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## *Red Cross and Red Crescent current work and future trends in DRR in Asia Pacific*

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## *The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement*



186 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies worldwide and 37 National Societies in Asia Pacific.



International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), formed in 1919.



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International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), formed in 1863.

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## Where we work and our presence in Asia Pacific?

- 7 countries in South Asia. Also work in Bhutan though there is no national society.
- 10 countries in South East Asia
- 5 countries in East Asia
- 15 countries in the Pacific
- 21 IFRC regional and country delegations and Asia Pacific Secretariat in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia.



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## Disasters in Asia Pacific and RCRC Responses

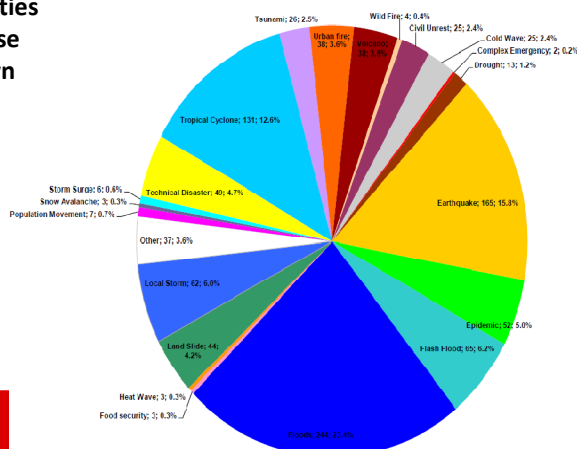
1045 Disaster events in Asia and the Pacific 2004-2010

(Source -IFRC DMIS)

•IFRC together with Red Cross Red Crescent (RCRC) National Societies in the region responded to these disasters by allocating their own funds

•Reached 202,379,774 beneficiaries

•22,643 staff and 281,228 volunteers involved in operations, Year 2005 being the largest.



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## Our new global strategy emphasizes on DRR and tackling climate change..

Strategy 2020 is guiding the actions of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies throughout this decade.

**The strategic aims:**

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disasters and crises
2. Enable healthy and safe living
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace

**The enabling actions :**

1. Build strong National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.
2. Pursue humanitarian diplomacy to prevent and reduce vulnerability in a globalized world.
3. Function effectively as the International Federation.



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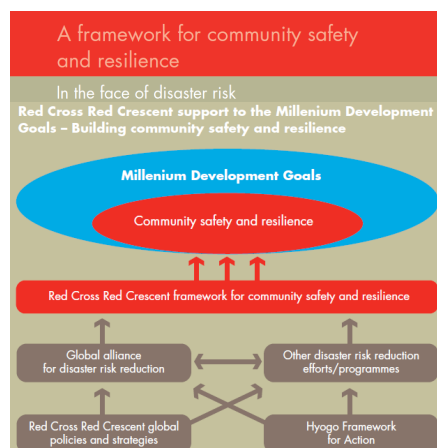


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## RCRC Community safety and resilience framework guides our DRR activities in the field

- Over 80 National Societies consulted
- Linked to the *Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015*
- Key elements:
  - Risk-informed humanitarian response
  - Country-specific mitigation, prevention and adaptation activities
  - Sector-based programming to build across the disaster management spectrum



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## Regional frameworks



### Disaster Risk Reduction South Asia Regional Framework



Building safer communities  
in South Asia

## Reducing the risks:

A framework for DRR in South-East Asia



Building safer and more resilient communities

in Southeast Asia

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## RCRC DRR Spending in Asia Pacific

