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Appeal number

430,000

Swiss Francs

Total funding requirement

1,200,000

People to be reached

4

National Societies supported

BEIJING

IFRC Country Cluster Office

COUNTRY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Beijing CCST covers four countries in East Asia: China (including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan), Japan, Mongolia and South Korea. We also provide ad hoc support to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) in finance, administration, logistics services, communication and partnership engagement. The four countries supported by Beijing CCST cover 28 per cent of the Asian continent, comprising 1.5 billion people (22 per cent of the world's population), while the East Asia and Pacific region contributes around 30 per cent of the world's Gross Domestic Product.

Asia is the most disaster-stricken region in the world. And those living in poor countries with weak governance and economies get hit the hardest. The poor tend to live in more exposed areas and have vulnerable livelihoods and few resources to fall back on. Over the past two decades, poverty has decreased dramatically across most of developing East Asia; nevertheless, challenges remain.

Beijing CCST is dedicated to supporting National Societies in community-resilience and livelihood programmes. Together with the National Societies, we are also seeking to advance humanitarian development at the strategic level, such as through the introduction of an International Disaster Law; cooperation with governments; and promoting humanitarian education worldwide.

In 2020, Beijing CCST will prioritize three objectives:

- Supporting the alignment of the National Societies' Strategic Plans to the *Strategy 2030 – The Future Red Cross and Red Crescent*, with a strong focus on sustainability to ensure that the National Societies have the capacity to address current and future challenges and remain relevant.
- Together with Red Cross Society of the DPRK, Red Cross Society of China and Japanese Red Cross Society, establishing a functional alliance in each country with the business sector for in-country and international cooperation.
- Enhancing sub-regional cooperation across East Asia for preparedness and response to large-scale disasters.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT



Climate change effects in the East Asian region

The sub-region of East Asia has been experiencing the effects of extreme weather in varying degrees. In China, the average temperatures throughout 2019 have been almost a full degree Celsius higher than the average since 1961. Meanwhile, Mongolia experiences 'dzuds', lethal winters that cause widespread deaths among sheep, goats, cattle and camels – animals that traditional herding communities rely on for their survival. In neighbouring Japan and South Korea, there has been an increase in flooding and typhoons with an unequal distribution in the burden of damages.

STATISTICS

700,000 livestock lost to a lethal winter dzud in 2019 in Mongolia

110 million people affected by disasters in China in the first three quarters of 2019

8 million people had to be evacuated from their homes in Japan in the wake of Typhoon Hagibis

AREAS OF FOCUS

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

- Provide technical support to National Societies in proposing pre-deployment agreements to enhance the rapid deployment of response personnel in the region. Help them design the process and review the agreement.
- Hold a workshop for the National Societies in East Asia to discuss the implementation of Preparedness for Effective Response activities and assessment based on the *East Asia Action Plan for Large-Scale Disaster Preparedness and Response*.
- Follow and implement the *East Asia Action Plan for Large-Scale Disaster Preparedness and Response*.
- Identify opportunities relating to disaster law, legislative advocacy (nationally, regionally, globally), strengthening the auxiliary role of the National Societies.
- Identify and propose a shared leadership solution for the sustainability and continued operation of the Japanese Red Cross Society Nuclear Disaster Resource Center.
- Training on the introduction and operation of IFRC Go platform.

HEALTH

REQUIRED RESOURCES: CHF 40,000

- Implementing the decision of the East Asia Leadership Meeting in July 2019, by facilitating inter-subregion collaboration between East Asian National Societies to exchange first-aid training modules and best practices. Organize the East Asia Regional Disaster Response Team's training.
- Organize the first East Asia First Aid Competition.
- Advocate Good Samaritan Law with the National Societies in relation to rules and regulations and share experience of successful case studies of the law in countries where it has been adopted and implemented.

PROTECTION, GENDER AND INCLUSION

REQUIRED RESOURCES: CHF 20,000

- Coordinate and facilitate the East Asia Youth as Agents of Behavioural Change (YABC) refresher workshop for National Societies as well as YABC training.
- Provide guidance to East Asia National Societies to prepare the qualified data uploaded in the IFRC-wide Databank and Reporting system through Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting training (data literacy focus).

STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

STRENGTHEN NATIONAL SOCIETY CAPACITIES

REQUIRED RESOURCES: CHF 110,000

As a follow up to the adoption of the Humanitarian Education Framework at the East Asia National Societies Partnerships Forum, we will:

- Together with the Republic of Korea National Red Cross, Red Cross Society of China and the Japanese Red Cross Society, establish a functional alliance in each country with the business sector for in-country and international cooperation.
- Deliver some of the global and regional partnership memoranda of understanding (e.g. United Nations, Asian Football Confederation, Association of Pacific Rim Universities etc.)
- Hold East Asia 5+ leadership meeting with National Societies and support the implementation of the EA 5+ Plan of Action.
- Enhance branch leadership development through a study tour, training, networking and peer-to-peer exchange.
- Facilitate the East Asia National Societies' attendance at a regional or global volunteering event, forum or meeting such as the Volunteering Alliance.
- Provide guidance and advice to the East Asia National Societies to conduct youth engagement assessments and follow up.
- Facilitate the East Asia Youth Network's face-to-face meeting.
- Support the East Asia Youth Network's operation in line with the East Asia Youth Network Plan of Action and foster stronger youth leaders.
- Assist the East Asia Youth Network to develop training programmes and partnerships with academia.
- Facilitate and engage youth leaders to attend the statutory meeting and global events.
- Promote the localization of the learning and resource platform and courses among East Asia National Societies, and facilitate the Hong Kong and Macau branches' knowledge exchange with other National Societies in East Asia.

ENSURE A STRONG IFRC

REQUIRED RESOURCES: CHF 260,000

- Promote the standardization of quality across National Societies' work and deliverables, including adherence to global policies.

CONTACTS

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