

# **Sidr Response**

## **Coordination Clusters Leads and IM Managers**

### **Meeting**

Tuesday 4 December 2007

Minutes

Participants: attached  
Cluster Leads, IM Managers, Resident Coordinator  
Venue: 12th floor, IDB Bhaban.

#### **Cluster Status/IM status:**

##### **Logistics**

- Cluster functioning as a clearing house for information needs, not providing actual logistical support.
- No logistical gaps or bottlenecks identified so far, but may arise as transport volumes grow and rates increase.
- No big issues with customs to date.
- The three person strong mission will leave at the end of the week; WFP Bangladesh will take over the lead.

##### **Early recovery**

- Early recovery activities in the start-up phase.
- Cluster has met for an assessment workshop to identify gaps not addressed by other clusters, including governance, community infrastructure, risk reduction, etc.
- Voiced concern that there are too many assessments underway, and unless stronger information coordination is put in place, risk of overlap and weak information compatibility.
- WWWW registration is ongoing.
- GoB co-chairing.

##### **Shelter**

- Will decentralize management of operations to the district-level.
- Information management group set up in cluster. Mapping cluster needs and capacities. Still, getting a clear sense of WWWW in the cluster reported as a problem.
- No participation by GOB focal point, hope to get it.
- Good reliable data is a problem.
- Early recovery person participation in shelter to ensure coordination
- A technical working group and a strategy working group have been set up. .

##### **WASH**

- While some shortage pockets remain, the general water situation getting better, with most needs attended to.
- Displaced people a bigger concern from a WASH perspective.
- Mapping of supplies functioning well.
- Relations to GOB focal point working well, lots of willingness.
- District level coordination being set up.
- Data comes from DPHE and NGOs, but the analysis is only done at the cluster.
- Will start advocacy for more holistic approach to WASH response with the government in a couple of weeks.

### **Food**

- Templates for WWWW have been prepared, both cluster-specific and a general format for all clusters. Will be circulated to cluster leads today. Cluster leads should forward to all cluster participants.
- WFP will perform an emergency food and nutrition assessment 2-22 December, using some 20-40 personnel. Report scheduled for publication on 23 December.
- To date, about 25,000 tons of food has been distributed by 18 organizations and GOB.
- WFP can assist GOB with bulk procurement and transportation.
- FAO is conducting an "Emergency Livelihood Protection and Rehabilitation Programme Identification and Preparation Mission from 4-22 December 2007. While WFP/UNICEF are launching an Emergency Food Security and Nutrition Assessment. Hellen Keller international will supplement with an in dept nutritional assessment. These agencies will collaborate closely to implement the assessment at the field level.

### **Assessment issues:**

- Many assessments ongoing or planned. To enable sharing of information, important to use standard information formats when performing assessments. Also, important to coordinate with GOB and local government.
- Baseline information should be compiled and circulated among clusters.
- Early Recovery cluster will put together a schedule/overview/mapping of assessments, and coordinate so that the various assessment teams use standard information templates.

### **GOB Cyclone Response Plan:**

- Clusters were asked to provide input and comments on relevant sections of GOB action plans, for compilation by UNDP/RCO. Deadline for this is closing of business Wednesday, 5 December. Inputs will be channeled to GOB by Thursday, 6 December.
- A good way of interfacing with the GoB coordination cell needs to be developed.

### **Next meeting:**

- Meeting to coordinate cluster input and meeting with GOB scheduled for Monday, 10 December. Time and venue TBD.

