Crisis Relief Squad of MCA (CRSM)

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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.
An Overview of Malaysia

- 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.
CRSM’s Role in Flood Relief

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)
c. Typhoon Morakot, Taiwan (2009)
d. Typhoon Ketsan, the Philippines (2009)
e. Earthquakes in Padang, Indonesia (2009)
At CRSM, we uphold the virtues and righteousness of mankind!

Thank You.