

Urban CBDRR Operational Coordination Meeting
Meeting #2
17- July -2013
Location: Nepal Red Cross Society, Kalimati

Minutes

1: Present:

Ms. Becky-Jay Harrington, IFRC Flagship 4 Coordinator
Ms. Indu Acharya, Senior Liaison and admin officer, IFRC
Mr. Ephrem Emru, British RC Representative
Ms. Julia Brothwell, British RC Representative
Mr. Giovanni Congi, NRRC, Communication Coordinator
Mr. Shree Basnet, Project Manager, OXFAM
Mr. Sushil Bhandari, MCO, OXFAM
Ms. Niru Pradhan, GIS Officer, NRCS
Ms. Kalpana Aryal, DRR Officer, NRCS

1. Welcome.

The meeting was opened by Becky-Jay, Flagship 4 Coordinator, who provided an update on actions from the previous meeting, which were:

- Meeting's Term of Reference has been shared with all participants and is now available online.
- Agencies previously identified: Practical Action, ActionAID, LWF, Merlin were all invited to the meeting, but could not attend.

It was agreed that representation of other organisations working in urban DRR is important to make the meeting useful. A more central location and later time were suggested to increase attendance. Becky-Jay requested to all partners to advocate from their respective levels to encourage different urban DRR related agencies to attend the next meeting.

Actions

a) Flagship 4 and other organisations to follow up with those organisations working in urban areas to attend future meetings.

2. Update on from agencies

Each agency present was asked to provide a short update on their activities and challenges.

Update from Oxfam

- In the 14 wards its working (in the Lalitpur and Kiritpur municipalities), each ward will connect with 1 of 2 IDP sites (7 wards per IDP site).
- Oxfam has awarded a contract for the drilling of the deep wells and expected to start drilling by late July 2013.
- Difficulties being encountered with the number of population the IDP site can support, due to a lack of agreed standards among actors. Ie. Should sphere standards be implemented? It was noted that the sphere standard is already adapted by National Government. Becky-Jay suggested that Oxfam could have meeting with IFRC's Shelter advisor and cluster lead, who may be able to provide additional insight.

- Oxfam will be hiring a consultant to map the stockpiled material in Kathmandu valley across different agencies. NRRC asked if this mapping could be shared on the F2 website, once it has been completed.
- Oxfam is in the process of developing WASH plans in two IDP sites, in coordination with the WASH cluster.
- Oxfam is developing IEC hygiene promotion in communities, that can be shared with other organisations on request.

Updated from NRRC

Translation of common message on landslide, earthquake and flooding is on-going.

- Next week final version of Nepali version would be finalised.
- Flagship 2- Platform launched and includes a map of the Kathmandu valley
- NRRC Communication platform is being put together

Updated from British Red Cross / Nepal Red Cross

- Announced plans to create CDMCs for all wards / VDCs in the KTM valley, that are not being covered by other organisations. This will likely be around 52 CDMCs covering all 5 municipalities. Awaiting municipality approval before commencing.
- NFIs will be stockpiled in 4 areas around the valley: TU, Bhaktapur hospital, National agricultural resource colleges and 1 more. These areas are still under negotiation.
- DRM planning process of wards / VDCs already covered will begin shortly and a list of these will be distributed to all.

Actions

- b) List of DRM plans to be created and dates for meetings for wards / VDCs supported by BRC / NRCS EPS project to be distributed to all to increase coordination amongst stakeholders.

3. Urban CBDRR workshop

The Urban Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction/ Management symposium draft concept note was presented for comments. The theme of the symposium would be "Strengthening approaches to Urban Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction". The group was supportive of this theme and articulated their interest in presenting at the symposium.

- Giovanni noted that the NRRC would be supporting the distribution of the invitation to present papers at the workshop to the NRRC's wider network
- Oxfam noted that it had an interesting case study from the Philippines and Bangladesh that could be incorporated.
- It was also noted that there is a recent report from the World Bank on Migration patterns and urban settings on Nepal, which Becky-Jay will share via the googlegroup.

4. Findings from Oxfam KAP analysis

A version of the presentation can be found at www.flagship4.nrrc.org