



ASEAN Humanitarian Task Force for Victims of Cyclone Nargis

Coordinating Office

Community Needs Monitoring

The Periodic Review Assessment Teams successfully completed a 25-day data collection process in the Ayeyawardy Delta and Yangon Division. They were welcomed back to Yangon in a welcome-back ceremony and presented with certificates by the Tripartite Core Group senior members including U Kyaw Thu, Chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Chairman of the TCG, Mr. Bansarn Bunnag, senior ASEAN member of the TCG and Thai Ambassador to Myanmar, and Dr. William Sabandar, Special Envoy of ASEAN Secretary-General to Post-Nargis Recovery in Myanmar. "The Assessment Teams have contributed greatly to the work of the TCG in informing stakeholders of community needs and enabling the donor community to better understand the real situation in the Delta when considering further assistance," said Ambassador Bunnag.



Periodic Review II – Enumerators Team discussion in Labutta Township, May 2009

The analysis team including the GIS expert, the writers and the statistician continue meeting the clusters to discuss the indicators and how best to present them. At the same time, the team also continues to hold Friday Open Forum meeting attended by stakeholders and non-stakeholders to provide up-dates about the Periodic Review and receive comments, suggestions and requests. The report of the Periodic Review II is expected to be distributed by the last week of July and can be downloaded from www.asean.org/CN.htm



Periodic Review II - Data Collection in Pyapone Township, May 2009

The Enumerators Feedback Workshop was organized on Monday, 1 June 2009 for the enumerators to give feedback with regard to the samplings, questionnaires and the survey process. The Lessons Learned Workshop was held on 4 June, 2009 where enumerators provided feedback on logistics arrangements, communications, and other issues that can be improved for the next exercise of Periodic Review.



Periodic Review II - Enumerators at the Lessons Learned Workshop, June 2009

Post-Nargis Recovery and Preparedness Plan

The Tripartite Core Group (TCG) held a workshop "Cooperation and Way Forward for PONREPP Implementation" in Yangon on 21 May 2009, aiming at improving the recovery efforts in the cyclone affected areas in Myanmar. At the workshop, 130 participants, including Myanmar Government officials, representatives from ASEAN member states, national organizations and the international humanitarian and diplomatic community, discussed cooperation in the implementation of the joint three-year Post-Nargis Recovery and Preparedness Plan, 'PONREPP'.



Panel discussion on Aid Effectiveness and Harmonization: The Roles of International Assistance in Post-Nargis Relief and Recovery” at the Workshop.



Participants at the Workshop, May 2009

“Experiences in many post-disaster recovery processes, such as in Aceh and Nias after the Indian Ocean Tsunami in 2004, indicate that there is a strong correlation between the magnitude of the international community support and the level of trust and governance of the coordination and implementation structure that will manage such an international community support. It is, therefore, very important for us to set up an implementation arrangement for the PONREPP that ensures accountability and transparency in the planning and execution of the international donor program,” said Special Envoy of the ASEAN Secretary-General for Post-Nargis Recovery in Myanmar, Dr William Sabandar.

The Recovery Coordination Centre (RCC) has been activated by the Tripartite Core Group on 8 June 2009. The UN and ASEAN has agreed to speed up the establishment of the RCC using existing resources. Two staff from ASEAN and two staff from the UN are deployed to cover key functions of the RCC. UN-OCHA was requested to extend their field presence for another three months. At the same time, a series of meetings with existing clusters at Yangon and field level has been conducted to discuss the closure of clusters and phasing in of the Working Groups. Discussion with Thematic Groups are also ongoing to develop backward and forward linkages with the Delta Working Groups.

The Terms of Reference for the Recovery Forum (RF) is being elaborated. Most likely the first RF meeting will take place in August 2009. It is anticipated that membership to the RF will be discussed in different fora to get representatives from relevant agencies. For example UN membership will be discussed at the UNCT; similarly NGOs will discuss with their partners and provide nominations.

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