

Regional Consultation for Networking and Coordination of Health Partners for Emergency Response

STANDBY PARTNERSHIPS

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Strengthening Operational Partnerships for
Health Emergency Response in South-East Asia

Background

The partnership commenced in 1991 in response to the humanitarian crisis in Iraq where it was necessary for the United Nations (UN) to rapidly increase its human resources at short notice.

Background

WHO rapidly mobilizes qualified and experienced professionals to respond to the health consequences of acute and protracted emergencies, and disease outbreaks:

- Internal roster
- External roster: **Partners**

Talking points

- Purpose of Standby Partnerships (SBP)
- Roles: WHO & SBP
- Existing partners
- Support: Where, which positions and by who?
- Highlights & Challenges so far
- Why SBP?
- How & What & possible challenges
- Key Take Aways

Purpose of Standby Partnership (SBP)

- The Standby Partnership (SBP) is a network of bilateral agreements between organizations and United Nations (UN) agencies to support during humanitarian crisis by:
 - Maintaining an internal / external roster
 - Keeping the human resources on the roster, **trained** and **ready** for deployment
 - Providing the human resources ***gratis*** for 3 – 6 months *i.e. all costs are covered by the SBP.*

WHO & SBP roles

ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBILITY (SBP / WHO)
Maintenance of roster (internal / external)	SBP
Shortlisting of CVs	SBP & WHO
Issuance of contract (<i>covers all costs i.e. salary & per diem, insurance etc.</i>)	SBP
Logistics facilitation process (<i>visa, accommodation, UN identity card, in-country travel</i>)	WHO
End of process feedback (Performance appraisal)	WHO
Training	SBP & WHO

Current partners (SBP's)

- Danish Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) <http://brs.dk/eng/aboutus/Pages/aboutus.aspx>
- Department for International Development (DFID) <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development>
- Dutch Surge Support (DSS Water) <https://english.rvo.nl/subsidies-programmes/dutch-surge-support-dss-water>
- Information Management & Mine Action Programs (iMMAP) http://immap.org/?page_id=236
- International Civilian Response Corps (CANADEM) <https://canadem.ca/>
- Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) <https://www.nrc.no/>
- RedR Australia (RedR) <https://www.redr.org.au/>
- Save the Children (Save UK) <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/>
- Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB) <https://www.msb.se/en/About-MSB/>

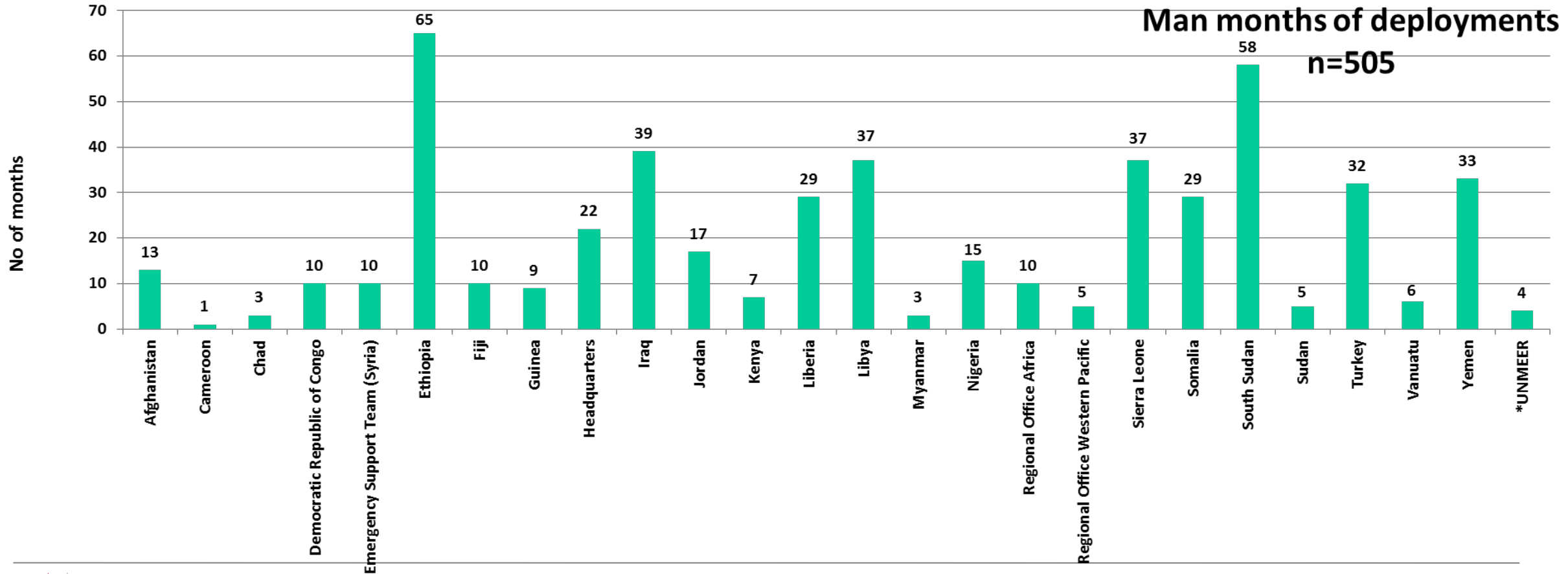
Support: Where?

