

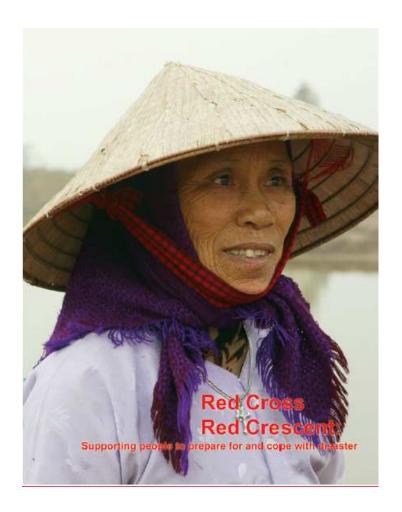
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Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation in South East Asia

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South East Asia in Brief

- Crowded populated region
- Most natural hazards prone region: earthquake, tsunami, volcano, typhoons, flood,
- Diseases: Avian Influenza, HIV/AIDS, TB
- Traffic accidents
- Climate change: Sea rise

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At regional level: Neighbour well placed to provide help

- 2001: Regional Disaster management Committee
- 2003: Regional Disaster Response Team training
- 2005: Deployment of RDRT to Tsunami and earthquakes
- and typhoon in Philippines in 2006



On time: a regional approach in SE Asia has consistently paid dividends in reaching those most in need of support.

At regional level: Neighbour well placed to provide help

- Networking and Operational alliance:
 Vietnam, Lao, Cambodia RC
- Cross border public awareness on Avian Influenza
- Mekong sub-region Contingency planning
- Recognized by Asean Committee for DM



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At regional level

- Annual meeting
- Special issues:
 - Disaster Risk Reduction consistent with Hyogo FA
 - International Disaster Response
 Law
 - Climate Change
 - Avian Influenza
 - Volunteers in Emergency
 - Vulnerability and Capacit Assessment



Smiling appreciation: the Red Cross Red Crescent approach to disaster management aims to ensure nobody is forgotten.

Picture: Indra Yogasara, Palang Merah Indonesia (PMI)

At National level

- Disaster risk mitigation
 e.g mangrove plantation,
 and disaster risk
 mitigation at community
 level such small scale
 dams, bridges, hazard
 resistant houses and
 water and sanitation
- Vulnerability and capacity assesment



Economic and physical regeneration: More than 7,750 families have found work of the planting of mangrove forest in Vietnam.

At National level

- Disaster risk reduction training to RC staffs, volunteers, local authorities, community members including teachers and children
- Awareness on DRR and Disaster preparedness through mass media
- Advocacy to other



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At National level: Better preparedness

- National Disaster Response Team
- Disaster Management Information System focal person
- Disaster Relief Emergency Fund
- Contingency plan
- National Disaster Management strategies
- Active member of National Disaster Management Office and NDMWG



People first: the Red Cross Red Crescent knows the best support always makes the community affected the priority.

At National level: Early warning,

- Stronger cooperation in Early warning
- From scientific words to community words
- Community Early Warning system by using loudspeakers, simple tools i.e. billboard, flood markers, safe area, signals



Reducing vulnerability: Early warning cannot prevent floods but it can mitigate many of their harmful effects on communities.

Thank you for your attention

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