

**Minutes of the meeting of the Early Recovery Strategic Group (ERSG) on
Wednesday, 13th April, 2011**



Venue: Faisalabad Hall, Serena Hotel, Islamabad.

Chaired by: Lt. Gen. (R) Nadeem Ahmed, Chairman NDMA.

Participants: The list is attached as Annex I.

Time: 1000-1230 Hrs.

Agenda:

- Opening remarks by the Co-Chairs;
- Presentation on summary of Mapping and Gap Analysis by the chairman NDMA.
- Discussion on the way forward.
- Any Other Business.

Proceedings

The Chair welcomed all the participants of the meeting, and requested the participants to introduce themselves.

1. The chair informed the participants that lot of ground has been covered in terms of Early Recovery. And we have shifted from relief to recovery phase. However there may be many issues which may come up during this period.
 - Until now ground survey in flood affected areas has been completed which is a good progress. However if there are any problems we should discuss with the implementing partners and ensure coordination with PDMA.
 - ERWG will continue to coordinate at provincial level with provincial government, Line departments, PDMA's etc.
 - Regarding offices of different UN agencies established for coordination purpose must be closed. Project Offices should be established.
 - If any UN agency wants to have offices in cantonment areas they should get NOC from the concerned agency, otherwise offices may be opened in civil areas.
 - All concerned should restrict themselves to early recovery only.
 - ER mechanism at Provincial and district level has been/being established, therefore all concerned should coordinate with provincial authorities and reduce their dependence from DRM coordinators.
 - The Chair recommended that dedicated and competent staff for ER may be appointed as soon as possible.
 - Donor agencies have already provided funds for implementation of relief activities, which have ended. No further funds are required for relief purposes. Donor agencies are requested to transfer unspent relief money to ER.
2. The Chair brief the meeting in detail regarding Funding Status – Pakistan Floods Relief and Early Recovery Response Plan 2010. Out of 252 early recovery projects , 67 have been funded so far. Out of 980 million funding required for ER 45% has been received.
3. **Mr. Timo Pakkala, UN Resident Coordinator (RC)** emphasis on supporting local institution at provincial level. He suggests that UN should involve in the ER phase to do mapping and gap analysis.
4. **Mr. Rauf Engin Soysal, UN special envoy** ensures his support to continue working with Government of Pakistan and cooperation from UN. He said that UN is committed at highest level to coordinate. He urges all donor agencies to continue funding. There is a need to build on positives and address comprehensive approach.
5. **Mr. Jean-Luc Deputy Country Director (P)** talks about being few days behind the schedule in terms of gap analysis. He informed that OCHA used to produce a monthly bulletin on relief. So for ER, they will continue to produce fact sheet twice a month and bulletin once a month. Ms. Mehreen, Communication analyst will work on it. He also

discussed the weakness of coordination in Sindh. He described the working structure of ER as,

- To do Coordination
 - Perform gap analysis
 - Monitoring, updating within framework of Chairman NDMA.
 - To fill staff at provinces with all coordinators.
 - 27 ER Information officers have been appointed in flood affected districts.
6. **Mr. Sakib Sherani**, Consultant Economist briefs about a Preliminary Macroeconomic Assessment on Pakistan Floods 2010. He discusses the macroeconomic impact on income, food and livelihood. He concludes that *Uncertainty* about vulnerable population's medium-term economic prospects has increased.

Mr. **Usman Qazi**, ER specialist invited the SWG's and TWG's to Share preliminary figures on Mapping and Gap Analysis.

