MINUTES OF STATE INTER AGENCY GROUP KERALA FLOOD COORDINATION MEETING

Venue: UN Hub - Tiruvandrum

Date: 22nd August 2018, Time: 03:00 PM – 05:00 PM

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• Agenda

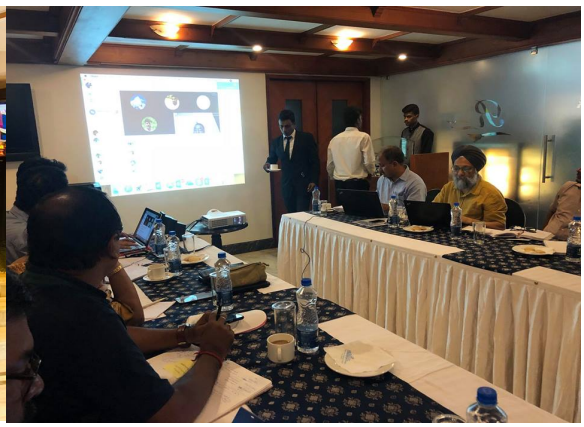
- To harmonize and strengthen the GO-NGOs coordination at state level during emergencies on Kerala flood.
- Interaction and information among fellow agencies sharing with State Administration.

• Proceedings:

The meeting started by welcoming all the present member organizations and its local partners who are responding in flood at all affected districts of Kerala. The meeting was jointly started with address by Mr. Job Zacharia, UNICEF Tamil Nadu and Kerala and was moderated by Mr. Vikrant Mahajan from Sphere India.

• Key discussions

Individual humanitarian agencies who are already in the flood affected districts, explained the activities carried out by them and the other agencies who are yet to start, shared their proposed plan outline.



- World Vision India: Malappuram, Palakad and Trrivandrum | 10,600 families | Dry Ration, NFI & WASH
- Action Aid: Idukki and Alappuzha | 9000 families | Dignity Kits & Dry Ration| Sexual & Reproductive Health focus
- Save the Children: Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha & Wayanad | First Child friendly space is up and running |Child centric Response.
- Indian Red Cross: Kumarakom & Alappuzha | 750 trained medical responders are deployed | Focus on relief for the last 15 days - water purification| Helidrop planned in Idukki & Palakkad

- Evangelical: 2500 households | Loss Versus Impact Evaluation | Drinking water & Cleaning material
- Plan India: Planned to psycho-social support, child friendly space in villages & safety & security of Children.
- UNDP: Liaison with Government, Proposing PDNA & Assessment
- Americas India Foundation: Partnered with Hospitals, Issued 2 million chlorine tablets, Supplied medicines & arranged outreach & restoration of PHCs.

- Cosmic Community Centre: 2 truck load of medicines distributed, talks in progress with SDMA & DDMA & partnered with Human Aid International.
- Efficor: Planned to reach 15,000 families & coordinate at district level.
- UNICEF: Children focus, 202 outlets established, 5,80,000 children covered
- Caritas: 8 districts |25,391 families covered | NFI & food items
- OXFAM: Wayanad, Idukki & Alappuzha – WASH | Clean water & Sanitation - Palakkad & Pattanamthita
- ADRA: Wayanad | WASH & Hygiene Kits
- RedR: Focus on WASH & Shelter, Capacity Building, DRR, Early & longer recovery options
- WHO: Trivandrum & Kozhikode | On request of Government, supporting with health surveillance | 13 officers deployed
- UNICEF: Focus on children friendly spaces & WASH | Wells & Toilets (Septic Tank) restoration | Malnutrition of children | expert intervention in addition to contributinh materials
- KSDMA: Coordinating & overall monitoring of District Emergency needs, Coastal guards involved in rescue operation, Assistant Chief Secretary from 9th Aug has set up 24/7 Coordination Cell, Existing State Emergency Operation Centre (SEOC) is operating for 24/7, Relief work has started & rehabilitation to start.
- It is suggested to strategize sectorwise response by involving in District & Semi- district plans, IAG coherence with key set of standards & framework to be put in place.
- Cholera vaccine for children & care for terminally ill children to be included in the plan as Kerala faced outbreak of similar diseases in August 2017.
- State administration is also collecting relief materials and sending them to the relief camps being operated in the district.
- It was observed that breast milk substitute is distributed in some camps. Suggested to have advocacy from Government on that.
- It is suggested to stress on the importance of handwashing
- Many of the flood affected areas and many of affected people are also taking shelters in their relatives home / neighboring villages.
- It is suggested to have once a week IAG meeting for the first month & decide the frequence after that.
- SITREP weekly updates by email & Face to Face meeting to be arranged.

- External support is require to unreachable and most vulnerable group specially the tribal areas which is totally cut off in many places across the state and districts.
- Agencies present in the meeting shared the needs of carrying out joint details needs assessment on shelter, protection, WASH, food and livelihood along with psychosocial support to affected peoples once the water level is receded and people started returning to their home. Further, forming of sectoral committees and led committees for each sector were discussed in the meeting.
- Strengthening of the sectoral coordination response by non-government agencies that are directly/indirectly involved in provision of providing essential service functions with the nodal agency (the line departments) as support agencies were discussed.

• Decisions

- Sphere India to start activating District level IAGs in majorly affected districts such as - Wayanad, Malappuram, Palakkad, Idukki, Alappuzha & Pathanamthitta.
- IAG members to nominate a person to represent their organization and will also in due course decide on a suitable person to be the convenor of the IAG in each district.. .
- The immediate task will be to organize IAG membership including sector groups with volunteers, sector groups, relief camp information, Detailed sector assessment coordination and coordination needs / decisions as taken by the group.
- Interested members to nominate their staff and volunteers to participate in the detailed need assessment data collection, harmonising the existing tools and report writing. The roaster for detailed needs assessment of data collection and report writing be finalised by 5:00 pm, 25th Aug, 2018.
- Orientation on harmonizing the Joint Detailed Needs Assessment Tools is scheduled on 30th August 2018 3PM-5PM.

Key suggestions:

- A frictionless district level co-ordination is very much essential.
- The IAG group need to prioritize response- as the government is doing well one key task is to identify gaps and see how to bridge these by bringing it to the attention of the government and to mobilize resources to reach those in need
- The second priority should be to look at the immediate and medium term recovery. Here we need to assess our capacity individually and collectively to address
- The district administration makes sure that all the camps are visited by at least 3 officers and report back daily to the district administration and resolve issued that arise. The IAG can also bring to the notice of the administration any gaps.

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