



20th Annual Southeast Asia RCRC Leaders Meeting Phnom Penh Statement Update





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20th SEA Leaders Meeting, hosted by Cambodia Red Cross Society, 21-22nd September 2023 and **2nd SEA Youth Forum**

Acknowledges increasingly interconnected nature of humanitarian issues, including health in emergencies, disasters, climate change and migration, calling for innovative solutions and active roles for National Societies in preparedness and response efforts

Reaffirms the importance of collective action and knowledge-sharing among SEA National Societies, especially in responding to crises and disasters, and outlines plans for future cooperation and capacity-building initiatives.

Key outcomes: 2nd SEA Youth Forum's Outcome Statement endorsed supporting youth empowerment in humanitarian innovation, SEA RCRC Leaders' ongoing commitment to climate action, collaboration within the RCRC Movement, and engagement with ASEAN to strengthen community resilience.

Empowerment of RCRC Youth





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Each NS has implemented its own youth development plan with strong commitment to engage youth in the humanitarian innovation activities.



CRC conducted:

one ToT refresher course for 75 youth advisors coming from 24 universities in Phnom Penh





Empowerment of RCRC Youth



- Organized one youth camp on climate resilience
- One televised round table discussion on reproductive health



- several contests on healthy lifestyle, climate change, green environment, road safety, etc...



Empowerment of RCRC Youth



- *More than 30 thousand RCY has recruited in school-year 2023-2024*



- *RCY activities are motivated and encouraged by the peer activities in helping and educating.*



Empowerment of RCRC Youth



- Two youth participated in the IFRC Limitless Youth Innovation Academy to address the excessive use of plastic. One youth is among the top 20 out of 1,000 videos
- One youth volunteer will be one of the CRC delegates to the GA, CoD and IC in October, in Geneva.
- RCY from CRC, PMI, Thailand and Timor Leste initiated a SEAYN virtual tour in March.





Empowerment of RCRC Youth



Thai Red Cross

- Hosted from 27/4/24 to 3/5/24 RCYN HACKLAB Workshop with 120 RCY volunteers and staff from Italy, China, Hong Kong, Macau and SEA RCRC Youth including 3 from CRC.





Empowerment of RCRC Youth



Vietnam Red Cross

Organized RCY camp under theme “GREEN VOLUNTEER-for a safe and kindness community” from 13-15 August with 500 participants, including 30 RCY and youth staff from the Red Cross of China, Hong Kong, Macau, Republic of Korea, Japan, CRC, Lao, Malaysian RC, PMI, Singapore, and Thailand.





Climate and Environmental Charter



- **‘Say no to plastic bags’** MoU signed with MoE



- **Signed Climate and Environment Charter** January 2024 and set targets



- **Sustainability workshop**
- **Health and health hub**



Cambodian Red Cross

Climate and Environmental Charter



- *As one of the signatories of the Environment and Climate Charter (October 2023), The CRC targets and indicator was shared with the Ministry of Environment, before submitting the plan of action (targets and indicators in August 2024). CRC commits to implement 4 commitments out of seven (No. 1, 2, 3 and 5).*
- *An induction workshop by Official from Ministry of Environment on carbon neutral by 2050.*
- *MoU on “Today, no single use plastic bags” was signed between CRC and Ministry of Environment*



Climate and Environmental Charter

- Dissemination to raise awareness on “Together with CRC for Healthy and Climate Resilience Communities” has been conducted throughout 2024. So far, 38,461 community families, and 20,496 students at 25 universities in the capital have been reached.
- CRC participated in “Green Sprout Exhibition” organized by the Ministry of Environment and distributed more than 500 saplings to general publics.





Climate and Environmental Charter



- Continue to preserve, protect and care for 2,460 trees at the “CRC Millennium Park” established in 1999 in Angkor Wat Compound, Siemreap, and CRC park with 3,200 trees, planted in 2022-2023, (particularly by the SEA RCRC Delegations) at the Buddhist Cultural Center at Kirirom National Park in Kampong Speu province.

- CRC has actively participated in the government campaign to plant one million trees per year.





