

Disaster Resource Partnership Newsletter

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Global disaster response dashboard: (2012 year-to-date)

IFRC Shelter Cluster activations:

- Peru floods – 18 June 2012 (ongoing)
- Fiji floods – 19 January 2012 (ongoing)

DRP activations:

- **No activations in 2012.**

LETs deployments:

- Philippines tropical storm – Dec. 2011:
Small deployment of staff and forklifts in
March 2012

The word of the Chairman:

It is my pleasure to introduce the second edition of the Disaster Resource Partnership Newsletter, which aims to provide member companies with a regular update on DRP activities and progress.

This summer we saw major flooding in the Philippines and in Peru, which directly affected some of our member companies, highlighting once again that disaster management is everyone's business. Unfortunately there was no request for DRP assistance in these two instances which has led to a more in-depth examination of the current DRP Global services model and a rethinking of how the partnership will move forward. This was discussed during a DRP Steering Board call which was held on September 29th with several different options presented to the steering board members for consideration. I will update you on progress in later newsletters.

At the national level a lot of activities and progress have been made including the first ever cross network exchange between DRP Indonesia and DRN India. DRN Mexico is taking the lead to provide private sector input into the National Disaster Management Strategy for Mexico. DRP Indonesia is organizing its first joint training with UN OCHA in Jakarta and a private session at the World Economic Forum on India is being organized to strengthen government and NGO engagement with the DRN

The next months will be critical, as we continue discussions regarding the future of the DRP global services work-stream and continue to strengthen the national networks. Our success depends on our ability to share experiences and work as a network.

Samir Brikho
Chief Executive, AMEC
Chair of the Steering Board of the Disaster Resource Partnership

The first inter-network exchanges took place in July, with the participation of the DRP-Indonesia Project Manager in “Engineering in Emergencies” training in India. A special DRN-India Working Group was held to share experiences from India, Indonesia and the DRP Secretariat in Geneva.

DRN-India training in “Engineering in Emergencies”

The 6th batch of *Engineering in Emergencies* (EE) training took place in Pune, India, from 2-8 July 2012 and included representatives from a variety of DRN members. Organized by RedR-India, the workshop presented an overview of the water and sanitation issues and techniques common to humanitarian contexts.



Engineers from the different DRN-India companies – including the first ever female participant – installing a T11 Water tank (above) and building emergency latrines (below).



Upcoming in India:

- *The next DRN working group meeting is scheduled for 12 October 2012.*
- *The next Engineering in Emergencies (EE) training TBC.*



DRN-India Working Group

The 6th batch of *Engineering in Emergencies (EE)* training took

DRN-Mexico: building relationships

On July 1st, Mexico elected a new president, who will be sworn in on December 1st. Though the change in administration will require the DRN-Mexico to approach the new government counterparts, it is actively involved in the ongoing discussions on the new national disaster response strategy ("*Ley Nacional de Protección Civil*").

In the meantime, the activities of the DRN-Mexico have focused on enrolling companies interested in the DRP network's objectives of contributing to the prevention, attention and reconstruction in a disaster event.

Further efforts have gone to strengthening relations with the Mexican construction chamber, and it is planned to hold a joint event early 2013 to increase awareness and expand membership.

Upcoming in Mexico:

- *August - Sept. 2012: strengthened partnerships with humanitarian organizations in Mexico, including OCHA's focal person in Mexico and the Mexican Red Cross disaster services.*
- *Sept. - Nov.2012: Multi-stakeholder review of the national disaster management strategy.*
- *February 2013 (TBC): Joint National Disaster Authority / Mexico Construction Chamber / DRN-Mexico event.*

DRP-Indonesia: Setting the foundations

The **Memorandum of Understanding launching the Network was signed** on January 21st by the Indonesian Coordinating Minister for People's welfare and Mr Widyawimarta Po as chairman of DRP Board, representing 10 engineering and construction companies in Indonesia.

In March, a full time national project manager, Victor Rembeth, was hired to lead the coordination process and development of the partnership. The **first full board update** meeting was conducted and agreed to include the Indonesian Red Cross, the Humanitarian Forum Indonesia and the UN system in both the board and working group. The DRP-Indonesia also held a bilateral meeting with the Head and Deputy of The Indonesia National Disaster Agency for Disaster Management and also separately with AUSAID and USAID.

On March 22, DRP-Indonesia had a **bilateral meeting with Ms. Valerie Amos**, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and member of the DRP Steering Board. Ms. Amos and her regional UN-OCHA colleagues discussed the state of disaster management and humanitarian matters in the country of Indonesia.

The first working group meeting was held on April 27th and covered the issues of governance, proposed activities, schedules and relevant support of members to DRP.

On May 23-24, site visits in the Yogyakarta area (hit by the May 2006 earthquake) and workshops on community-based shelter programs were carried out with Habitat for Humanity-Indonesia and Humanitarian Forum Indonesia.

The second working group meeting was then conducted on May 25 and agreed on the Work Plan of DRP, logo drafting and possible funding mechanism to support the program and activities of DRP Indonesia.

