**Resilient Coastal Cities**

[Photo Indo\_1]

Increasing frequency and severity of extreme hazard events worldwide call for heightened collaboration between organizations to implement more strategic adaptation solutions that reduce disaster risk and build community resilience. Over the last few years, there has been growing awareness of the need to develop robust partnerships and programs of work between the environmental and humanitarian sectors. The Nature Conservancy’s (TNC) growing body of work in climate adaptation and mitigation has led to a new and innovative partnership with the International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC) and the American Red Crosses Global Disaster Preparedness Center (GDPC).

***Ecosystems are not only valuable for mitigating risk,***

***but also support development and humanitarian goals.***

[Insert Nature Protects People infographic here]

In 2015 GDPC began a coalition-building project across Southeast Asia with local Red Cross Societies to build community resilience and problem solve around specific hazards in city environments.

***This partnership is designed to identify and advance collaborative activities that jointly build ecological and social solutions to increase the resilience of communities from natural disasters and climate impacts.***

[Photo Indo\_2]

The goal of Resilient Coastal Cities is to enhance local collaboration and problem solving to support effective climate change adaptation within the humanitarian cycle of preparedness, response, and recovery. TNC is providing city-specific ecosystem data that can assist and guide city level planners and community members to make informed decisions for appropriate nature-based adaptation solutions, or natural infrastructure, as a critical component of disaster risk reduction before, during, and after flood events. This app is designed to support local coalition planning for Palang Merah Indonesia and the city of Semarang in Central Java, Indonesia.

***Improved management of these natural resources – including reefs, mangrove forests, fisheries and floodplains – will provide increased sources of sustainable food and income while protecting people and their livelihoods.***

[Photo Indo\_3]

By blending TNC’s experience with science-based ecosystem conservation with the Red Cross’s experience in community mobilization, one of the project’s main objectives is to assess flooding through social media and identify opportunities for mangrove restoration as a means to reduce coastal inundation. **Explore the app now!**