



OUTCOME STATEMENT
EAST ASIA FIVE PLUS LEADERS' FORUM
BUILDING A DISASTER READY, CLIMATE RESILIENT, INCLUSIVE
AND IMPACTFUL RED CROSS ACTION IN EAST ASIA
30 - 31 July 2024
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

We, the leaders of the Red Cross Societies of East Asia (*Red Cross Society of China, Hong Kong Red Cross, Branch of the Red Cross Society of China, Macau Red Cross, Branch of the Red Cross Society of China, Japanese Red Cross Society, The Republic of Korea National Red Cross, Mongolian Red Cross Society*), ***gathered in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia for the East Asia Five Plus (EA5+) Leaders' Forum, from 30th- 31st July 2024.***

Express appreciation to the Mongolian Red Cross Society for hosting the 2024 Annual East Asia Five Plus (EA5+) Leaders Meeting;

Appreciate the provision of strong membership support to the National Societies from International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) as the Secretariat for the EA5+ Leaders Meeting;

Welcome the attendance of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in the spirit of the solidarity and cooperation as the whole Red Cross Red Crescent Movement;

Recall the 2023 East Asia Five Plus (EA5+) Leaders Meeting particularly in relation to Auxiliary role, Large-Scale Disaster Preparedness, Climate, Youth, PGI and Ageing population;

Affirming the importance of implementing commitments under Hanoi Call for Action of the 11th Asia Pacific Regional Conference;

Recognize the upcoming Statutory Meetings of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement as a strategic platform to influence humanitarian agenda and opportunities for strengthening auxiliary role;

Reinforce the spirit of mutual cooperation and solidarity within our East Asia National Society network and with our International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement (the Movement) partners;

In our commitment to work together to “building a disaster ready, climate resilient, inclusive and impactful Red Cross action in East Asia” we agreed the following:

Hanoi Call for Action (HC4A)

Reiterate our commitment to work together to the success of Hanoi Call for Action by 2027.

Institutionalize the HC4A with clear targets to operationalize the commitments made during the 2023 Asia Pacific Regional Conference to our operational plans and strategic plans.

Reaffirm our National Societies focus on becoming Climate Ready, Disaster Ready, empowering youth through youth engagement, gender diversity particularly on Women

leadership, volunteering, becoming sustainable and accountable National Societies in accordance with HC4A indicators.

Climate ready

Appreciating contributions during the EA5+ Forum from the Japanese Red Cross Society, the Korean Red Cross, the Red Cross Society of China and Mongolian Red Cross Society focusing on promoting the Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations, climate-related humanitarian diplomacy and advocacy and addressing the impact of climate change, we agreed to:

Strengthen collaboration among East Asia National Societies to raise awareness of the Climate and Environmental Charter, facilitating exchanges on targets setting, incorporating the ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) language where relevant as part of our contribution to HC4A.

Commit to continue collaboration and exchanges on best practices, adaptation and mitigation efforts, including the role of the Red Cross in these initiatives, aiming to find collective solutions in addressing climate change issues and achieving carbon neutral operations within the RCRC network and with stakeholders.

Leverage funding to increase our ambition in climate-related domestic work and for the IFRC network.

Disaster ready

Acknowledge the contributions from the Red Cross Society of China on enhancing its auxiliary role and preparedness for large-scale disasters; the Japanese Red Cross Society on its efforts in building capacity for effective response and managing receiving and providing international support; the Mongolian Red Cross Society on advancing civil-military collaboration as part of disaster preparedness and response; and the Korean Red Cross on its ongoing advocacy of the National Society's role and efforts to strengthen collaboration in preparedness and response, Canadian Red Cross on cross border collaboration between American RC, Canadian RC and Mexican RC in preparation for large scale disasters and on submitting a Joint Pledge at the 33rd International Conference.

Commit to further strengthening East Asia National Societies' legal bases for large-scale disaster management and continuing studies on the implementation International Disaster Response Laws (IDRL) in East Asia.

Strengthen cross border cooperation by exploring potential scenarios of large-scale disasters in East Asia countries and commit to developing plans to prepare and respond, while assessing collective capacities and areas that require pre-disaster collaborations and agreements.

Underline that First Aid is integral to disaster preparedness and East Asia National Societies' services during peace time and in emergencies, highlighting the importance of strengthening East Asia regional collaboration on this critical service.

Youth Engagement

Endorse the recommendations and action plan and budget of the East Asia Youth Network (EAYN) to fully engage in supporting the youth of East Asia National Societies and reiterate

our commitment to have meaningful youth engagement, this to include the rotation of hosting youth events.

Appreciate the importance of EA5+ Leaders' Forum as a platform to discuss youth engagement with inclusion of youth engagement on the agenda in other regular/thematic meeting(s) of the EA5+ NS.

Commit to continue our investment in and support for youth engagement to cultivate future leaders of the Movement, this to include empowering youth female leaders. This strategic approach will address the challenges of an ageing population in the East Asia demographic by prioritizing and increasing the involvement of young people, through enabling opportunities for capacity buildings such as youth-led initiative and encourage for peer-to-peer collaboration among the youth.

Take note on the indicators set up for youth engagement under HC4A and will collectively invest to the success of the youth development proposed by the EAYN.

Gender Diversity with a focus on Women's Leadership

Continue our dialogue on gender diversity with a focus on strengthening women's leadership.

Build on the successful practices of East Asia National Societies in fostering women's leadership and promote these approaches.

Consider the key actions proposed during session 3 of day 1 of the EA5+ leaders' forum based on each National Society's context, which includes having a PGI/Gender focal point who will have at least one exchange on women's leadership before the next EA5+ Forum, organizing gender trainings, having sex-disaggregated data for all NS work as much as practical, considering gender balance of speakers and participants for organized events, reviewing our statutes and considering to include provisions to achieve gender balance, reviewing policies to identify gender barriers, and finally to develop an action plan with a budget to promote gender diversity and women's leadership.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Statutory Meetings

Acknowledge the progress and achievements made in the implementation of the 33rd International Conference resolutions and pledges by the East Asia National Societies.

Reaffirm the unique and critical role of the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent as a vital forum for dialogue to influence national and global humanitarian agenda, in collaboration with our governments and other humanitarian actors.

Call for sustaining the East Asia National Societies' engagement with States and relevant stakeholders in preparation for, during, and following the International Conference, ensuring our continued dedication to the implementation of the resolutions and pledges of the 34th International Conference.

Emphasize the importance of preparation of the East Asia National Societies active engagement in the 24th session of the IFRC General Assembly and the 2024 Council of Delegates.

Ageing

Recognize the importance for East Asia National Societies to continue addressing the implications of a rapid demographic shift towards population ageing in the region, and to maintain the exchange of knowledge and strategies for adapting the services and volunteers approaches to embrace the challenges and opportunities posed by this unprecedented shift.

We, the leaders of the Red Cross Societies of East Asia, agree to share achievements, progress, and new ideas as well as challenges and concerns among EA5+ National Societies in order to learn from, and support, each other.

Acknowledgements

The leadership of EA5+ Red Cross Societies, the IFRC and the ICRC value the ideas and presentations shared by each other and appreciate the thorough preparation and active participation from National Societies for creating an atmosphere of mutual trust, mutual learning and mutual support.

The leadership of EA5+ Red Cross Societies, the IFRC and the ICRC wish to express heartfelt gratitude to the Mongolian Red Cross, volunteers included, for hosting the EA5+ Leaders' Forum.

This Commitment made in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia on the 31st July 2024

(Agreed without signing).