

# 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Southeast Asia Red Cross Red Crescent Leaders Meeting

5-6 September 2024

## Session 3 Overview


<b>Session Title</b> Update on the Progress of the Phnom Penh Statement	
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<b>Key Objectives of the Session</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Collective understanding on the progress made by SEA national societies on the commitments made in the Phnom Penh Statement</li><li>• Provide a reference point to build from for establishing new commitments under the Bali Statement</li></ul>

## Background and Current Issues

The Phnom Penh Statement was the outcome of the 20th Annual Southeast Asia Red Cross Red Crescent (SEA RCRC) Leaders Meeting in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on 21-22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023. The statement acknowledges the increasingly interconnected nature of humanitarian issues, including health emergencies, disasters, climate change, and migration, calling for innovative solutions and active roles for National Societies in preparedness and response efforts.

Key outcomes of the meeting include the endorsement of the 2nd Southeast Asia Youth Forum's outcome statement, supporting youth empowerment in humanitarian innovation, and the recognition of the progress and challenges stemming from the commitments made in previous meetings. The statement also highlights the SEA RCRC Leaders' ongoing commitment to climate action, collaboration within the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, and engagement with ASEAN to strengthen community resilience. The document 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.