

OCHA activities in support of HFA implementation in Asia

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Overview

1. Role of Governments in disaster preparedness and response
2. The humanitarian response system
3. Preparedness activities 2008
4. Planned activities 2009





OCHA and the HFA

- General Assembly adopted Resolution 46/182 in 1991 to strengthen the UN's response to complex emergencies and natural disasters.
- Resolution created the position of Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC).
- OCHA and ISDR both report to the ERC, John Holmes



Tenets of International Natural Disaster Response

- All international assistance is in support of national authorities - on request
- The UN General Assembly has mandated the Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC) to coordinate international response
- Bilateral assistance predominates





THREE PILLARS OF REFORM AND THE FOUNDATION

1

CLUSTER APPROACH

Adequate capacity and
predictable leadership
in all sectors

2

HUMANITARIAN COORDINATORS

Effective leadership and
coordination in
humanitarian
emergencies

3

HUMANITARIAN FINANCING

Adequate, timely and
flexible financing

PARTNERSHIP

Strong partnerships between UN and non-UN actors



Cluster/Sector Working Group

1. Agriculture
2. Camp Coordination & Camp Mgmt
3. Early Recovery
4. Education
5. Emergency Shelter
6. Emergency Telecomms
7. Health
8. Logistics
9. Nutrition
10. Protection
11. Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

Global Cluster Leads

- FAO
- UNHCR & IOM
- UNDP
- UNICEF & Save the Children
- UNHCR & IFRC (Convenor)
- OCHA (UNICEF & WFP)
- WHO
- WFP
- UNICEF
- UNHCR
- UNICEF



OCHA and the HFA

- **“HFA Priority 5: Strengthen disaster preparedness for effective response at all levels” (1 of 2)**
- **Building national capacity**
 - UNDAC Disaster Response Preparedness mission to Bhutan (Apr 08) and tabletop exercise (Sep 08)
 - National workshop for Lao PDR (follow-up to UNDAC Disaster Response Preparedness mission in July 08, AAR in Nov 08)
 - Building national SAR capacity (Subic Bay, Philippines, Apr 08)
 - Civil-Military coordination (APC-MADRO, Australia, Nov 08)
 - Regional Simulation exercises (ASEAN ARDEX, Aug 08)
 - Pandemic preparedness – ‘all-hazard approach’
 - Assessment training with Indonesia and ASEAN
- **Inter-agency contingency planning**
 - Myanmar (Feb 08), Fiji (July 08), Thailand (Oct 08), Indonesia (Nov 08)



OCHA and the HFA

- **“HFA Priority 5: Strengthen disaster preparedness for effective response at all levels” (2 of 2)**
- **Coordination and assessments**
 - ASEAN ERAT assessment skills training (Manila, Oct 08)
 - Indonesia/BNPB coordination and assessment training (Oct 08)
 - Myanmar field coordination training (Sep 08)
 - Pacific Humanitarian Group established (July 08)
 - Sri Lanka coordination workshop (Sep 08)
 - Timor-Leste coordination workshop (Oct 08)
 - RDRA for Central Asia
 - Regional IASC network and cluster lead cooperation
- **Information Management and Data Preparedness**
 - Myanmar Information Management Unit (MIMU) established (Jan 08)
 - Data preparedness assessments carried out in Bangladesh, Lao PDR, Philippines and Papua New Guinea

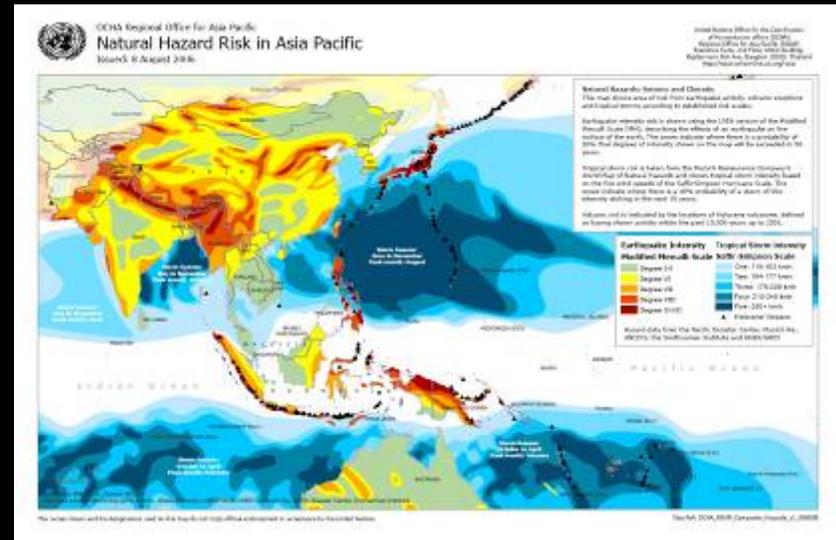


OCHA and the HFA

• HFA Priority 2: "Identify, assess and monitor disaster risks and enhance early warning"

- Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning System Consortium projects completed in the Maldives, Thailand and Sri Lanka (2007-08)
- Regional and country-level hazard mapping
- Global Focus Countries Model
- IASC Early-Warning Early-Action reports

	HAZARDS					VULNERABILITY				CAPACITY			UN ROLE			TOTAL RISK	FOCUS RATING			
	Natural	Human-Induced	Socio-Political	Climate Change	Pandemic	Poverty	Displacement	Food Security	Water	Disease	Economic	Institutional	Infrastructure	Humanitarian	Cluster Leads		Focus	1	2	3
Nepal	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pakistan	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Myanmar	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bangladesh	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Korea, DPR	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Timor-Leste	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sri Lanka	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Laos PDR	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Solomon Islands	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Indonesia	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cambodia	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Papua New Guinea	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Philippines	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Viet Nam	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1



Looking forward to 2009

- UNDAC Disaster Response Preparedness mission in Cambodia (Feb 09)
- UNDAC Disaster Response Preparedness mission in Papua New Guinea (May 09)
- Data preparedness assessments in Cambodia, Pakistan and the Solomon Islands
- OCHA corporate advocacy campaign on climate change and preparedness
- Enhanced cooperation with ADRRN and its members organizations
- Regional 3 Ws established and regularly updated



Looking forward to 2009

- **INSARAG Regional exercise in Kathmandu**
- **Joint ASEAN and OCHA Exercise Design Workshop and follow up on other areas of cooperation**
- **Minimum preparedness package for focus countries**
- **IASC cooperation and joint preparedness activities on the regional level**
- **Enhanced cooperation with other regional entities**
- **The regional IASC and global cluster lead group**
- **Strengthening the cooperation with ADRC on CA**