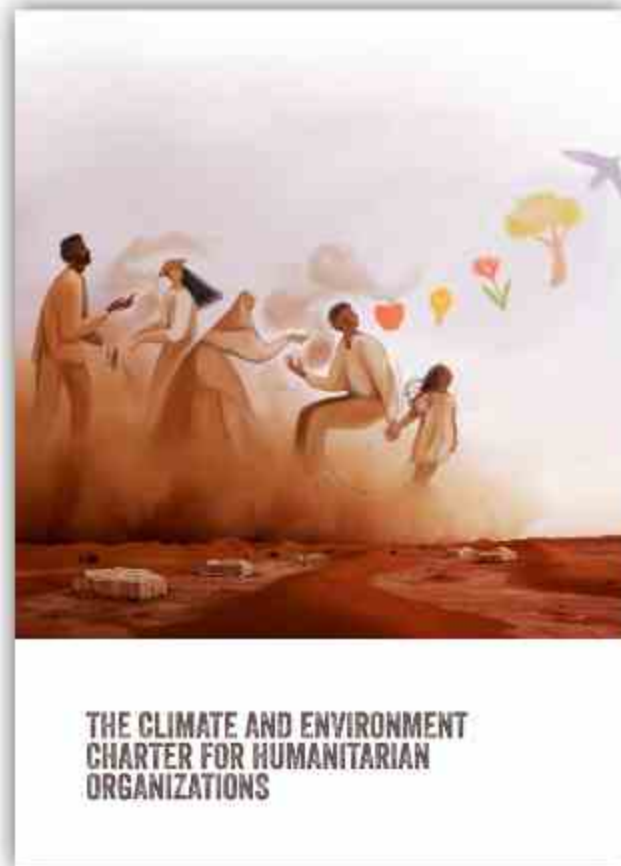
Climate and Environmental Charter



Thai Red Cross

Signed the Charter on 11 January 2024, and declared targets to reduce impacts from climate change and environmental deterioration as follows:

- ☐ Reduce greenhouse gas and waste through reducing, reusing and recycling*
- ☐ Increase environmental policies and sustainability in the operations and activities with effective outcomes.*
- ☐ Increase energy efficiency and use of renewable energy in facilities and infrastructure projects.*
- ☐ Promote environmental sustainability awareness and disseminate policies and guidelines on environment and mitigation of impact from climate change to staff and volunteers.*





Climate and Environmental Charter



Singapore Red Cross

- Established an Innovation & Sustainability Working Group in 2023 to look into sustainability and green initiatives within the organization*
- Planting of 75 trees in Coney Island, Singapore for SRC's 75th Anniversary*
- Exploring ways to measure carbon footprints across different programs and activities in the organization*
- Conducted a Heat Management Training for migrant workers in Singapore*
- Involvement in the SEA Heat Health Hub: SRC is working together with the NUS*



Climate and Environmental Charter



Singapore Red Cross

Heat and Performance Resilience Centre as part of the steering committee for the Southeast Asia Heat Health Hub, which is a sub-regional hub of the Global Heat Health Information Network.



The GHINN is a network of technical experts and academics working on heat health and were part of the drafting committee for the UN SG's call to action on extreme heat. The SEA Heat Health Hub hopes to engage SEA NS to translate expert knowledge into practical actions on the ground.



Collaboration as a Movement in SEA



- *CRC and Lao RC has continued the cross-border cooperation on migrants' access to ARV and health services. The project supported by the Italian RC through IFRC came to its end in the end of August.*





Collaboration as a Movement in SEA



- *CRC take part in the NCDM development of the National Action Plan for Disaster Risk Reduction 2024-2028, aligning with the Sendai Framework. And in the development of the EW4A Roadmap. CRC participated in the stakeholder's consultation meeting and initiated proposal writing on EW4A to the IFRC.*
- *CRC is to start in September the implementation of MoU with the IFRC Early Warning Action focusing on Climate Action and people centered early warning and early/anticipatory action (EWEA) for weather-and climate-related hazards (with funding support from the Irish AID)*



Collaboration as a Movement in SEA



1. CRC with the funding support from IFRC conducted Cambodia Migration and Displacement Need Assessment in four selected provinces.

2. CRC has been implementing WASH project funded by the Singapore RC targeting three provinces. The construction is on-going and expected to be finished as planned.





SEA Engagement in IFRC Governance



Agree to a standard agenda item to discuss SEA engagement in IFRC Governance with interim meetings in between to discuss specific agenda items

