

Early Recovery Cluster Meeting

Date: 30 March 2014

Venue: CDMP Conference Room, 6th Floor, 92-93, Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka

The 1st meeting of the Early Recovery Cluster for 2014 was held on 30 March, 2014, at the Conference Room of Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme (CDMP), 92-93, Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka. The meeting was jointly chaired by Sifayet Ullah, Programme Analyst, Climate Change, Environment and Disaster (CCED) Cluster, UNDP and Dr. Md. Atiqur Rahman, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR). Representatives from member organizations were present in the meeting. The following includes key points highlighted in the presentations and discussions.

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Presentation on review of the progress of the Early Recovery cluster in 2013	<p>Mr. Md Abdul Awal Sarker, Information Management Officer, UNDP-Early Recovery Facility (ERF) project provided a presentation on the progress made by the cluster during 2013.</p> <p>Key discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early recovery cluster also developed early recovery strategy for the tropical storm Mahasen. • Early recovery cluster guidelines and early recovery guiding principles need to share among the other clusters and LCG-DER and early recovery cluster website. • District focal points for the early recovery cluster need to update and reactivated through capacity building initiative to ensure proper and timely assessment in emergencies. <p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update the list of district focal persons and ensure their capacity building for pre and post disaster assessment. • Share the early recovery cluster guidelines and early recovery guiding principles through LCG-DER.
Presentation on priorities for the Early Recovery cluster in 2014	<p>Mr. Md Abdul Awal Sarker, Information Management Officer, UNDP-Early Recovery Facility (ERF) project provided a presentation on the priority actions of the cluster during 2014.</p> <p>Key discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting early recovery indicators and developing baseline dataset for early recovery is important for pre and post disaster needs assessment. The dataset also need to be anchored and institutionalize into DDM for sustainability and access in the large spectrum. • An effective mechanism should be developed through MoDMR to ensure dedicated and active participation from the government representatives especially from DDM. • All the documents developed by the cluster may share with government stakeholders to ensure ownership • Local level NGOs has the capacity to mobilize human resources, but due to lack of adequate budget they cannot implement JNA. A budgetary provision for them may ensure timely assessment for emergencies. In this regard the contribution from the member organization is important. • Realization of the Early Recovery cluster Work Plan for 2014 depends on the collective interest and, focused and committed engagement of the

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	<p>members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovery planning for South-West water logging is one of the key activities to uphold the proposal made by LCG-DER. UNDP-ERF is organizing field visit jointly with CDMP to develop recovery plan for South-West water logging and planning to implement some initiatives through LDRRF. Cluster members are encouraged to join the recovery planning process. <p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop early recovery baseline dataset through setting early recovery indicators. • Encourage dedicated and active participation of the government stakeholders in the cluster activities. • Collect preparedness related information from the cluster members for approaching cyclone season through 4W Matrix.
<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>Presentation on the reflection from the field visit in Bhola and Barguna to acquire lessons on preparedness, response and recovery for tropical storm Mahasen</p>	<p>Ms. Seeta Giri, Project Manager, Early Recovery Facility, UNDP, presented the preparedness, response and recovery related lessons regarding tropical storm Mahasen and recommendations for way forward.</p> <p>Key discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile banking is one of the good practices for transferring cash among the beneficiaries where the banking system is not available. • Standard and unconditional cash grant with adequate amount need to ensure for disaster affected community for utilization of the grant effectively meeting needs. • Emergency response to the affected community need to ensure as parallel process during JNA. • MoDMR is preparing the DM Rules through which the existing D-Form can be revisited to incorporated options for collection of information related to needs of the affected community. • Early Recovery cluster may collect the preparedness related information by the cluster members for approaching cyclone season. • Findings from the field visit in Bhola and Barguna by UNDP to acquire lessons on preparedness, response and recovery for tropical storm Mahasen may share with cluster members and HCTT. <p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage cluster members to contribute in the preparation of south-west water logging recovery plan led by UNDP through ERF and CDMP. • Circulate the findings from the field visit in Bhola and Barguna by UNDP to acquire lessons on preparedness, response and recovery for tropical storm Mahasen with cluster members and HCTT