(2015 – Nov 2017)

24 Countries
02 Regions

Man months of deployments

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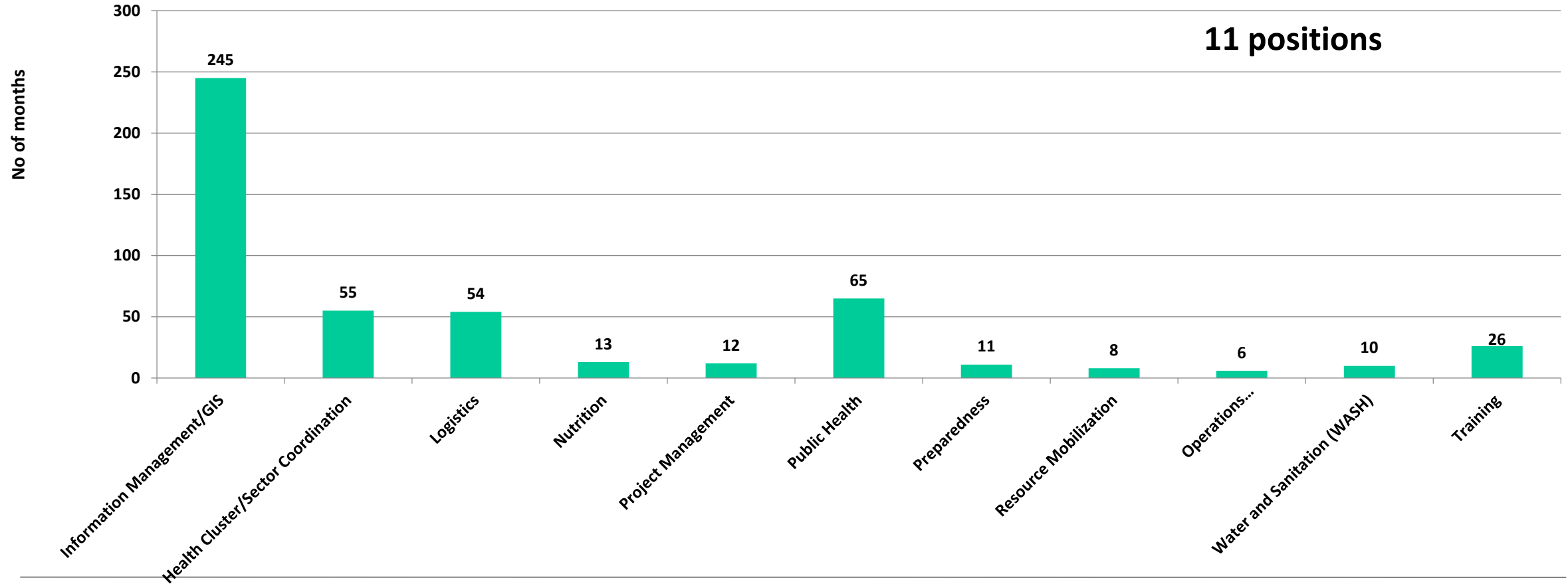


