Introduction to Disaster Law – Part 2
ACE Programme 2017
Overview of the session: Part 2

- Theme 2: Law and DRR
- Background, multi-country study, DRR checklist
- Disaster Law developments in South East Asia and role of RCRC
- Country case study: Indonesia
- Wrap up, questions, comments
Why law and DRR? Experience highlights the importance of legal frameworks for DRR

Vietnam:

• Seen the benefits of having strong laws / regulations for DRR in terms of saving lives.

• Legislation on early warning, the establishment of dykes, drains (prevent flooding) and safe shelters and community awareness activities = a substantial reduction in lives lost from flooding and storms.

• The flood level in the Mekong Delta in 2011 was similar to 2000 BUT the number of deaths from floods dropped from 600 down to 60.
What has IFRC been doing to address this?  
Multi-Country Report

IFRC and UNDP launched a global study in 2014 looking at 31 countries:

- Examples of good practice legal provisions
- What helps or hinders implementation
- Recommendations for reviewing or drafting laws
- Aim to support legislators, public administrators and development practitioners to prepare and implement legal frameworks for DRR
Findings: Role of Disaster Risk Management laws

- Define roles and responsibilities at different levels
- Provide budget allocation for DRR
- DRR as a priority in law and policies
- Support DRR education and awareness

DRM law
Findings: sectoral laws are equally important!

Mainstreaming DRR

- Building codes
- Land Use planning
- Environment
- Climate change adaptation
- Education

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Background: where did this idea come from?

HFA Priority 1 – DRR – a national and local priority through: “policy, legislative and institutional frameworks for disaster risk reduction”

Resolution 7 - International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in 2011 – calls on states to review existing legal frameworks for DRR
**Disaster Law: International Commitments**

Sendai Framework for DRR: focus on DRR legislation and IDRL Guidelines

Resolution 6 on Disaster Law, 2015
New tools: The Checklist on Law and DRR

- A succinct and easy to use tool to support the strengthening of legal frameworks for DRR by:
  - Drawing on key findings of the multi-country study
  - To help guide a review and revision process of laws and regulations for DRR
  - For use by lawmakers, NDMOs, RCRC Societies, other DRR advocates
  - Handbook also prepared to guide implementation of the checklist
True or False?

- If you have a good disaster management law, your legal framework for DRR is complete
- Answer: False
Key points to remember!

✓ Disaster management laws are important: BUT other sectoral laws are equally as important for risk reduction

✓ Effective laws and regulations serve as a foundation for building community resilience and making people safer

✓ The Checklist on Law and Disaster Risk Reduction provides guidance for reviewing and improving legal frameworks for DRR – so please go ahead and use it! 😊
What is the role of the IFRC’s Disaster Law Programme?

- Technical assistance
- Advocacy
- Research and capacity building
**Disaster Law Progress in Southeast Asia**

**PRC and Govt working on review of DM law and DL trainings for communities**

**IDRL Study, DRR study**
- Contribution to NDRF
- DM law review in 2018?

**IDRL Study, Support to Climate Change Law 2017**
- DM Law 2018

**IDRL Study, DRR Law study**
- Adopted new DM law in 2015
- Community Level dissemination

**IDRL workshop – Int. Asst. Guideline**

**IDRL and DRR study, adopted DM law in 2013**
- Community Level Dissemination

**New DM law and rules, IDRL Research in Progress**

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What disaster law work have SEA National Societies been doing?

- **Malaysia**
  - National workshop on (legal) preparedness with govt and OCHA, considering development of new DM law

- **Singapore**
  - Contributing to regional initiatives

- **Brunei Darussalam**
  - Sensitization and enhancing relations with government
South East Asia: Leaders in Disaster Law!
Thank you!

Comments?

Questions?
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