Virtual SEA leaders meeting held June 2024



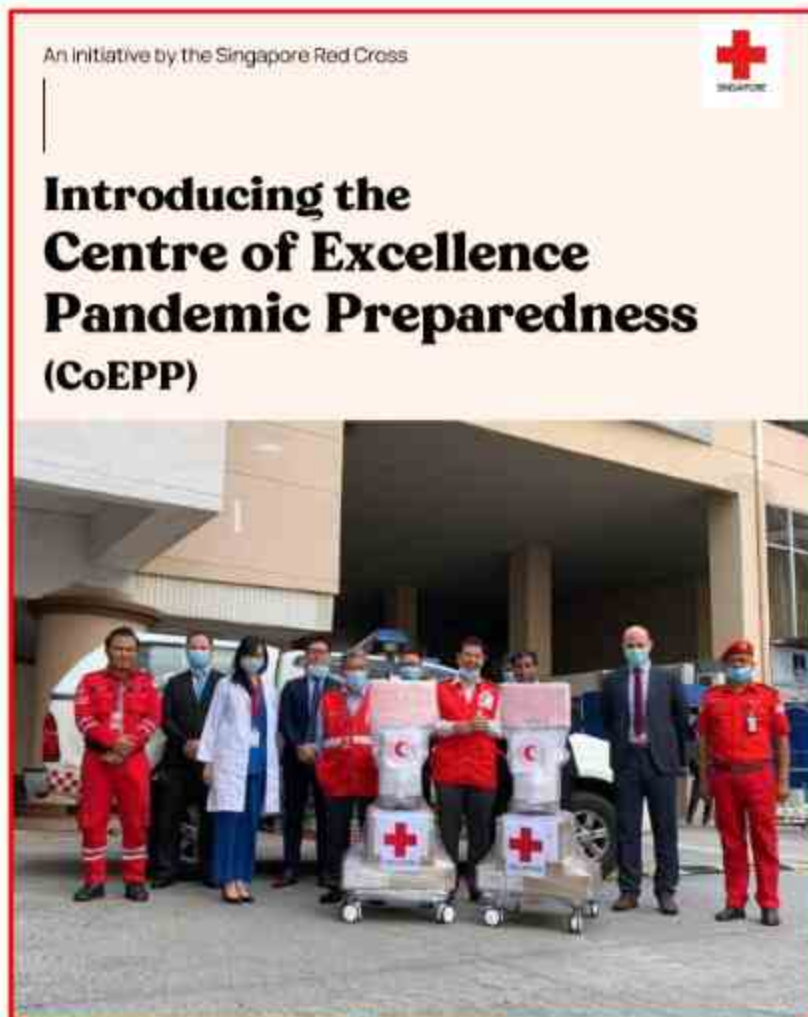
SEA NS fed into the IFRC's statutory text revision – going to IFRC General Assembly, October 2024



Further discussion in Session 8



Centre of Excellence: SEA Pandemic Preparedness





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The Centre has developed a dedicated microsite designed to serve as an online platform for SEA National Societies, offering them the tools to learn, explore, and take action in the area of pandemic preparedness.



It provides access to valuable resources, including the "Lessons Learned" document published by the Centre and regular newsletters that keep users informed on current developments. Additionally, it offers details on the programs conducted by the Centre.



Co-organized the Pandemic Readiness Enhancement Program (PREP) Practitioners Track in Bogor, Indonesia with PMI. The workshop was attended by a total of 17 participants from 8 Southeast Asia National Societies. The workshop concluded with a field visit to Tegal Gundil Village in Bogor for a simulation exercise.





Centre of Excellence: SEA Pandemic Preparedness



The Centre is actively working on an initiative to map seasonal patterns of diseases, focusing on identifying trends during specific periods and weather patterns of the year in Southeast Asia.



This initiative aims to provide insights into how diseases fluctuate throughout the year, which will be important for better preparedness and response strategies. Currently in the pilot phase, the Centre is gathering and analyzing data to establish a comprehensive understanding of these patterns.



The microsite also integrates global news data on infectious diseases, allowing real-time updates and insights. Looking ahead, the microsite will feature an opinion section where Public Health Practitioners from the region will be invited to contribute op-eds on pandemic preparedness issues.



SOUTHEAST ASIA NATIONAL SOCIETY NETWORKS



CRC Community Resilience

- Working with relevant ministries and partners to strengthen early warning early action, and mainstream climate and environment crisis into strategic plan for 2021-2030, and with Joint Action Group (NGOs), Humanitarian Response Forum, WFP (UN agencies) and relevant ministries and local authorities to share responsibility during emergency occurred included: Social Support Fund, Cambodia Food Reserve System, Cash Support ...)*





SOUTHEAST ASIA NATIONAL SOCIETY NETWORKS



- *Orientation and refresher trainings organized virtually to staff and volunteers of 25 Red Cross branches on disaster risk management, VCA, early warning system, logistic management, climate change, green environment and reduction of single use plastic bags.*



- *Encouraging CRC 25 RCBranches to work closely with local authority to develop community disaster risk reduction action plan, supports structural/non-structural construction to prone natural disasters communities.*





SOUTHEAST ASIA NATIONAL SOCIETY NETWORKS



- 25 Red Cross Branches have capacity and ability to provide the relief assistants to victims and most vulnerable group in their respective Branch during emergency.
- The Disaster Risk Reduction Day (13 October) was organized at provincial level, and at the national level, CRC participated in the event organized by the National Disaster Management Committee.





Asia Pacific Conference – Ha Noi 2023



- **Progress** on Ha Noi Call for Action in Session 4



Advancing Women's Leadership in SEA



- **Presentation** from Singapore Red Cross with updates

THANK YOU !!