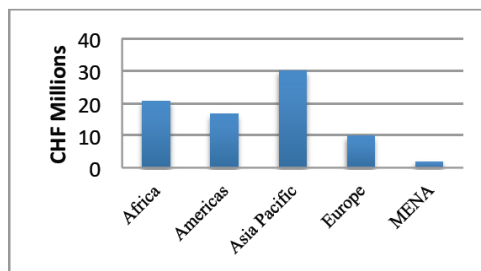
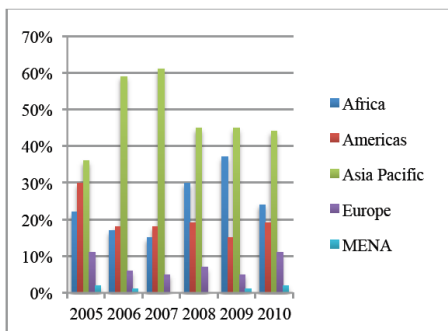


Figure 1: Regional breakdown of global DRR spending, 2005-2010. Figure 2: Regional breakdown of global DRR spending, 2010.

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## *We are committed to support the implementation of Incheon action plan*

- RCRC national societies have been recognized as a key partner at national level in the Incheon declaration
- IFRC is a partner of ISDR Asia Pacific(IAP) network and have been actively involved in the Asian Ministerial conferences on DRR
- IFRC has committed to support the implementation of several activities in the Incheon action plan



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## *EARLY WARNING, EARLY ACTION*



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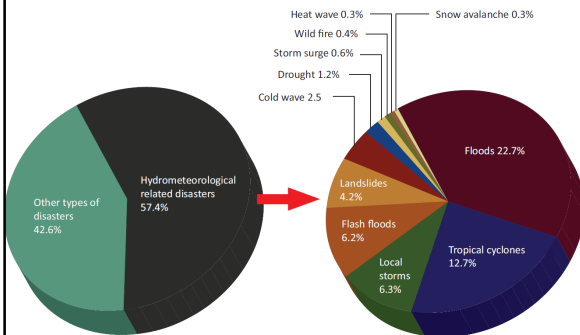


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## Adaptation to climate change and seasonal variability by scaling up DRR

Source: IFRC Disaster Management Information System (DMIS) 2004-2010



Climate change causes the frequency, intensity and location of hazards to change

Our approach to CCA is to scale up our DRR actions at all times scales- Days, Weeks, Months and Years and improve the effectiveness

We want to work together with climate information providers to better understand the climate risks and use them to better plan our DRR activities

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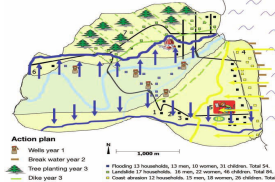
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## At risk communities are the first responders- We continue to build their capacity by implementing CBDRR and integrating CCA

