as well as Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC) all work together in strong collaboration for school safety.

The National Societies in the region shared their good practices in school safety, highlighting the role of youth engagement in school safety initiatives. For more information, see the web story and presentations in the online library.

Third Disaster Risk Management Conference

From 12-23 September, 10 National Societies in Southeast Asia attended the 3rd Disaster Risk Management Conference in Seoul, Korea. Alongside other National Societies from Asia-Pacific, IFRC offices and key partners, they discussed strategic and technical issues related to disaster risk management (DRM) and resilience. Highlights of the event included the official launch of the Asia Pacific Reference Centre on Disaster Risk Reduction and Community Resilience (see the web story and the YouTube video) and the finalization of the Asia Pacific DRM Strategy for 2016-2020 (see below).

IFRC Bangkok CCST supported the gender and diversity presentation at the conference as presented by a DM colleague from Australian Red Cross.

Participants also discussed the draft IFRC Action Statement to be presented at the upcoming AMCDRR in India in November.

Finally, as a side event to the conference, National Societies from Southeast Asia held a short meeting to discuss the newly-adopted One ASEAN One Response declaration by ASEAN Heads of States.

The Regional DRM Strategy 2016-2020, see one-pager summary (Draft) | Full text (Draft) | Log frame (Draft)

For more information on the Conference, please visit this website.
International Day for Disaster Reduction and ASEAN Day for Disaster Management

The celebration will take place on 13 October 2016, the following is the list of celebrations of some of the National Societies in Southeast Asia:

- **Cambodia**: Nationally, Cambodian Red Cross will join the government/NCDM event in the capital, Phnom Penh (26 or 27 October, to be confirmed). It will also host their own celebration in Pursat province in the third week of October with the expected participation of 400 people.

- **Lao PDR**: Lao Red Cross is planning an event on October 13 in Khammuan province with a display stall for first aid demonstration and first aid service by volunteers; mini photo exhibition; distribution of t-shirts, fans, and six disaster risk reduction comics, and a possible marathon of 3-4 km.

- **Indonesia**: As part of the week’s agenda organised by the government of Indonesia (BNPB), Palang Merah Indonesia (PMI) will deliver three sessions (on disaster research, DRR and climate change adaptation, and resilience in cities and villages), take part in a simulation exercise, conduct a mangrove planting event, and host a display booth promoting PMI’s activities in disaster risk reduction.

- **Malaysia**: Malaysian Red Crescent is planning to launch the annual World Disaster Report, followed by a three-day workshop for NGOs and government agencies and branches, themed, ‘Enhancing Disaster Coordinating Mechanisms with Civil Society’ for about 50-60 participants.

- **Myanmar**: Nationally, Myanmar Red Cross Society will participate in the government (Relief and Resettlement Department) event. This will include a display booth at the event with DRR-related IEC materials and photo display. Regionally, in Yangon, Myanmar Red Cross, along with the local authorities, will organize a celebration highlighting the success of DRR programming in the region and its continued importance. In townships, Myanmar Red Cross will organize essay and painting contests and celebration events with DRR education talks, awareness activities, community participation in competitions with prizes.

- **Thailand**: Thai Red Cross Society is preparing an exhibition booth promoting community based disaster risk reduction activities, games with prizes, and distribution of IEC materials such as the Mr Radar comic, CDs, posters, and disaster awareness activity books. At provincial level, Thai Red Cross will hold a mangrove-planting event.

- **Timor-Leste**: CVTL is organising a workshop with government and other DRR actors, on the dissemination of the DRR Sendai Framework and to establish what Timor-Leste has to do to comply with the Sendai Framework. After the workshop Red Cross Youth will perform a drama performance. At district level, CVTL is planning to engage community radio stations to spread the information about the importance of DRR and CVTL will invite communities affected by El Nino to share their experience on facing drought and how they cope with it through local radio.

