

Crisis Relief Squad of MCA (CRSM)



An Overview of Malaysia



- Malaysia is a fascinating and enchanting nation of different races, cultures and religions, co-existing in harmony in a tropical paradise in the heart of Southeast Asia.



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- Population of Malaysia as of April 2010 is around 28 million.
- The climate is warm and humid throughout the year and it is a physically blessed country which does not experience drastic weather changes or natural calamities.



Brief Introduction of Crisis Relief Squad of MCA (CRSM)



Establishment: CRSM was established in April 2005 under the Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA).

Reasons Leading to the Establishment of CRSM

- Unexpected strike of the Asian tsunami in 2004;
- MCA has a great number of members spreading all over the country;
- Active involvement of members in local communities;
- Strong rapport with government agencies & other voluntary NGOs.

Brief Introduction of Crisis Relief Squad of MCA (CRSM)



- **Objective:** To provide humanitarian services to the survivors of natural disasters.
- **Mission:** To provide timely, appropriate relief and assistance.



CRSM Units:



- **Training Unit:** Carry out effective training programmes to equip members with necessary skills & knowledge for emergency or disaster situation.
- **Action Relief Unit:** A highly mobile team to arrive at crisis spot to survey, investigate, coordinate & prepare for immediate assistance in terms of manpower & materials.
- **Counselling Unit:** Comprises of professional psychologists, psychiatrists & counsellors ready to assist disaster victims to overcome & recover from the traumas of a disaster.

CRSM Units:

- **Medical Support Unit:** Consist of qualified doctors, paramedics & first aid assistants to provide immediate medical support to crisis victims, the poor & under privileged.
- **Legal Support Unit:** To provide legal assistance to disaster victims by qualified lawyers.
- **Community based Disaster Reduction Unit:** To promote awareness & implement community based disaster reduction programme in disaster prone areas with the involvement of local community.

CRSM's Experiences in Major Flood Relief



- a. 2005 Northern Malaysia Flood:
First CRSM on site involvement in flood relief.
- b. 2006 Shah Alam, State of Selangor Flood:
- c. 2007 Southern Malaysia Flood:
Worst flash flood ever
hit State of Malacca & Johore.



CRSM's Role in Flood Relief



A. Early Stage :

- a. Conduct survey & first hand information of site condition.
Periodical progress reports on site situation to CRSM HQ.
- b. Alert residents of low laying areas to prepare for evacuation.
- c. Set up localised crisis relief operation centre.
- d. Preparation of tools & equipments such as boats & safety jackets etc.



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B. During Crisis:

- a. To provide manpower in helping the official rescue teams & agencies to evacuate flood victims.
- b. To complement the official rescue agencies in providing food & supplies in isolated areas that might be overlooked by official rescue team.



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- c. To provide CRSM voluntary workers at evacuation centres.
- d. Distribution of appropriate quantity of food & supplies to the respective evacuation centres & isolated areas.



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C. Post Disaster:

- a. To help register losses suffered by flood victims. Assist them in getting aids both from government & private sectors.
- b. To offer post crisis site cleaning to public amenities & residence of flood victims.
- c. To organise large scale community cleaning up programme. Improve health condition in post disaster areas.



Fundraising Campaigns



- a. Earthquakes in Sichuan, China (2008)
- b. Cyclone Nargis, Myanmar (2008)
- c. Typhoon Morakot, Taiwan (2009)
- d. Typhoon Ketsan, the Philippines (2009)
- e. Earthquakes in Padang, Indonesia (2009)





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**At CRSM, we uphold the virtues and
righteousness of mankind!**

Thank You.