

ASIA PACIFIC ZONE

Water and Sanitation Specialised training for Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT)

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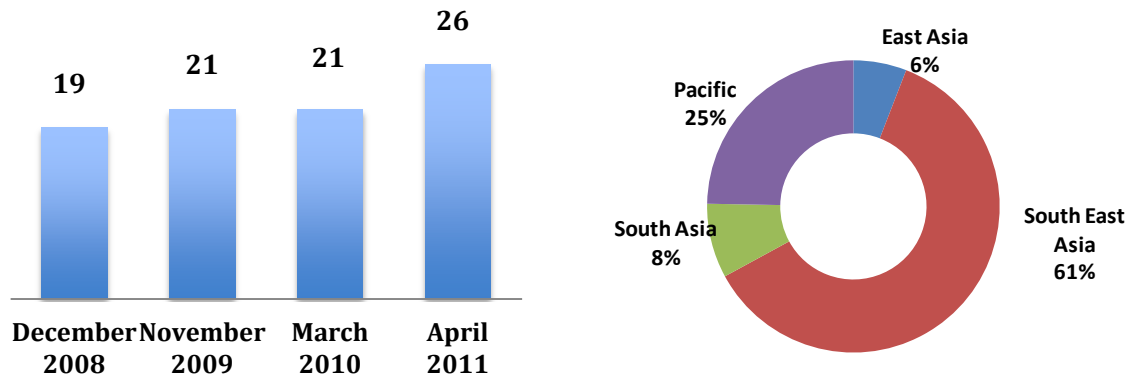
Background

The development of RDRT in Asia Pacific Zone began prior to the establishment of the Zone offices in 2003, out of the need for regional capacity through the regional offices of South (SARD) and South East Asia (SEA). RDRT is developing further in the Pacific region and while an independent RDRT system will not be established in the East Asia region, National Societies will contribute to RDRT across Asia Pacific. Due to the need to deploy RDRT with specialised skills, a number of specialised curriculums in Logistics, WatSan, and Health in Emergencies, IT & T and Shelter have been developed. The Asia Pacific Zone has had 40% of the total global deployments of WatSan Emergency Response Units. In addition, WatSan ERU/kits have made up 39% of the total deployments of ERUs in the Asia Pacific Zone. Considering per sector WatSan is still be the highest percentage- 39%- of deployment.

To date there have been four RDRT WatSan specialised trainings held in Philippines (December 2008), Indonesia (November 2009), Samoa (March 2011) and Indonesia (April 2011). A WatSan kit ToT was also held in August 2009 with the objective to develop a database of WatSan Delegates as trained facilitators to assist in facilitating RDRT and other WatSan specialised emergency response trainings. Since the first training in November 2009, 4 RDRT WatSan members were deployed to Philippines (1) in 2009 in response to Typhoon Ketsana and Pakistan (3) in 2010 in response to the floods. Two (2) other RDRT WatSan members have been deployed to non-emergency missions to China, one in March 2011 to support RCSC with equipment review and one in May 2011 to support with WatSan ERT training facilitation.

There have been a total of 87 people trained to date from 4 RDRT WatSan specialised trainings (refer figures 1-3). From those trained an estimate 3 people no longer work or volunteer with their national society, which leaves approximately 84 on the database. 92% of those trained are from AP Zone national societies, with 6 trained from other movement partners (IFRC, ICRC, PNS) (refer Figure 2). 60% of these however have not completed the RDRT induction training, which is a compulsory complement to the RDRT WatSan specialised training in order to be deployed and not all of those trained were recommended for deployment.

Those national societies with the highest number of trained RDRT WatSan are: Philippines (10), Samoa (10), Myanmar (9) and Indonesia (9). Those national societies still without RDRT WatSan (from those NS relevant) are: Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Mongolia, DPRK and Fiji.



Figures 1 – 2: # RDRT WatSan trained and % trained RDRT by region in Asia Pacific

PMI has committed its interest to host Water and Sanitation specialized training for RDRT in Indonesia in partnership between the Palang Merah Indonesia (PMI) and the Federation at their Bandung facility.

The proposed training curricula is developed from the lessons and feedback from all the RDRT WatSan specialised trainings conducted to date, which is highlighted in the AP Zone RDRT WatSan discussion paper (May 2011). It includes an increased emphasis on sanitation, hygiene promotion and WatSan assessment/plan of action and has also been revised to reflect the expected participant profile.

