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Appeal number

1,250,000

Swiss Francs

Total funding requirement

188,000

People to be reached

4

National Societies supported:
Cambodia, Lao People's
Democratic Republic, Thailand



BANGKOK

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COUNTRY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The primary focus of IFRC's CCST in Bangkok is to support the National Societies to enhance institutional capacity, respond to humanitarian needs in the event of a disaster or crisis, and implement development programmes. CCST Bangkok covers four Mekong countries – Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR), Thailand and Viet Nam – and coordinates the South-East Asia network of Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies. The region is frequently affected by natural disasters associated with climate change such as floods, droughts and typhoons. Though the four countries are diverse in terms of their socio-economic status, they nevertheless face common challenges and emerging risks including rapid urbanization, climate change and environmental pressures along with health risks, rising inequalities, migration, gender discrimination and violence.

The 2020 operational plan for the CCST will cover the programmatic areas of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), livelihoods, health, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI) and migration. The CCST will focus its support to the National Societies in three main areas: (i) developing and funding the pilot of an integrated programme on DRR, climate change, livelihoods, health and care, and WASH towards community safety and resilience, as well as scaling up road safety across the Mekong River sub-region; (ii) technical and funding support to orientate Forecast-Based Financing (FbF) in the three National Societies of Cambodia, Lao PDR and Thailand, followed by a pilot FbF project in Cambodia; and (iii) the review and development of strategic plans for three National Societies with clear guidance on new forms of volunteering in a changing world. We will provide technical support and coaching as well as support peer-to-peer evidence-based approaches. Overall, there is a strong interest for these National Societies to collaborate together, with the IFRC.

The 2020 Plan is also working towards contributing to the Manila Call For Action, either directly or indirectly, and working with the National Societies to further its 21 commitments towards engaging local humanitarian action in a fast-changing world.



NEEDS ASSESSMENT



Community centred programmes, climate smart initiatives and Forecast-based Financing high on agenda for Mekong countries in 2020

With the impact of climate change intensifying every year, CCST Bangkok will focus its support in 2020 to help National Societies build their disaster management capacities while engaging communities to ensure that the programmes are relevant and sustainable, encompassing all aspects of humanitarian assistance including health, WASH and livelihoods. Early actions such as Forecast-based Financing will also be introduced.

STATISTICS

68%

of Viet Nam's disaster-related mortality during 1990–2014 was caused by floods.

51%

of Lao PDR children living with poor WASH facilities are developmentally stunted.

13%

of Cambodia's population still relies on untreated surface water

440

thousand adults and children in Thailand were estimated to live with HIV in 2017.

AREAS OF FOCUS

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

REQUIRED RESOURCES: CHF 140,000

CCST will support all four National Societies in community-based DRR programmes, implementing FbF, promoting climate change in Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment processes, reviewing preparedness for effective response (PER), and building a national disaster response team.

LIVELIHOODS AND BASIC NEEDS

REQUIRED RESOURCES: CHF 60,000

CCST will continue to support National Societies in improving capacity in cash transfer programming such as Lao PDR and Viet Nam. Livelihood opportunities will be implemented in two provinces of Ben Tre and Binh Dinh in Viet Nam to enable the target households to access and improve their income and sustainable livelihood options.

HEALTH

REQUIRED RESOURCES: CHF 210,000

CCST will support the adaptation of Emergency Community-Based Health and First Aid in all National Societies ensuring appropriate preparedness and response to outbreak/epidemic threats. CCST will also support first aid programmes in Lao PDR and the implementation of improving access to antiretroviral treatment and care for migrants living with HIV/AIDS in Cambodia, Thailand and Viet Nam.

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

REQUIRED RESOURCES: CHF 30,000

CCST will continue to strengthen the capacity of National Societies in WASH, especially for Cambodia, Lao PDR and Thailand to become regional WASH leaders. CCST will support WASH programmes and train people in management and technical aspects of WASH, both in emergencies and in a more development context. CCST will continue to support/encourage peer-to-peer support between National Societies. In Cambodia, Lao PDR and Viet Nam, CCST will support maintenance of water equipment and promotion of knowledge and access to improved excreta disposal.

PROTECTION, GENDER AND INCLUSION (PGI)

REQUIRED RESOURCES: CHF 90,000

CCST will focus on developing gender and diversity focal points and providing tailor-made PGI capacity-building programmes to at least three National Societies. CCST will also support implementation of the recommendations on the Sexual and Gender Based Violence research carried out in Cambodia, Lao PDR and Viet Nam. All National Societies will be engaged in peer training on (Youth) as Agents of Behavioural Change (YABC/ABC).

MIGRATION

CCST will continue to engage in humanitarian diplomacy by advocating on behalf of the most vulnerable in society, and supporting National Societies in strengthening their capacities and engagement in the provision of relevant services to vulnerable migrants.

STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

STRENGTHEN NATIONAL SOCIETY CAPACITIES

REQUIRED RESOURCES: CHF 290,000

All National Societies will be supported to ensure effective leadership, review organizational development needs, conduct PER assessments, manage volunteer data and develop approaches towards new forms of volunteering. CCST will continue to provide technical support required to address corporate infrastructure needs.

ENSURE EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT

REQUIRED RESOURCES: CHF 30,000

Support to the Lao PDR and Viet Nam Red Cross Societies will focus on supply chain improvement, including fleet, procurement and warehouse management. CCST will also focus on the formulation of pre-disaster agreements and a national disaster response team for all National Societies, with a focus on the integration of PGI and community engagement and accountability.

INFLUENCE OTHERS AS LEADING STRATEGIC PARTNERS

REQUIRED RESOURCES: CHF 90,000

CCST will support the strengthening of communication and advocacy efforts, increasing cooperation and strategic partnerships; and explore opportunities for National Societies to use their unique position and community voice to influence decision-makers at the regional and national levels.

ENSURE A STRONG IFRC

REQUIRED RESOURCES: CHF 310,000

CCST will also support NSs to grow towards effective and accountable organizations in their context and assist the NSs in ensuring follow-up to commitments of the 2019 International Conference, the Manila Call for Action and the Strategy 2030 as well as other regional commitments such as AMCDRR, ASEAN resolutions etc.

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