- **Viet Nam**: Viet Nam Red Cross Society is planning a full day of activities on October 13 in Tam Ky, a coastal city in Quang Nam province. The day will start with a bicycle and motorbike rally, followed by a meeting with speakers from government agencies responsible for disaster management; presentations by members of the community to share their experiences related to disaster risk reduction; performances from students on DRR-related topics. Finally, there will be a simulation on disaster preparedness by staff, volunteers and community members. The day before, VNRC will host a Disaster Law dissemination workshop and school DRR contest for parents and students.

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- **At regional level**: The regional project profile including 4 targeted countries has been published and distributed to program countries (Cambodia, Philippines and Lao PDR). The project agreements among IFRC and Spanish, German, Finnish and Lao Red Cross have been signed and completed the first payment to all PNSs. A regional public awareness and public education workshop will be held on 18-20 Oct, 2016 in Manila. A consultant on Behavior Communication for Change has been recruited to facilitate and design, together with two co-facilitators from the Philippine Red Cross, the appropriate tools and session for participants.
- **In the Philippines**: The activities for this month focused on strengthening and building capacity to the chapter based Red Cross Volunteers (RCV) and conducting training to the focal teachers and students, with the main purpose to increase the level of awareness, skill and knowledge of the volunteers and RC 143 focal teachers in terms of disaster preparedness, managing and retention of Red Cross Youth (RCY) volunteers in the schools and eventually response in any emergency cases when the need arises.

- **In Lao PDR**: The project team has developed the Details Implementation Plan (DIP) and prepared as well as coordinated with stakeholders to organize the Project Kick Off Meeting in country on 4 October 2016.

- **In Cambodia**: The team organized RCY and RCV groups in schools and communities, and conducted the initiation of activities in Schools – orientation and trainings for RCVs and RCYs (Red Cross Movement and First Aid), by coordinating with District and Provincial Authorities in Bantaey Meanchey and Serei Soaphan.

- **In Vietnam**: A consultant was hired to support GRC/VNRC in the development a training package about public awareness and public education adapted to Vietnam, and to design communication campaign. The selection of the five implementation wards in Quy Nhon City has been conducted. The selection involved a national consultant, GRC, VNRC chapter staffs and ward authorities’ representatives. A consultancy team for the development of the GIS Disaster Preparedness Mapping methodology has been recruited in August: the team consists in two experts in Community Based DRR and two experts in GIS mapping who previously supported the national DMC (Disaster Management Committee).

### 2017 Planning Process

The planning process for 2017 Operational Plan is progressing. The CCST Bangkok office and the country offices has been developing the operational plan, operating budget, monitoring and evaluation and activity plans. All the plans and budget will be completed by 20 October 2016.

### Youth and Volunteering

**Youth in School Safety (YSS) Facilitators Training**

First time in the Southeast Asia Region, Youth in School Safety (YSS) Facilitators Training has been held in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia from September 5-8, followed by the 4th SEAYN annual meeting from September 8-9 hosted by the Malaysian RC and with the support of IFRC CCST Bangkok.

Altogether 21 participants (6 F/15 M) joined the training from all 11 National Societies and become certified young facilitators. Participants used the Facilitators Step to Step Guide developed by the IFRC Bangkok and demonstrated their practice at two schools in Kuala Lumpur. This exercise received positive feedback from schools, as the training was very children–friendly with all role plays and simulations by promoting students’ creativity in school safety. On top of that, it strengthens the relations between teachers, students and parents and Red Cross Red Crescent Youth. All the young facilitators committed to join the next step: application to all individual National Society. YSS Facilitators guide will be revised according to the feedback of participants and Southeast Asia context. See the training report.

**4th Southeast Asia Youth Network Meeting**

After YSS training, the 4th SEAYN annual meeting was inaugurated with the opening speech from Dr Sayed, Malaysian RC Secretary General with the attendance of 18 SEAYN members. The meeting reviewed successes and challenges of SEAYN throughout 2015-2016.