General Objective

To save lives through increasing and strengthening the WatSan response capacity in Asia Pacific Zone.

Specific Objectives

1. Develop and strengthen the Federation's emergency response capacity in Asia Pacific in the Water and Sanitation sector;
2. Train participants from RCRC national societies in Asia Pacific (with particular emphasis on South Asia region) to increase their technical skills and knowledge more specific in Water and Sanitation emergency response equipment, Hygiene Promotion, assessment/plan of action ;
3. Refresh the water, sanitation and Hygiene promotion emergency response skills of recommended participants from previous RDRT WatSan specialised trainings.
4. Improve the facilitation skills in WatSan emergency response through utilising limited recommended RDRT WatSan specialised participants as facilitators;
5. Harmonize cooperation and coordination skills with water, sanitation and hygiene promotion global response tools with other Movement components and external partners.

Funding Support

Funding support will be provided by Australian Red Cross, Norwegian and Spanish Red Cross.

Training Methodology and Facilitators

The workshop is aimed at promoting the Participatory Adult Learning process. A large emphasis is on practical WatSan field exercises and simulations.

The training will be jointly managed by PMI and the Federation offices (in Indonesia, Asia Pacific Zone, SARD, EARD, PRD and SEARD). Facilitators will come from PMI, the Federation country delegation, AP Zone office and experienced water and sanitation staff from PNS. Facilitators will also be utilised from previous recommended RDRT WatSan specialised participants to increase their skills in facilitation.

The training further aims to strengthen the RDRT WatSan specialised training curriculum (more specific in Sanitation, Hygiene promotion and assessment/plan of action tools) for Asia Pacific, as a recommendation from the South Asia RDRT review.

Expected Results

The prime expected result of the training is the improved capacity of the Asia Pacific RDRT to respond to natural disasters in the area of Water and Sanitation, utilizing the newly established regional response mechanism.

The RDRT WatSan training in Indonesia with a maximum of 25 participants from different National Societies in the Asia Pacific lays the foundation for an emergency response system that complements the respective national society's own national mechanism.

Professionals in the sector of water and sanitation shall be directly responsible for providing the adequate information on the needs in this field and for proposing feasible solutions for the provision of water and sanitation facilities and services to the affected population. Participants should always be involved in conducting the water and sanitation needs assessment, establishing an appropriate Plan of Action and managing the water and sanitation response. **A large emphasis is this year on Assessment, Plan of Action, Sanitation and Hygiene promotion.**

This approach and with the established Standard Operational Procedures will help to develop a response tool based on local and regional capacities, well linked and coordinated with the global standardized system.

Expected Participants Profile

The maximum number of participants is 25 with diverse background and gender, as follows:

- **Have been recommended from a previous RDRT WatSan specialised training (2009 or 2010) and require technical knowledge refreshment** (assuming they have not been deployed in an RDRT WatSan capacity)
- Have completed an **RDRT Induction training** (preferred)
- Have been recommended from a **national level WatSan emergency response training** conducted by their national society
- Have some background knowledge on water, sanitation and hygiene promotion preferably already working in this capacity, or have worked previously on water, sanitation and hygiene promotion programs for their National Society;
- High tolerance to stress and ambiguity;
- Ability to work in a practically on manual tasks in a field environment;
- Ability to work in a multi-disciplined, multi-national team;
- Willing to take leadership roles as well as to take directions from others;

- Proven team work skills and problem solving, decision making, analytical and diplomatic skills;
- Longer term National society volunteer or staff member;
- Communicates and comprehends English language;
- Available for deployment within 24 hours and mission of up to 4 weeks;

National Societies shall send their recommended participants to the South Asia Regional Delegation in Delhi, Pacific Regional Delegation in Fiji, South East Asia Regional Delegation in Bangkok or East Asia Delegation in Beijing.

A Selection Committee composed of representatives from the Asia Pacific Zone, SARD, EARD, PRD and SEARD will choose the participants based on the above profile.

Training Organization

The Federation Indonesia delegation will be responsible for the local administration of the training. SARD, PRD, EARD and SEARD will provide support for invitations and administration for National Societies in their respective regions. The PMI will host the training in Bandung. The PMI will be in charge of the accommodation, meals, per diems and in country transportation cost of the participants.

The Asia Pacific Zone WatSan team in coordination with the IFRC Indonesia country team will be responsible for finance and technical management of the curriculum.

How we work

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