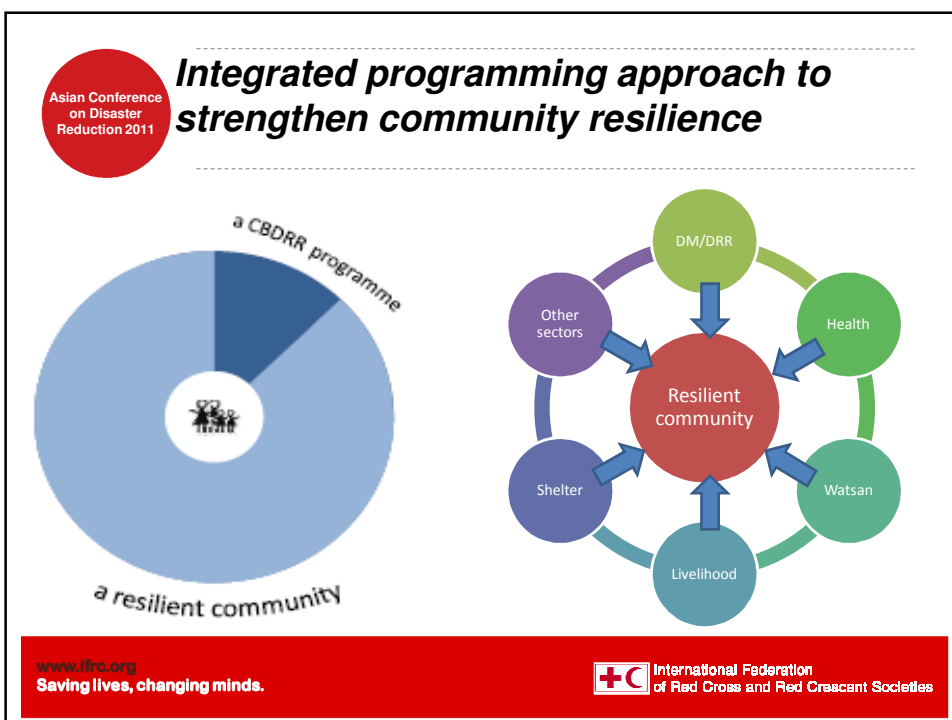
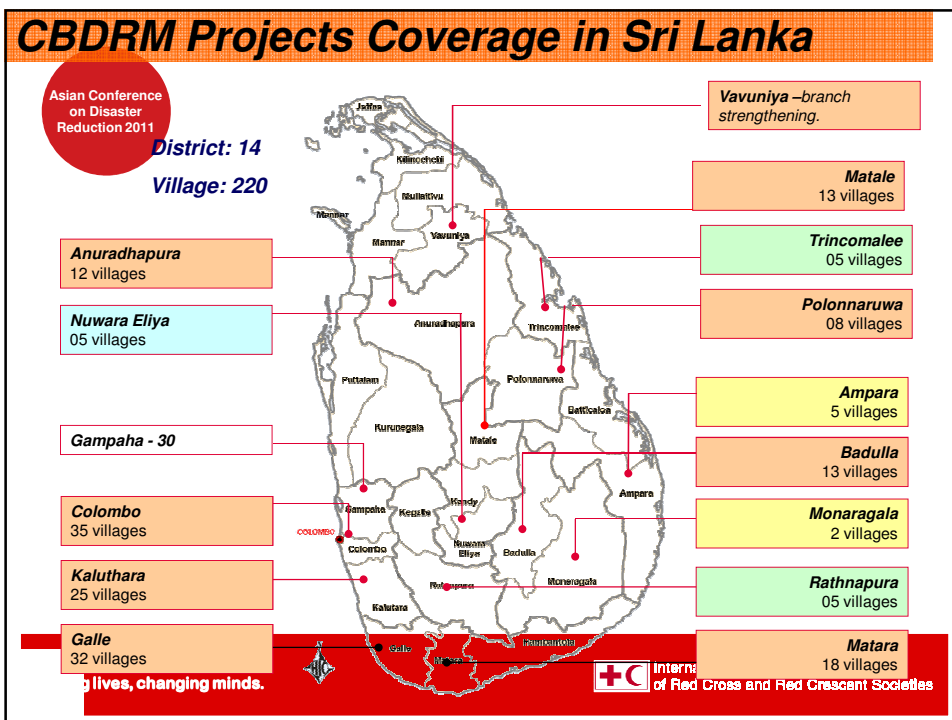


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## **LEGAL PREPAREDNESS: Strengthening domestic legislation for disaster risk reduction and preparedness**

- Disasters, large and small, are affecting more people worldwide than ever before. Are our laws keeping up?
- How can Legislation Promote Disaster Risk Reduction at the Community Level?- had a side event at GP

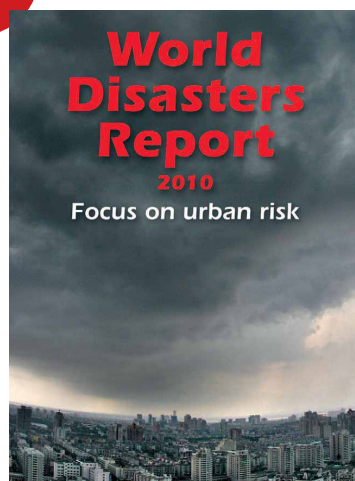


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## **Urban risk management**



- We work in urban areas in few countries
- Urban sector study is being implemented to determine a more systematic approach to urban risk management programming within RCRC in Asia Pacific.

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## RCRC competence

Established training approaches, curriculum, manuals & guidelines.



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