



**IFRC- National Red Cross Red  
Crescent Societies of Southeast  
Asia region- ASEAN  
Engagement**



# Introduction

On 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022, in Bali Indonesia -ASEAN and IFRC signed the **“MoU on the Strengthening of Community Resilience in Southeast Asia.”** The MoU period is 5 years (2022 – 2027)

The areas of cooperation include:

- a) Disaster Management;
- b) Disaster Risk Reduction;
- c) Disaster law;
- d) Health in emergencies;
- e) Disaster relief and emergency response;
- f) Gender/PGI;
- g) Youth;
- h) Climate change.
- l) any other areas as may be jointly decided upon by the participants.

**The participants will endeavor to convene joint consultations once a year to evaluate the activities agreed by both Participants and explore ways to further and deepen cooperation in the future.**



**ASEAN-IFRC MoU signing in Bali, Indonesia 2022**



# SEA RCRC Leadership meeting, Cambodia, Phnom-Pehn, 2023



**Keynote speech by Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, during ASEAN- IFRC - SEA National Red Cross Red Crescent Societies Dialogue session.  
Cambodia, Phnom-Pehn, September 2023**



# ASEAN Strategic Policy Dialogue on Disaster Management, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024, Singapore



**Representatives of National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of Singapore, Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam and IFRC participated at the event in Singapore. Secretary General/CEO of Singapore Red Cross represented IFRC network at High Level Strategic Panel discussion with focus on resilience.**



## The 4<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Joint Disaster Response Plan (AJDRP) Workshop organized by AHA Centre, Jakarta, Indonesia, November, 2023



**Representation by Indonesian Red Cross, Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent, Singapore Red Cross, Myanmar Red Cross, IFRC representative to ASEAN and representatives from IFRC Regional Office for ASIA-Pacific region.**



## ACDM



**On 07<sup>th</sup> of May, IFRC Representative to ASEAN and Secretary General of Brunei Darussalam RC attended 44<sup>th</sup> meeting of the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management**



# ASEAN DISASTER LAW AND HEALTH IN EMERGENCIES MAPPING

This project is a collaboration between the ASEAN Committee for Disaster Management (ACDM) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), supported by the ASEAN Secretariat.

It builds on previous collaborative efforts to strengthen national legislation for disaster response, including through a regional stock take which provides a useful snapshot of the ways in which AMS have been implementing the AADMER and integrating regional DRM commitments and priorities.

The report has been published and is available at: <https://asean.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/ASEAN-Disaster-Law-and-Public-Health-Emergencies-Mapping-and-Guidelines.pdf>



## ASEAN Disaster Law and Public Health Emergencies

Mapping and Guidelines



one vision  
one identity  
one community





## ASEAN Volunteers Report meeting, Jakarta, Indonesia, March, 2024



**Indonesia Red Cross (PMI), Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent, and Philippines Red Cross received tokens of appreciation from ASEAN Secretariat (Education, Youth & Sports Division), as Host Organisations of ASEAN Volunteers Exchange Program related to CBDRM.**



## ASEAN-IFRC-SEA regional National Red Cross Red Crescent Societies key engagement areas

- **The ASEAN Standards and Certification for Experts in Disaster Management (ASCEND):** IFRC contributed to the initiative by providing resource persons in trainings and simulations, and also development of standards and certification assessment. Last 3 events were in Bogor (Indonesia) in November 2022, Cebu (Philippines) in August 2023, and Penang (Malaysia) in February 2024.
- **ACE LEDMP (AHA Centre Leadership in Emergency and Disaster Management for ASEAN Programme) Executive Level:** training programme for professionals from AMS in disaster management. IFRC joined to provide a 2 days RCRC Movement Induction Course as part of the programme in October 2023. IFRC Head of Delegation/Representative to ASEAN was invited to provide lectures on the topic “humanitarian leadership during emergency situations”. Representative from Philippine Red Cross and Indonesian Red Cross also contributed to the event in person. IFRC APRO and ICRC also contributed to the ACE LEDMP Middle Level in January 2024 by providing 2 hours online session of IHL and IDRL topics.
- **ASEAN ERAT (Emergency Response and Assessment Team):** IFRC contributed to the ASEA-ERAT through providing resource persons/facilitators in trainings/simulations. Last 3 events of which IFRC contributed were in Da Nang (Vietnam) in February 2023, Bogor (Indonesia) in May 2023, Pattaya (Thailand) in October 2023. Representative from Vietnam RC contributed as facilitator during the event in Vietnam.



