



DER Group Flood 2004 Lessons Learned Workshop

SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS

Concept

- Identify active members
- Take away & put them all together
- Content defined by DER Members
- Organised & supported by Secretariat
- Funded by WFP
- External facilitation
- PURPOSE: To draw lessons from flood response **to enhance the effectiveness of DER** in the next major disaster

Objectives

- Review DER objectives against actual outputs, especially in:
 - Information Sharing;
 - Assessment;
 - Donor Coordination
- Evaluate the effectiveness of DER mechanisms
- Any new demands, & how to tackle them
- Strengths & weaknesses of DER's response
- Clarify roles and expectations of DER
- DER Work-plan for 2005

Process

- Expectations
- Timeline
- Initial brainstorming
- MFDM presentation on the CDMP
- Identification & prioritization of areas to strengthen DER
- Logical framework analysis on these areas
- DER & the press
- Policy issue discussion
- Work on current & future DER documents

Your Expectations

- Contribute to a more effective DER in future
- Better coordination & information flow
- Enhance response capacities at local level
- Increase effective participation in DM during disaster & non-disaster periods
- Share best practices / lessons learnt
- System for archiving documents for the future
- Reach shared understanding of DER's roles & increase commitment to the team
- Raise DER profile, & position it as an entity
- Increase GoB's role in DER

Outputs

- 'Problem Analysis', based on Flood 04:
 - 'Switch' from normal to emergency mode; the Central Support Facility; info sharing; coordination; assessment; Sectoral Groups
- Areas to strengthen identified / prioritised:
 - Info sharing & coordination; assessment; 'best practice' in targeting; relief standards; advocacy / gender; expectations vs. reality
- Logical Framework Analysis to take the work on these areas forward

DER's Agreed Vision

The vision of the DER Group is to reduce the suffering and losses in disasters.

DER's interim unendorsed Mission

The DER Group is a forum of disaster management stakeholders that aims to increase the effectiveness of disaster response and response preparedness.

Immediate Objective 1

Effective and efficient information sharing and coordination of emergency response programmes among all disaster stakeholders at all levels.

Outputs

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| 1. Regional focal points for coordination & information sharing are identified & made responsible. | 3. DER communication strategy for information sharing is developed. |
| 2. High-level govt. officials participate in the DER main & sectoral fora. | 4. Executive Committees at regional & local level are more effective & inclusive. |
| 3. Local-level govt. officials participate in DER meetings / coordination. | 5. DER Secretariat is strengthened. |

Immediate Objective 2

Accurate & timely assessment of the impact of all disasters on the livelihoods of affected populations.

Outputs

1. Area & sector-specific extent of loss/damage is identified.
2. Needs are identified & described qualitatively & quantitatively, taking into account secondary threats/future risks.
3. Resources required to meet these needs are defined.

Immediate Objective 3

The most vulnerable amongst affected people receive timely appropriate (in terms of quantity & quality & practicality) relief & recovery support.

Outputs

1. DER stakeholders agree hazard-specific guidelines on targeting the most vulnerable through participatory methodology.
2. A mapping of vulnerabilities of actual & potentially affected populations is available.
3. A mapping of DER stakeholders' capacity to deliver relief & recovery is available.

Immediate Objective 4

A local culture and context-specific standard of disaster relief response (of both items & behaviour) practiced by all stakeholders.

Outputs

1. A relief response standard is set.
2. The standard is considered for adoption by all main responders including GoB.
3. A monitoring mechanism established to measure compliance.

Immediate Objective 5

DER Members include the most vulnerable & excluded disaster-affected populations in their emergency response activities.

Outputs

1. DER Members are capable & motivated to identify & address the specific needs of the most vulnerable & excluded in their emergency response programme.
2. DER assumes advocacy roles for policy & practice changes benefitting the most vulnerable & excluded disaster-affected population.

Next Steps

- The workshop report
- DER Group Work Plan for 2005
- DER Strategic Plan
- Biggest risk – another major disaster in 2005 !
- Biggest assumption – commitment !