



Climate Resilience and the Community Resilience Network

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Session Objective

- Recognize the importance of climate and community resilience and associated networks within the Southeast Asia Region
- Highlight successful examples of community resilience initiatives in Southeast Asia Region
- Strengthen coordination and communication among Southeast Asia Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies for a unified response to climate change
- Explore current and future strategies for developing community networks and resources to support continued resilience building during extreme weather events

South East Asia Context



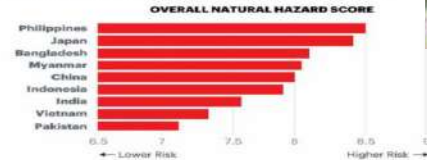
- Southeast Asia is one of the most disaster prone region, globally
- Philippines ranks 1 in disaster risk
- Major disasters in the regions includes Earthquakes, floods, landslides, and typhoons
- There are continuous evolving humanitarian needs that necessitates strategic partnerships for resilience
- Engagement and empowerment of community and youth contributes to resilience
- Learn from best experiences and practices and used for the formulation of unified strategies for the region and beyond



The New Humanitarian

Philippines country most at risk from climate crisis

The Philippines is the country most at risk from the climate crisis according to a report published in 2019 by the Institute for Economics and Peace.



Source: INFORM Global Risk Index 2019; IEP calculations





Southeast Asia Community Safety and Resilience Network (SEA CSR)

- Established and being participated by NS in Southeast Asia
- With a focus on *enhancing community safety, resilience, and disaster preparedness*
- The network is a platform for knowledge, best practices, and resources related to disaster risk reduction (DRR), climate change adaptation, and overall community resilience
- Providing technical support, facilitating partnerships, and fostering regional cooperation
- Regional advocacy and lobbying for stronger climate policies

Climate Charter



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7 Commitments that works for climate and environment, reduction of greenhouse gas emission, involvement of leadership and local actors, collaborations and ensuring to have defined targets.

Signed: Philippine RC, Singapore RC, Myanmar RCS, PMI , Malaysian RC, Thai RCS, Cambodian RC, Vietnam RCS, Timor Leste RC

HAVE SET SPECIFIC TARGETS FOR RESILIENCE

Thai Red Cross Society

Cambodian Red Cross
Society

FORMULATED COMPREHENSIVE CLIMATE POLICIES AND STRATEGIES

Indonesian Red Cross (PMI)

Philippine Red Cross

BEST PRACTICES



Nature-based Solutions

- Tree planting and growing activities including Mangrove restoration
- Sustainable land management
- Enhancement of ecological resilience and Mitigation of Climate Risk
- Partnership with academe (e.g Nanyang Technological University of Singapore and State University in Philippines.
- Regional advocacy and lobbying for stronger climate policies
- Partners for resilience



BEST PRACTICES

Early Warning, Early Action / Anticipatory Action

- Enhancing Early Warning Systems
- Improving community and youth awareness, preparedness and engagement
- Strengthening response mechanisms
- Continuous development and activation of Early Action Protocols
(Early Actions: Shelter Strengthening, Livestock evacuation, Early harvesting etc.)
- Attend AA training of trainers
(PRC, Myanmar RC, Bangladesh RC, Nepal RC, Sri Lanka RC, Mongolian RC and IFRC 2024)



BEST PRACTICES



Heatwave

- PRC responded by providing potable water to areas with limited access
- Conduct awareness session to prevent impact of heatwave to people.
- Community and Youth engagement (*poster contest and tiktok challenge*)
- Awareness session was supported by the IFRC and the Zurich Climate Resilience Alliance
- Lead by the Philippine Red Cross



BEST PRACTICES



PRC's Advocacy and Partnership

PRC been active in various policy dialogues and development in DRR and Climate Actions. Recently, we took part in the **SENDAI framework for DRR midterm review** this year (2023)

PRC as one of the auxiliary to the government, we have direct **coordination and partnership with the NDRRMC, OCD** and other government agencies for collaborative work and engagements.

PRC serve as one of the member of **National Technical Working Group for Anticipatory Action** together with government and non government agencies

Prc signed a **Memorandum of Agreement with the Climate Change Commission** to cocreate a robust National Adaptation Plan last July 26, 2023



BEST PRACTICES



Cross NS Collaboration

Climate change is affecting the Philippines and other Southeast Asian (SEA) countries.

Southeast Asian countries are responding strategically with almost the same type of hazard but in different contexts

The Philippines and other SEA national societies have strong experience on disaster management and dealing with different and evolving hazard/emergencies over time.

PRC and other SEA NS can augment support within the region and other regions and can serve as a learning hub for theoretical and practical field practice.



PRC 's COMMITMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS



- Strengthening PRC's Climate Strategy and Policy
- Spearhead Climate Action Advocacy
- Scale-up Climate Action at community level
- Expanding bilateral and multilateral cooperation for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) partners for future funding support
- Contribute to the implementation of the reducing carbon footprint



Thank you very much

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COMMITMENTS:

- 1. STEP UP OUR RESPONSE TO GROWING HUMANITARIAN NEEDS AND HELP PEOPLE ADAPT TO THE IMPACTS OF THE CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRISES.**
- 2. MAXIMIZE THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY OF OUR WORK AND RAPIDLY REDUCE OUR GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS**
- 3. EMBRACE THE LEADERSHIP OF LOCAL ACTORS AND COMMUNITIES**
- 4. INCREASE OUR CAPACITY TO UNDERSTAND CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS AND DEVELOP EVIDENCE-BASED SOLUTIONS**
- 5. WORK COLLABORATIVELY ACROSS THE HUMANITARIAN SECTOR AND BEYOND TO STRENGTHEN CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION**
- 6. USE OUR INFLUENCE TO MOBILIZE URGENT AND MORE AMBITIOUS CLIMATE ACTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**
- 7. DEVELOP TARGETS AND MEASURE OUR PROGRESS AS WE IMPLEMENT OUR COMMITMENTS**

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