The YSS application into individual countries were discussed and all National Societies signed up to initiate a discussion with relevant programmes. The meeting also saw discussion of School Safety mapping initiative, followed by a social media training. As a result, a new SEAYN Facebook Page was open by addressing the issue of the former which is not user-friendly. All members committed to use social media in a very active way by inviting all national youths for an advocacy of youth action and development. Finally action plan 2016-2017 was developed with four
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categories: 1) Advocacy, 2) Youth and volunteer management, 3) Youth empowerment Programme, 4) Peer to Peer support, Partnership and Fundraising. The SEAYN Chairmanship was then handed over to the Philippine RC and new coordination team was nominated with Singapore RC as Deputy Chair and CVTL as Officer. All members recognised that the sustainability of the network depends on their engagement, commitment and their service delivery into community safety and resilience. For more information, see the report of the meeting.

Laos

DREF Operation: Lao Red Cross’ relief provision to communities affected by flooding and landslides

The floods have presented some access challenges including due to damaged roads such as this one in Mokveing village, Bang District, Oudomxay Province. Photo Credit: IFRC

Lao Red Cross conducts an assessment in one of the affected villages with support of an RDRT member deployed from Thailand. Photo Credit: IFRC

Heavy rains, which started pouring on 11 August 2016 and continued to 20 August 2016, have caused flooding in five provinces of Lao People’s Republic. A Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) allocation of CHF 128,687 was approved on 27 August 2016 to enable the IFRC to support Lao Red Cross (LRC) in providing food, non-food items and hygiene items as well as undertake hygiene promotion activities for the benefit of 5,000 affected people in Oudomxay province (the most affected province).

The total number of people affected stood at 12,242 (as of 23 Sep 2016) in which Oudomxay was confirmed to be the hardest hit and LRC’s operation targeted area.

The LRC is leading the implementation of this operation with technical support from IFRC, in particular, through the deployment of a Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) member from the Thai Red Cross Society for an initial period of one month, as well as the deployment of a logistics staff member from the IFRC Country Cluster Team (CCST) in Bangkok for 10 days. LRC also ensured gender and diversity inclusion (particularly for people living with disability, lactating and pregnant women, and women and girls in general) in discussion with IFRC CCST and this highlights their responsiveness to our recommendations to both the assessment approach and the delivery of relief items especially menstrual hygiene kits.

LRC took the opportunity of a national workshop with all LRC branches taking place from 29-31 August 2016 to arrange technical meetings for LRC colleagues from the Oudomxay branch office, focusing on the main features of the operation, its requirements and related plan of action.

Furthermore, LRC leadership visited Oudomxay from 3-7 September 2016 as part of a high-level visit together with government officials. The following week was dedicated to the establishment of an LRC taskforce among departments at national level to manage this flood operation. Detailed assessments in the field for beneficiary selection were initiated on 12 September 2016, along with a survey of rice suppliers in Oudomxay province to inform the planned tendering process. For more information on the DREF operations, see this operation update.
Thailand

Grab and Thai Red Cross Society conduct First Aid training to improve road safety and disaster response

Following the partnership framework between Grab and IFRC to improve road safety and disaster response in Southeast Asia, on 22 September 2016, the Thai Red Cross Society (TRCS) - First Aid and Health Care Training Center with IFRC CCST Bangkok facilitated together with GRABTAXI (THAILAND) Co., LTD to conduct the Basic First Aid trainings for Grab taxi drivers and GRAB bikes. The first training on first aid was successfully conducted in GRAB Office at Thanapoom Tower which located in Petchaburi Road, Makkasan, Bangkok. A total of 32 GRAB taxi drivers / GRAB bikes took part in that training and actively participated in the practical sessions of first aid to save lives. The second training will conducted again in November 2016 according to the plan and the timeframe agreed with TRCS.