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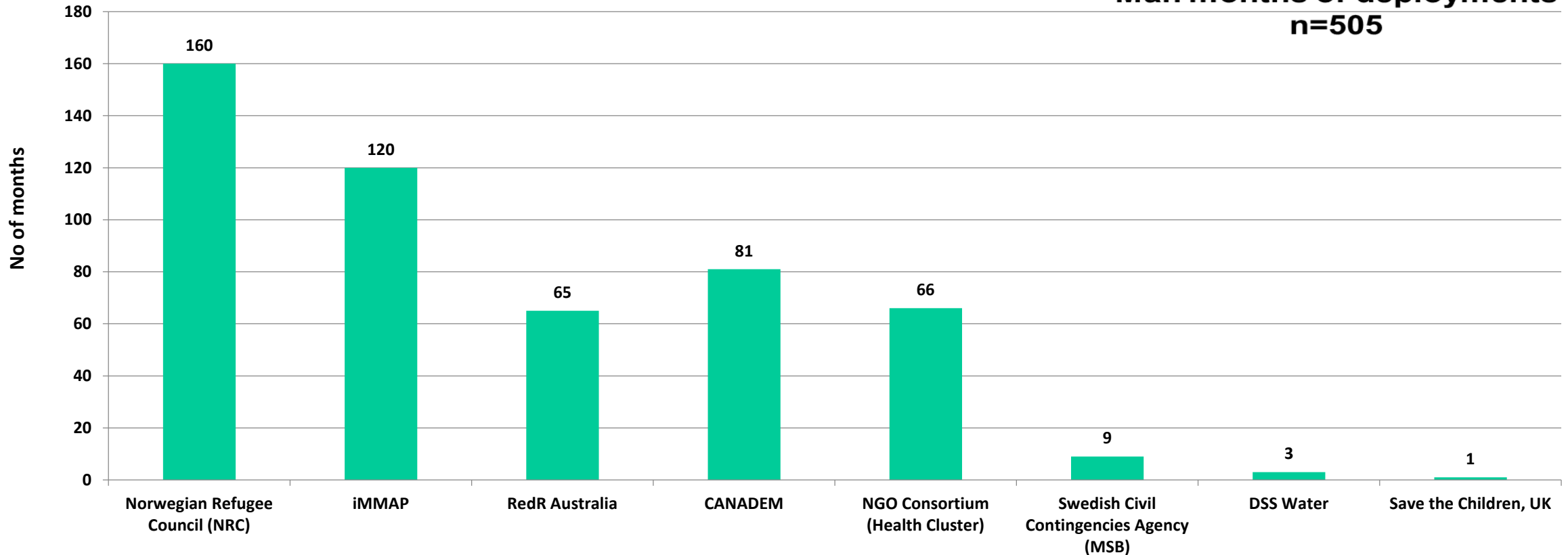


Support: SBPs

(2015 – Nov 2017)

08 partners

Man months of deployments
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Highlights so far

- Takes approximately a week for the resource to be identified and deployed, *provided visa is not an issue.*
- From 2015 to November 2017: SBP deployment support was provided for approx. **\$15m** in **24 countries, 11 positions.**
 - Yemen, Syria, Somalia, Nigeria, Chad, Laos, Ukraine, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia etc.
- Requirements go beyond 6 months
- Good performers may be engaged as staff
- CDC funded projects in specific countries i.e. Chad, Ethiopia etc.

Challenges

- 8 SBPs servicing globally
- Constraints: Roster & funds
- Delays in visas
- Lack of local SBPs



Why SBP?

- Help to build the SBP roster *globally & locally*
- Assist in training the personnel as per WHO standards
- International exposure and “*cross pollination*” of learnings

How?

Sign up as an SBP



What: for Governments..

- Initiate a formal roster within the ministry of health
 - Federal
 - State
- Make every employee a part of the roster
- Reward the good performers by making them part of the WHO's training roster: look for opportunities within the country/ region
- Serving during emergencies should provide weightage for promotions.

Challenge: for Governments..

- Negotiating with Ministry of Home / Foreign Affairs for permitting personnel to and from the country
- Relieving of personnel as and when required
- Populating the roster with some external resources
- Managing attrition

What: for INGOs / NGOs / Private sector..

- Initiate a formal roster
 - Internal for all employees
 - External
- Form consortium or “network” *Eg: Health, Information, Communication etc.*
- Coordinate with CSR organizations for resources (*Manpower or Money or Technical skills, eg: Google for helping to develop a software*)
- Coordinate with WHO for organizing trainings (*also Training of Trainers*)
- Hold quarterly/bi-annual trainings to keep personnel “**ready**”.

Challenge: INGOs / NGOs / Private sector....

- Consortium: needs to be “*like minded*”
- **Roster:** Outreach to campus, Corporates / Corporate Social Responsibility groups
- **Funds:** Identify “*the giver*” & “*the keeper*”

Key take away

- Explore possible Standby Partnership options within the region
 - INGOs / NGOs / Corporates
 - Government

- Organize trainings for SBP deployees, *“keep them ready”*

- **USE** this mechanism to deploy.
 - Takes less than a week to deploy trained personnel on the ground, *provided there is no visa issue.*



Thank you



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