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ACTIVITIES OF THE ICRC REGIONAL DELEGATION IN BANGKOK IN 2018

In 2018, the ICRC's Regional Delegation in Thailand continued to help people cope with the effects of violence and past conflicts in Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, and Laos. It sought to foster understanding of humanitarian principles and international humanitarian law (IHL), and broaden acceptance for them among influential actors. It also strove to advance understanding of its detention-related activities while continuing to support the Cambodian and Thai authorities' efforts to improve infrastructure and public health in prisons.

In addition to its humanitarian response in the four Mekong countries, the Regional Delegation in Bangkok reinforced its network of regional experts supporting the whole Asia Pacific region and the ICRC globally for some of them. This cluster of humanitarian expertise aims at further developing ICRC's capacities in digitalization, virtual reality, learning and development, communication, data management and protection, restoring family links, forensics, Micro-Economic and Microcredit programs, Water & Habitat multilayered expertise, systemic analysis in Health and Detention, Weapon Contamination, contextualized international humanitarian law/other normative standards and maritime security, and finally in Education.



In Cambodia

- 12,200** disabled people benefited from the good-quality services of Battambang and Kampong Speu centers;
- 72** disabled children received support in the form of school materials, uniforms and help with transportation in order to pursue their education;
- 23** physiotherapy students were provided scholarships to pursue associate and bridging degree programs;
- 25** disabled women supported by the ICRC to participate regularly in wheelchair basketball trainings and competitions;
- 58** people with disabilities received MEI grants to start or improve their businesses , **56** referred for vocational training, **27** introduced to employers as part of the social inclusion program.

In Laos

- 7** students from the Ministry of Health benefited from ICRC's sponsorships to start their studies in prosthetics and orthotics in universities in Bangkok and Hanoi.



- 62** families affected by the situation in the Southern Border Provinces (SBPs) received tools and equipment under the ICRC's Micro Economic Initiative (MEI) to start income-generating activities (for example: bakeries, grocery shops, sewing machines);
- 22** MEI beneficiaries in SBPs received vocational training;
- 74** MEI beneficiaries in SBPs participated in accounting and marketing courses.



- 209** phone calls were provided between migrants detainees and their families during **25** visits to immigration detention centers in Thailand;
- 560** detainees, including **60** minors, benefited from the prison educational program in Cambodia;
- 10,100** detainees in Cambodia had access to better living conditions thanks to ICRC's material and technical support;
- 48** students from the faculty of architecture at KMUTT University attended ICRC lectures as part as their Prison Design Thematic Project and **4** of their projects participated to the Asian Conference for Correctional Facilities Architects and Planners in Sri-Lanka.



- 311** security officers in Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia participated to a total of **8** police & law enforcement workshops;
- 300** military officers from the four Mekong countries participated in a total of **10** events for Armed and Security Forces on IHL, international human rights law (IHRL), relevant laws and regulations and their operational applicability;
- 115** students participated to the National IHL Moot Court competitions in Thailand, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia;
- 15** students and **3** professors attended the Asia Pacific IHL Moot Court Competition in Hong Kong.



- 53** patients wounded in fighting and mine incidents in Myanmar received safe timely and adequate life-saving medical care in **11** hospitals in north Thailand with the financial support of the ICRC;
- 25** participants from the faculty of public health, international master students as well as government offices from different countries in Asia-Pacific attended the international post-graduate course on Health in Detention at Thammasat University in Thailand.



- 693** Red Cross (RC) staff and volunteers from Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam benefited from ICRC- supported trainings in Basic First Aid, Mine-Risk Education, Emergency Response, and Restoring Family Link;
- 211** beneficiaries benefited from the Cambodian Red Cross's Micro-Loan program and the Vietnamese Red Cross's Livelihood projects implemented with ICRC financial support;
- 10,000** participants including government officials, students as well as RC staff members and volunteers attended dissemination sessions on the Movement, IHL and the Fundamental principles organized by the national societies in the four countries in cooperation with the ICRC.