The third working group meeting was conducted on June 25 and hosted by the National Agency for Disaster Management to confirm the support of the GOI to further development of DRP in Indonesia

DRP Indonesia has also been actively involved in the Government Training for Private Sectors involvement in disaster management; the presentation of DRP Indonesia in the UN-INGO-Donor meeting; providing support to the Indonesian government in the preparation of the Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Management; and actively attending the World Bank Seminar on Flood mitigation and the UNFPA seminar on secondary data and disaster management.

Upcoming in Indonesia:

- *July: The DRP Indonesia Manager to participate in the EE Training and attend the working group meeting of DRN India.*
- *Involvement of DRP Indonesia in the preparation of the Fifth Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, October 22-25.*

About the Logistics Emergency Teams

Logistics Emergency Teams deploy worldwide upon request from the United Nations Global Logistics Cluster. Logistics Emergency Teams are provided pro bono by Agility, AP Möller-Maersk, TNT and UPS, four leading logistics companies. Facilitated by the World Economic Forum, the companies joined forces to help the humanitarian sector with emergency response to large-scale natural disasters.

Logistics Emergency Teams (LETs) have a solid track record of deployments, based on agreed mechanisms and strong relationships with the UN's Global Logistics Cluster, led by the World Food Programme (WFP).

LETs support through pre-agreed operating procedures and training includes:

- Logistics specialists (e.g. airport coordinators, airport managers and warehouse managers)
- Logistics assets (e.g. warehouses, trucks, forklifts)
- Logistics services (e.g. airlift, trucking, customs management)

In 2008-2012, LETs deployed in Mozambique, Myanmar, Haiti, Philippines, Indonesia, Pakistan & Chile. LETs have also carried out Logistics Preparedness Assessments in several high-risk areas around the world on behalf of the cluster. Around 150 trained volunteers are currently on standby.

DRP International Services update

After the first training of response staff in December 2011 (jointly with the IFRC) and the official launch of the Indonesia National Network in Davos, the DRP continues its “project refinement” phase. Is the Partnership recognized as a legitimate and useful counterpart for the humanitarian sector? What is needed for a streamlined mechanism for disaster response? How can this model become sustainable, at minimal cost to its members?

Much of the work and discussions over the last three months aimed to better understand the DRP’s added value to the complex field of disaster response and enhance the Partnership’s ability to leverage the engineering & construction (E&C) companies’ skills for good.

18 September: Steering Board call

The meeting aimed to challenge humanitarian actors and E&C companies to consider how they could work together before, during and after a disaster, as a way of scaling up the DRP’s capacity in disasters. The private sector representatives (AMEC, CH2M Hill, Fluor and Petrofac), having participated in a seminar on humanitarian shelter convened by Catholic Relief Services, recognized that their first take-away was a recognition of the complex nature of the humanitarian field, composed of highly independent networks of organizations coordinated through loose humanitarian Networks.

General **Standard Operating Procedures** for the deployment of private sector personnel were discussed, within the framework of the Shelter Cluster chaired by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

The private sector companies held a brainstorming session and shared some of the prerequisites they would need to address for partnerships in disasters, such as issues of corporate liability in disaster areas and insurance for personnel deployed on the ground. The discussion led to a **draft template for the Expression of Interest** for humanitarian actors interested in requesting support to DRP member companies through the Shelter Cluster.

The three NGOs present in the meeting (Build Change, Catholic Relief Services and Habitat for Humanity) and the IFRC expressed interest in piloting such a model, while the other agencies (InterAction, UNICEF and OCHA) expressed interest in examining how their organizations could work with the DRP.

Upcoming at the International Services level:

- *July: Joint DRN-India / DRP-Indonesia / DRP Secretariat meeting in India, in coordination with the DRN-India working group meeting.*
- *July-August: Consultations with the humanitarian sector around the added value provided by the DRP.*
- *September: DRP Steering Board call.*
- *November: DRP session in the context of the India Economic Summit*

DRP Membership and Governance

DRP Steering Board

Valerie Amos, Undersecretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), New York

Samir Brikho, Chief Executive Officer, AMEC, United Kingdom

Bekele Geleta, Secretary-General, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Geneva

Ajit Gulabchand, Chairman and Managing Director, Hindustan Construction Company, India

Alex Wong, Senior Director, Head of Centre for Business Engagement, World Economic Forum

DRP Member Companies (Global)

Arup Group

AMEC

CH2M Hill

Consolidated Contractors Company

Fluor Corporation

Grupo Marhnos SA de CV

Halcrow

Hindustan Construction Company

Kokusai Kogyo

Petrofac

Punj Lloyd

International Organizations/Civil Society

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

United Nations Development Programme - Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (UNDP-BCPR)

United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

DRN-India Member Companies

Afcons

Arup

CH2M Hill

Essar

HCC

Halcrow

Hirco

L&T

Shapoorji & Pallonji

DRN-Mexico Member Companies

Grupo Marhnos SA de CV

DRP-Indonesia Member Companies

PT. Amec Berca Indonesia

PT. Pembanguna Perumahan (PP) Tbk

PT. Wijaya Karya. Tbk

PT. Waskita Karya

PT. Total Bangun Persada. Tbk

PT Jaya Konstrukis Manggala Pratama Tbk

PT Tatamulia Nusantara Indah

PT. Balfour Beatty Sakti Indonesia

Davy Sukamta and Partners

PT Yodya Karya

Industry Associations

Construction Federation of India (CFI)

Governments

Government of India

Government of Indonesia