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As part of the **Anticipatory Action Regional Working Group**, colleagues from AHA Centre attended IFRC's AP Dialogue Platform on Anticipatory Action, November 2022 in Bangkok and May 2023 in Kathmandu. Colleagues from DMHA ASEC attended the event in Bangkok online.

AHA Centre launched **4<sup>th</sup> Edition of ARMOR** (ASEAN Risk Monitor and Disaster Management Review) on 14 March 2024 in Surabaya. ARMOR is AHA Centre's publication consisting of articles and papers with contributors coming from humanitarian agencies. IFRC's Regional Anticipatory Action Coordinator contributed to this 4<sup>th</sup> Edition by submitting an article on Anticipatory Action. The Article is co-written with colleagues from FAO Asia Pacific, World Vision South Asia and Pacific, UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office, UN Women, WFP and Plan International Asia Pacific.

**ASEAN Volunteers Exchange Program related to CBDRM (Community-Based Disaster Risk Management)** was implemented in 2023 by ASEAN Secretariat's Education, Youth and Sports Division (EYSD), in partnership with Indonesian Red Cross (PMI), Philippine Red Cross and Brunei-Darussalam Red Crescent National Societies as host organisations of the project in their respective countries.



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- **2nd ASEAN-ERAT Civil-Military Coordination Course:** Following the conduct of the 1st ASEAN-ERAT Level 2 on Civil-Military Coordination in Singapore last year, the IFRC contributed by delivering a session on the Red Cross, Red Crescent Fundamental Principles & Code of Conduct at the 2nd ASEAN-ERAT Civil-Military Coordination Course on 24 - 28 June 2024 in Phnom Penh.
- **ASEAN Disaster Recovery Consultation and Scoping Study Workshop, 27 – 28 August 2024, Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia:** this workshop aims to enhance the development of disaster resilience recovery efforts in the ASEAN region. IFRC contributed through an expert with experience and/or knowledge of ASEAN's disaster management mechanisms in particular to disaster recovery and resilience recovery, in delivering a presentation on specifically IFRC's disaster early recovery best practices
- **ASEAN Standards and Certification for Experts in Disaster Management (ASCEND) 1st Competency Assessment:** IFRC supported the assessment through 2 staff as part of the assessor team for AHA Centre and coordinated 2 candidates from the 2 national societies (Indonesian Red Cross and Malaysian Red Crescent) with expertise on shelter management and WASH to participate on the assessment.



## **Extract from Phnom Penh Statement (SEA Leadership meeting, September, 2023, Cambodia)**

- Call for more concrete measures and action plans to effectively operationalize the MoU;
- Institutionalise the joint consultations specified to an annual Strategic Dialogue which serves as a crucial avenue to outline priorities and collaborative opportunities for the forthcoming year;
- Agree to hold an annual regional dialogue with ASEAN Secretariat, AHA Centre and ASEAN member States on the implementation of the MoU, the first one of which is to be held in Indonesia prior to the 21st Southeast Asia Leaders Meeting in 2024;
- Organise joint annual learning or knowledge sharing sessions targeted at practitioners, policy makers, and donors, including an analysis of disaster trends or forecast and disaster preparedness;
- Develop initiatives and programmes related to youth and women leadership in climate change mitigation and adaptation.



## **ASEAN-IFRC- SEA National Red Cross Red Crescent Societies Engagement**

The engagement and partnership between National Red Cross Red Crescent Societies (NSs) of the SEA Region and IFRC with ASEAN aims to enable a greater reach and work collaboratively with other partners for effective humanitarian work in the region.

- September 2023-Engagement with ASEAN Secretary General (with participation of DMHA) during RCRC SEA Leaders meeting in Cambodia
- September 2024- Engagement with Leadership of ACDM, Ambassadors/Permanent Representatives to ASEAN, ASEAN Secretariat during RCRC SEA Leadership meeting in Indonesia
- 2025- Can we take it to another level and consider jointly organized event/high level meeting (for example with participation of all NSs and all ACDM members or use opportunity of next RCRC leadership meeting, regular SPDDM meeting or consider other proposals)?



**Thank you  
for your attention!**