

Meeting of the DER Group

14 July 2004

Action points agreed at the meeting:

- The DER Secretariat will obtain an understanding of the predicted worst-case flood scenario from the technical sources based on the current data. Such a forecast would provide an indication of the flood implications in case of the occurrence of the worst case scenario.
- The DER Group member agencies can carry out a planning exercise based on the forecast of the worst-case scenario, to decide their possible steps to address the impact of the floods. Even if such a scenario does not occur, the planning process would be useful in ascertaining the DER member agency responses to meet the required level of needs.
- The geographic areas of strength of the DER member agencies can be prioritised. While the geographic network of the agencies might be widespread, it is likely that they will not possess equal strength in all locations. The prioritisation would therefore pinpoint their areas of strength and make it easier for the agencies to coordinate when required. It would also facilitate their coordination with the governmental bodies.
- The DER Secretariat upon receiving information from the DER member agencies, will prepare
 - A report on the general preparedness of the DER agencies, in tabular form, to meet the impacts of the monsoon flood. The information would include details about the measures taken by the member agencies, the effectiveness of their standby measures as well as the perceived gaps in preparedness.
 - A consolidated report on the areas of response of the DER member agencies in the affected districts. The report would highlight their present and the future interventions.
- The DER Secretariat will procure the GoB report on flood damage and government relief measures for sharing with the DER Group.
- The next meeting of the DER Group will be held on Wednesday, 21 July 2004 at 1430 at the same venue. If the situation deteriorates, it will meet earlier, which will be notified.