7. **Sector Group on Agriculture** gave the first presentation. They gave the figure of gap analysis as around 435 million USD. Their main priority area was severely inundated districts of Jaffarabad, Dadu, Jacobabad, Jamshoro, Qambar Shehdad Kot and Thatta not able to plant Rabi crops. Here the activities include Provision of crops, vegetables, livestock packages, rehabilitation of water courses and integration with agricultural extension, food nutrition and DRR.
8. Next **Nutrition and Education** present that the sector has targeted 830,000 beneficiaries in nutrition and just over 700,000 beneficiaries UN school feeding. For these six months response there is a need of USD 61 million.
9. **Sector Group on Housing** describe that the need for ER at KPK is higher than Punjab and Sindh. The aggregate gap analysis for all provinces is around 0.4 million houses. The Chair gave remarks to include all stakeholder in this process. KPK is at higher need of ER.
10. **Sector/Thematic Group on Non Farm Livelihoods** present their aggregate gap analysis as around 125 million USD. The chair added that Government has run a parallel programme, in which Rs 80,000 will be provided for every house hold. It will be done in two installments. Money for 1st installment has been made to government .The will be a large number of job opportunities to be created in this process.
11. **Community Infrastructure Working Group** showed the Gap as around 92 million USD. The Chair gave his remarks that Strategy shall be devised to maintain DRR.

12. **Education ERWG** presented the Beneficiaries aggregate gap as around seven million.
13. **Thematic working group on DRR** discussed about needs and commitments for ER. They gave a figure of around one million as in gap analysis.
14. Representative of **Gender working group**, talks about lack of gender tools. She suggests having gender session and gendering aggregated data.
15. From **Environment working group** Mr. Saleem Ullah discussed the activities that are linked to the respective sectors will be integrated in their response plans. Activities needing stand alone projects will be placed to donors for funding.
16. Health and nutrition presented a gap analysis of around 49 Million USD.

Action points

- Next meeting will be held on 13th April 2011, in which members will share conclusion, findings, work left regarding ER work.
- Capture outside relief stakeholders, organizations, agencies to the record.
- Development Projects shall not be included in the project, in order to keep the budget to the allowed limit.
- In case of financial issue on projects, as a second option projects shall be funded on
- Communication and management people are requested to play active role for support.
- SRF will be actively used to estimate the amount of money spend in each area.

Annexe-I

List is attached along.

Annexe-II

Structure of ERWG

Co-chairs for SWGs

Sector	UN Lead	Government of Pakistan Lead
Food Security & Agriculture	FAO/WFP	MinFAL
Health and Nutrition	WHO/UNICEF	MoH
Education	UNICEF	Min of Education
WATSAN	UNICEF	NDMA
Housing	UN Habitat	NDMA
Governance	UNDP	NDMA
Off Farm Livelihood	ILO	NVTEC
Community Infrastructure	UNDP	NDMA

SWGs			
Sector	Government	UN	Coordinators (NDMA)
Food/Agriculture	Shakil Ahmad Khan, Min of Food & Agriculture	Andrea Berloff FAO	Qazi Waqar
Health & Nutrition	Dr. Asad Hafeez, Min of Health	Alfred Dube, WHO / Mr. James, UNICEF	Ammar Rashid
Education	Abid Hussain, Min of Education	Amson Simbolon, UNICEF	Zeeshan
Public Health	Sarfraz Lashari, NDMA	Douglass Booth, UNICEF	Asma Kashif
Housing	Waqas Hanif, NDMA	Anna Maria, UN-HABITAT	PO Housing
Governance	Sarfraz Lashari, NDMA	Asif Bhattee, UNDP	Asma Kashif
Off Farm Livelihood	NTB/MoL	Saad Gillani, ILO	Irfan Maqbool
Community Infrastructure	Irfan Maqbool, NDMA	Hidayat-ullah Khan, UNDP	Haroon Rashid

TWGs			
Sectors	Government (NDMA)	UN	
Protection	Aliya Nguyen	Maya Ameratunga, UNHCR	Assistant Representative (Protection)
Gender	Aliya Nguyen	Ms. Rizwana Warraich, UNWOMEN	Advisor
Environment	Muhammad Ibrahim Khan	Abdul Qadir, UNDP	ACD, Environment Unit
DRR	Irfan Maqbool	Shiraz Ali Shah, UNDP	PO, CPRU