

DISASTER EMERGENCY RESPONSE GROUP
DER – EARLY RECOVERY CLUSTER

MINUTES
Tuesday, 9th January 2008 from 8.30am – 9.30am

1. WELCOME AND UPDATES

Agency Updates:

Agencies will send updates in writing to be compiled and distributed to meeting participants.

Government Update:

The Government is in the process of policy planning, nothing yet to report. Request that all ER activities are shared with local administrations (at district and Upazila level) and with relevant clusters. The Government requested any cluster members involved in cyclone shelters provide information on their activities to Director Sadeque.

The Meeting requested the Government representative to provide the following:

- 1) Government formal policies on early recovery as indicated in the opening remarks of the Secretary of MoFDM in the National Workshop
- 2) Early recovery activity components of rehabilitation and reconstruction / redevelopment of various government ministries/agencies
- 3) Early recovery activities currently implemented/planned at local level in Sird affected districts.

UN RC Update:

- The RC is reviewing the cluster arrangements including the possibility of its “metamorphose” into different construct, perhaps after Jan 20 DER Meeting.
- The RC is interested in compiling all assessments to produce a single compilation of UN Needs Assessment
- The World Bank (WB) is preparing a joint need assessment and agencies are invited to participate. The Bank has issued a mission announcement letter. UNRC will issue a brief guidance in the days to come. It is envisaged needs assessments from early recover cluster could serve as significant reference.

Needs and activity mapping

The ‘who, what & where’ spreadsheet, which includes geo codes will be sent out to all members of the cluster. The goal is to provide detailed mapping of activities for the 20th January conference. Cluster information management will provide basic reference through emails:

1. Geo code of Unions
2. Categories of early recovery activities

Cluster members will be emailed and called before the next meeting.

Agencies updates will be added as a permanent agenda item. These are also to be emailed to the Information Manager for inclusion in the minutes by COB on the day of the meeting.

3. TWG REPORTS:

a. Early Recovery Needs Assessment (Islamic Relief)

The assessment has been completed. Sector/themes individual reports have been submitted by the participating agencies, statistical data has been available but there is a need still to pull it together into a single report. Next week a report will be submitted to the Cluster.

b. Environment Rapid Assessment

A summary assessment report will be finalised by the next meeting. The initial finds will be shared UN colleagues in Geneva this afternoon.

c. National Workshop on Early Recovery (Dir Sadeque/DMB)

The workshop was conducted and very successful.

4. EXPANDED DER MEETING 20 JANUARY 2008

The ER Cluster agreed to go forward with the meeting on the 20th January. The DER will be expanded to include other relevant partners. It will be an opportunity to present early recovery framework (alternate suggested terminology: ER Action Plan) will be presented to government and donors for endorsement. Such framework will contain government early recovery policies, priorities, coordination mechanisms, proposed early recovery projects, etc.

5. AOB

- UNDP and partners are to finalise the ER assessment report.
- The ER NA finalised report be completed in the next 4 days.
- Over the next few days, Scott Cunliffe (UN RC's Office) will issue a brief covering the World Bank's proposed assessment.
- Puji will be back on the 16th January. In the interim, Scott Cunliffe, UN RC's office, will be available until 16th January. Puji's mission to Bangladesh will conclude on 21 January.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 15 January at 8.30am in the CDMP Conference Room, Disaster Management & Relief Bhaban. An agenda will be posted shortly.

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