Enhancing Disaster Risk Reduction Capacity in Thailand

Thai Red Cross (TRC) conducted a GIS meeting with all alliances on 21 September 2016 to collect the feedback of GIS implementation from the 1st phase of the project from all alliances to report back to TRC’s IT steering committee. The results of meeting are:

- The members of alliances provided positive feedback and would like to apply the system from the 1st phase to current flood situation.
- All alliances will give the written feedback to TRC Relief and Community Health Bureau by mid - October 2016
- After receiving the feedback, TRC’s GIS team will propose the feedback/recommendation to TRC’s IT steering committee on 18 November 2016 (meeting date for steering committee)

TRC will start collecting primary data for communities and schools (under project result 3) in order to select the target area to implement the community based DRR and school based DRR components.
Thai Red Cross provides First Aid training for migrant workers from Myanmar

On 4 September Thai Red Cross inaugurated provision of First Aid trainings for migrant workers from Myanmar. This activity was a part of the IOM Thailand project on building skills and capacities of low skilled migrant workers from Myanmar. The traditional First Aid training module has been specially adapted to the specific needs of migrant workers who are mainly employed as domestic helpers, nannies and caregivers. To read the story please click here.

This migrant-sensitive module in Thai and Burmese languages will be further rolled out in forthcoming First Aid trainings for Thai and migrant domestic workers in October and November 2016.

Viet Nam
Drought and Saltwater Intrusion Operations Review Workshop

More than 130 delegates gathered in Hanoi on Friday, 30 September 2016, to review the drought and saltwater intrusion operations in Central, Central Highland and Lower Mekong River Basin provinces. Delegates represented International Organizations, NGOs, Ministries, the Steering Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention and Control and VNRC at various levels. The aim of the workshop was to share lessons learned, review challenges and reward organizations and individuals who had great effort in resource mobilisation and implementation of the operation in which the IFRC was among organizations received reward from the Minister of Agricultural and Rural Development (MARD) for financial and technical contributions toward the operation. Through this operation, VNRC has managed to mobilized up to USD 4.3 million and assist almost 80,000 households accounted for almost 10% of the Emergency Appeal launched by the government of Viet Nam.

Myanmar
School Based Disaster Risk Reduction (SBDRR) Project

Myanmar Red Cross Society requested for project extension until December 2016, the approval from the donor (Hong Kong Red Cross) is in process.

The evaluation of SBDRR project has been completed. The overall of evaluation result has achieved an adequate level of successful. The school children and teachers got knowledge on awareness, preparedness, prediction and early warning systems of a natural disaster on school. The pilot project applied Comprehensive School Safety framework consisting of three pillars. The set of recommendations is presented for the SBDRR project. The suggestion from evaluation team as follow:

- The communication and information sharing among school teachers and students should be improved
- The training material should be fit with students’ grade and age, while the training period has to match with school schedule
- The Red Cross Volunteer from each township should be trained for TOT SBDRR training
The participants criteria for school training should be identified before conduct the training.

SBDRR project is really effective for children and their community, for this reason, it should be extended at the mainstream schools.

**Publications**

- **Case study:** Embracing social media: Timor-Leste Red Cross and Indonesian Red Cross link to learn by IFRC, PMI and CVTL.

- **Case study:** Community engagement and accountability minimum standards: formulation and integration into the work of the Myanmar Red Cross (Sep 2016)

- **Programme profile:** Integrated school flood preparedness programme by Malaysian Red Crescent Society and IFRC (2016)

- **International first aid and resuscitation guidelines 2016** in Vietnamese, see English version

**Knowledge and Information Management – Resilience Library**

We are migrating the Southeast Asia RCRC societies online library at https://sites.google.com/site/drrtoolsinsoutheastasia to the Southeast Asia Resilience Library at http://www.rcrc-resilience-southeastasia.org/ with more participatory and user-friendly features, more updates will be informed at a later stage. With this change going, BOTH of the platforms are active and in use at present.

**Analytics of library usage:** Within August 2016, the online library has an increase of users (91% from 200 to 573 users) 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 US, India, and Nepal, apart from Southeast Asia countries in the top 10 countries where most of the audience are accessing from.

The most accessed pages include: Southeast Asia Regional Lessons Learnt Workshop on School Safety Initiative, School Based Risk Reduction, Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction, and Climate Change Adaptation Training Kit 2016.

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