

Practitioners Workshop on Safer Access in Insecure Contexts conducted in Manila



A Practitioners Workshop focusing on the practical application of Safer Access in Insecure Contexts was conducted in Makati Diamond Residences last 19-21 November 2018. The workshop, which was hosted by ICRC Manila Delegation was geared towards creating a critical mass of safer access practitioners within ICRC Delegation and in National Societies which are operating in sensitive and insecure contexts for better integration of safer access approaches and practices in joint programs as well as individual programs and response activities of National Societies. The practitioners'

workshop brought together select ICRC and NS representatives from five (5) priority contexts on safer access in Asia Pacific which are as follows: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Pakistan and Philippines. A total of 28 participants attended the workshop which is composed of diverse representations from both ICRC (Cooperation, Health, RFL, Protection, Weapons Contamination and Communications) and the National Societies (Undersecretary General, Directors, Managers of different programs and activities such as Disaster Management, Health, Water and Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion, Community Development Initiatives and Branch Secretary).

The workshop is first of its kind in the region as it brought a diverse group of people from ICRC and National Society and the process and modality of the workshop was tailored and adapted to the practical realities of both institutions.

In addition, the workshop was able to explore and facilitate the joint ICRC and National Society vision on why they invest in working on Safer Access. Dr. Mohammad Nabi Burhan in the impression he shared during the closing of the workshop indicated that he appreciated the workshop including the methodologies employed as it affords participants to

reflect on their realities and challenges within their individual institutions but as well as in joint ICRC and NS operations thereby promoting a good understanding and a collective way of addressing the challenges they face of integrating safer access in the operations.

A **better** prepared **National Society** that is able to provide **SAFE** and **SECURE** access to its staff and volunteers in delivering Principled Humanitarian services through mainstreaming of **Safer Access Framework**

