

DISASTER & EMERGENCY RESPONSE (DER) SUB-GROUP

Floods 2004 Lessons Learned Workshop

12-15 December 2004

Purpose

The purpose of the workshop is to draw lessons from the 2004 Flood response to enhance the effectiveness of the DER Sub-Group of the Local Consultative Group in the next major disaster to impact Bangladesh.

Specific Objectives

- Review the DER Sub-Group's objectives against its actual outputs across the areas highlighted in the group's terms of reference:
 - a) Information sharing (especially to avoid overlap, information on who/what/where);
 - b) Assessment; and
 - c) Coordination of donor preparation / response, to complement Government efforts; to reveal shortcomings that could indicate what we should do to improve.
- Examine the DER Sub-Group mechanisms (e.g. the switch from 'normal' to 'emergency' mode, the assessment forms, the Central Support Facility, the Sectoral Working Groups) used in the response for their effectiveness.
- Consider whether there were new demands and, if so, how the DER Sub-Group should be tackling them.
- Look at the strengths and weaknesses of the DER Sub-Group's response.
- Clarify the roles and expectations of the DER Sub-Group.
- Indicate what the DER Sub-Group should address in its work-plan for 2005.

Venue

The workshop will be held at the BRAC Centre for Development Management (BCDM), formerly known as the Training and Resource Centre (TARC), Savar Upazila, Dhaka. To reach the Centre via Savar should take no more than one hour in normal traffic. The road opposite the Government training academy (PATC) in Savar will lead you to the venue.

Dates and Timing

The workshop is residential and commuting to and from Dhaka will not be possible. It will start at 1700 hours on Sunday 12th and finish 1300 hours on Wednesday 15th December 2004.

Participation

Sixty senior managers from member-agencies of the DER Sub-Group including the relevant Government of Bangladesh departments, major national and international NGOs, and the main UN Agencies, will take part in the workshop. The workshop will be supported by the DER Secretariat and a small team of facilitators from the Strategic Consulting Group (SCG).