

DISASTER EMERGENCY RESPONSE  
Coordination Group on Early Recovery

Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at 8.30am

#### Agenda Items

#### Welcome

- See attached attendance list for participants.

#### Updates

- a. Government Update: Meeting held between MoFDM, line ministries and cluster coordinators. Government found the meeting valuable. A National workshop was discussed for early next year (7 January). Government remains committed to constructing 500 cyclone shelters (Government funded) with a plan for a further 1500 (non-government funded).
- b. Other Updates: FAO has completed its needs assessment and will present it tomorrow with ILO. ILO has completed the first phase and will return to the field to complete it from 25-29 December. ILO is focusing on "getting people back to work" and will report back around 6 December. By 10 December a coordinated FAO/ILO assessment will be finalised.  
WFP remains in the field, report back due 22 December.

#### Report from the Government Coordination Cell and Cluster leads Meeting

On 12 December a meeting was held between the Government Coordination Cell, line ministries and Cluster leads. The Government is discussing the shift from emergency to recovery – The Government is moving from providing general relief to targeted assistance to vulnerable groups. This was stressed in a Cabinet meeting on 11 December.

MoFDM, Planning Commission, and the Ministry of Finance jointly met Local Consultative Group (forum for IFIs and Donors) to discuss mobilization of resource for longer-term recovery purposes.

The World Bank is discussing efforts on Damage/Needs Assessment for medium and long-term recovery. A meeting will be held today at 10am.

#### Update on the Early Recovery Needs Assessment and the Rapid Environmental Assessment currently underway

#### Early Recovery Needs Assessment

- An orientation was opened by DMB Deputy Director in Barisal on 14 December
- More than 75 persons make the teams who are collecting data until tomorrow. The teams work with government focal points one in every district.

- Raw data will be sent to Dhaka on 20 December
- Data processing by a consultant from 20-26
- Analysis will be conducted by resource persons and CDMP at Disaster Management Bureau's office from 27 December to 5 January.

#### Rapid Environmental Assessment

- The team consists of CEGIS, UNDP, the Environment and Forest Departments
- The team recognised the need for environment quality monitoring system, rehabilitation of infrastructure and facility of Forest Department, and the urgent need for alternative livelihoods for affected communities
- Data from the assessment will be reported together with the early recovery assessment.

#### National Conference of Early Recovery and the Early Recovery Framework

- The Early Recovery Cluster submitted to MoFDM a proposal for a National Workshop on early recovery
- The purpose is to bring various assessments together to jointly build a common Early Recovery Framework
- All clusters and agencies are invited to share their findings and recommendations
- Initially planned for 30 December but considering holiday seasons now moved to 7<sup>th</sup> January

The Cluster formed a Technical Working Group (TWG) to put together a common skeleton structure before the workshop on 7 January. The TWG is tasked with:

- 1) Drawing an outline of ER framework
- 2) Enlisting agencies with relevant assessments
- 3) Obtaining government policies, plans, and documents
- 4) Drawing a framework for strategic planning after the 7<sup>th</sup>

These agencies volunteered to be members of the TWG: UNICEF, ILO, FAO, UNDP, Handicap International (t) / Plan International (t). The meeting recommended that WFP and WHO be members as well. The Chair will contact WFP and WHO.

The TWG will meet tomorrow at 5pm, at the FAO offices in Dhamondi (after the FAO/ILO joint briefing).

On 26 December the TWG will report on an agenda, participants list and a discussion paper. Meeting with cluster and Government suggested a few days after the 26<sup>th</sup>, to brief them.

Noted that the workshop on the 7<sup>th</sup> will be an opportunity for all clusters and agencies to begin collectively aligning themselves, model options etc. Agreed that a follow-up strategic workshop will be held on 20 January

#### Next meeting & tentative agenda items

- The next meeting will be held 9am, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at UNDP (level 19 meeting room)

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