2018 Southeast Asia
GENDER AND DIVERSITY NETWORK
Meeting and Training
Summary Report

July 10 - 12, 2018
Bangkok, Thailand
OVERVIEW

3 Days
July 10-12, 2018
Bangkok, Thailand

9 National Societies

23 Participants
17 Women, 6 Men

10 Sessions
Key Sessions included:
Protection, Gender, and Inclusion Overview; SGBV in Emergencies;
Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse; Advocacy and Partnerships; and Behavior Change Communication (Communication for Development)
OBJECTIVES

1. To follow-up on the sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) prevention and response plan developed by the Network in response to IFRC’s Sexual and Gender Based Violence in Emergencies training module, with focus on the following three areas:
   - implementing behavior change communication with communities on violence prevention
   - building sustainable partnerships with external actors on SGBV prevention and response during disasters and other crises
   - strengthening internal National Society efforts toward prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse

2. To bring together members of the Southeast Asia Gender and Diversity network to share experiences, update knowledge, discuss issues/problems, and identify solutions. A key outcome of the network meeting will also be to discuss key achievements, the future of the Network, hold elections for a new Chair, and review its terms of reference for strengthened relevance. The meeting also aimed to strengthen the linkages between the Gender and Diversity Network, the Southeast Asia Youth Network and the Community-based Health and First Aid (CBHFA) Network

3. To review changes in the revised Minimum Standard Commitments on Protection, Gender and Inclusion in Emergencies, how to implement these Minimum Standard Commitments, and better link them to the existing Network Work Plan on SGBV Prevention and Response

2018 SOUTHEAST ASIA GENDER AND DIVERSITY NETWORK MEETING AND TRAINING
The Network discussed updates on gender and diversity programming in the SEA National Societies, sharing specific accomplishments and challenges from the past year, and planning the way forward for the coming year (see full report from National Societies for more information). The Network voted to re-elect Norwina Eclarinal, the G+D focal point for Philippines Red Cross, as the Network Chair.

The Network committed to better attendance of monthly Skype calls in order to continue the momentum of the network, and to submit more regularly to IFRC’s monthly newsletter in order to create more visibility of each National Society’s work on protection, gender, and inclusion.

Network Meeting
July 10, 2018
"THE ROOT CAUSE OF SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IS GENDER INEQUALITY"
Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Advocacy Training

Following the network meeting, the two day training on sexual and gender-based violence focused on revisiting key concepts in order to reiterate and clarify the complex subject. The training aimed to equip National Societies with the tools to advocate for the importance of SGBV in emergencies both within their National Societies and externally. The training also explored the link to behavior change communication and the necessity to challenge deep-rooted gender societal gender-inequality. Prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse and an overview of protection, gender, and inclusion were also discussed.
Next Steps

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 16 Days of Activism, Nov 25-Dec 10, 2018
- International Women’s Day March 2019: Social Media Campaign

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PLEDGE FOR 2019

NETWORK ACTIVITIES

- Child Protection Webinar
- August Online Network Meeting to discuss National Societies PGI activities for coming year

SENIOR LEADERSHIP/ MANAGEMENT SENSITIZATION

- communication letters
- trainings/events