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Appeal number

310,000

Swiss Francs

Total funding requirement

5,000

People to be reached

3

National Societies to be supported

## MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE & BRUNEI

### IFRC Asia Pacific Regional Office

## COUNTRY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This plan outlines the support that the IFRC Asia Pacific Regional Office (APRO) will provide to the National Societies of Brunei, Malaysia and Singapore. These three National Societies have different institutional priorities from one another and need different kinds of support because of their respective operational contexts and country risk profiles.

Nevertheless, the National Societies share some common objectives, especially sharing knowledge, providing peer-to-peer support and strengthening the ASEAN Coalition for Resilience.

**Brunei:** The focus of IFRC support during 2020 will be on strengthening the overall organizational capacity of the Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) so that it can deliver vital public humanitarian services to communities. These include blood donation campaigns, national health awareness campaigns, mobilizing and training youth, promoting road safety, delivering first aid, and coordinating with public health authorities on preparedness for epidemics.

**Malaysia:** The focus of IFRC support to the Malaysian Red Crescent Society (MRCS) in 2020 will be on ensuring that the National Society has systematically strengthened its organizational and response capacities using an evidence-based approach that will enable it to fulfil its humanitarian mandate. MRCS responds regularly to disasters, especially flooding during the monsoon season, and ensures readiness for other disaster events. During non-disaster and non-emergency times, the main role of MRCS is to provide an emergency ambulance service.

**Singapore:** Singapore Red Cross Society (SRCS) has a recognized level of excellency with respect to safety and first aid, social care programmes, youth and volunteer engagement and a growing role in international emergency responses. The focus of IFRC support to SRCS in 2020 will be on augmenting efforts aimed at sharing best practices, mobilizing experts for peer-to-peer support, enhancing readiness for epidemics and pandemics among ASEAN National Societies, enhancing coordination in international emergency responses and driving the ASEAN Coalition for Resilience.

## NEEDS ASSESSMENT



### Key country needs being addressed by IFRC and its National Societies in 2020

Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) are the leading cause of mortality in Brunei.

In Malaysia, NCDs and road traffic accidents continue to result in thousands of deaths every year. Floods are the primary hazard affecting the country, mainly from the north-east monsoon, which prevails between October and March each year.

Singapore faces challenges in addressing vulnerabilities associated with ageing.

## STATISTICS

**85%**

of all deaths in Brunei in 2016 were due to non-communicable diseases.

**Over 5,000**

road traffic fatalities occurred every year in Malaysia for the past five years.

**15%**

of Singapore's population is aged above 65 years.

## STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

### STRENGTHEN NATIONAL SOCIETY CAPACITIES

**REQUIRED RESOURCES: 290,000 SWISS FRANCS**

Support to BDRCS will focus on strengthening the overall organizational capacity of the National Society so that it can deliver vital public humanitarian services to communities. Support will also include revising the statutes, inducting a new leadership team and enhancing the psychological well-being of volunteers through psychosocial support.

Support to Malaysia will enable the MRCS to systematically strengthen its organizational and response capacities, including cash readiness, based on evidence under the "Red Ready" programme. The National Society will also be supported to organize a multi-sector and multi-branch field school, with a disaster-response simulation exercise as a key component, to test its system-wide readiness for mounting and implementing an emergency operation effectively and efficiently.

Support will focus on the following specific areas:

- financial management in emergencies
- logistics and procurement in emergencies
- human resources in emergencies
- sustainability of services during emergencies
- response readiness, including cash readiness
- project management capacity.

The focus for Singapore will be on augmenting SRCS efforts to share best practices and provide peer-to-peer support.

### ENSURE EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT

**REQUIRED RESOURCES: 12,000 SWISS FRANCS**

MRCS will be supported to operationalize the Humanitarian Field School as a facility for training the next generation of humanitarian workers through a "learning by doing" approach. In addition, the National Society will be supported through access to IFRC global response tools in the event of disasters that require support from the Federation-wide system.

SRCS intends to enhance readiness for epidemics and pandemics among ASEAN National Societies by hosting a hub. In addition, IFRC will support the National Society to enhance Movement coordination during international emergency responses.

The National Societies of Brunei, Malaysia and Singapore will be guided and supported to deploy experts as part of IFRC global responses in other countries affected by disasters and crises.

### INFLUENCE OTHERS AS LEADING STRATEGIC PARTNERS

**REQUIRED RESOURCES: 10,000 SWISS FRANCS**

The IFRC will support BDRCS, MRCS and SRCS to participate in various regional platforms, including those of ASEAN, based on the value that such events bring to National Societies.

IFRC will accompany MRCS in meetings of the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) and engagements aimed at contributing to the analysis, drafting and implementation of disaster risk laws. The National Society will also be supported to promote the use of the Humanitarian Field School by different actors as a facility for training the next generation of humanitarian workers through a "learning by doing" approach.

BDRCS and MRCS will also be supported to pursue partnerships within the ASEAN Coalition for Resilience (as their contribution to the One Billion Coalition), as well as strengthen the coordination, collaboration, and cooperation with Movement partners, public authorities, local civil society actors, UN agencies, INGOs, multilateral organizations, private-sector and civil-military actors and regional entities, such as the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA).

SRCS will be engaged in driving the ASEAN Coalition for Resilience by rallying other ASEAN National Societies via its annual humanitarian conference.

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