

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

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## Needs of the SEA Region and Recommendations



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

# Objectives of the Consultation

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- 1.To share knowledge and experience about areas of work (both geographical and technical) amongst different partners in the SEA Region**
- 2.To identify opportunities and challenges of strengthening health emergency response**
- 3.To define mechanisms of coordination under different emergency circumstances and situations**



# Recommendations from Established Networks

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## Global Health Cluster, Member States, UN Agencies and Development Partners

- **National level legislation and policies to define arrangements for cluster system/s and thematic working groups**
- **Raise awareness about cluster approach in SEA countries including capacity building of Member States on coordination, leadership and partnerships management**
- **Clarity on coordination mandate from start of the response is essential**
- **Regional/multi-country coordination models e.g. Pacific Humanitarian Team**

# Recommendations from Established Networks

## Global Health Cluster, Member States, UN Agencies and Development Partners

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- Regional interagency platforms for health coordination based on comparative advantages of partners
- Regional and national levels work plans on building operational partnerships
- Regional Inter-agency Rapid Response Teams
- Resource mobilization including tapping of private sector partners
- Long standing agreements with partners
- Innovations- Tap IT- smartphones based alert systems, knowledge bank, drones based supply- develop in partnership with private sectors

# Recommendations from EMTs and Member States

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- **Mapping of EMTs in the region**
- **Bilateral and multi-lateral SOPs**
- **Expand on requirements for specialist cells; including in area of zoonotic diseases**
- **Build and consolidate capacities in partnerships on infection control and preventions, surgeries services and engagement, waste management and public health surveillance**
- **Civil-Military coordination- capitalize on their capacities**
- **National EMT workshops in each country**
- **Regional mechanism for simulations and joint mock-drills**
- **EMT can also focus on complex emergencies**
- **National MT focal point with budget provided**

# Recommendations from GOARN, Standby Partners and WHO CCs

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- **Partners mapping and registration for new interested partners on GOARN Knowledge Platform**
- **Standby partnership should be promoted and expanded** (Standby lab partners for surveillance, technical services)
- **Partners together can resolve the issue of inadequate number of trainers, closer links between SBP and GOARN partners**
- **Explore opportunities of collaboration for optimization of resources through Private Sector and Corporate Social Responsibilities**
- **Opportunities for building on partnerships in areas of lab surveillance, trainings/capacity building. Expand the number and quality of GOARN and Standby partners**

- **Networking and engagement strategy and knowing what we need- e.g. periodic emails.** Regularly maintain and update the network instead of re-‘creating’ the network each time (**opportunity cost**).
- **Build capacity for future partners/experts..e.g. mentorship support, internships**
- **Leveraging existing guidance documents- Global health security agenda, Standby framework**
- **WHO SEARO can review existing disaster management structures in the Region and provide input**

# Recommendations for Operational Partnerships in SEA Region

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- Partners mapping, clarity on key expertise, roles and responsibilities of each partner for emergency response
- Coordination and operational partnerships are essentially needed for effective combined emergency response. Evidences of best practices from - Indonesia, Philippine, Maldives , Nepal
- Localize partnerships – use existing systems
- Regional / multi-country level coordination mechanisms
- Institutionalize ways of working – eg resolutions, national policies



# Recommendations for Operational Partnerships in SEA Region

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- Understanding among regional partners for combined emergency response – continuous advocacy
- Development, registration, verification and accreditation of EMT/RRT according to national standards including referral systems
- Adequate number of capable trainers in the region for building health emergency workforce
- Ensuring implementation of health aspects of Sendai Framework (BKK Principles) through operational partnership for readiness and early recovery phases
- Innovations – ICT

# Recommendations- Readiness

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## Leadership and Planning

- Partners should help Member States in identifying stakeholders (**Partners Mapping**), **map inherent national capacities** and get involved in contingency plan
- Member States to **establish pre-disaster partners, coordination mechanism and conduct 4Ws analysis**
- Partners to understand national guidelines and actively participate in coordination meetings on preparedness planning

## Information Management

- Member States to take lead on implementation of 4Ws, training needs and orientation on joint rapid assessment tools on data collection and reporting mechanisms
- List of emergency focal points** within MOH and from Partner Agencies be maintained

## Health Operations and Technical Expertise

- Review of technical guidelines at country level** in consultation and participation of partners
- Partners to **support development of public risk communication strategies and materials**



# Recommendations- Readiness

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## Operations Support and Logistics

- Partners to **provide technical support in improving procurement and supply distribution procedures and mechanisms**
- List of qualified distributors- identify local vendors and review qualifications based on government criteria

## Finance, Admin and HR

- Member States to  **earmark of emergency funds**, partners to mobilize funds from donors and maintain buffer funds as well. .Assistance to MOH in submission of application to donors (CERF, SEARHEF)..one response plan with a joint budget proposal
- Localized roster maintenance** by MOH and partners to assist in mobilizing deployments, human resources mapping



# Recommendations- Emergency Response

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## Leadership and Planning

- Member States to include **national EMT and RRT** into their contingency plans with support from partners
- Member States and partners together to develop clear guidelines on trigger of emergency response and **activation of Incident Management System and HEOC**

## Information Management

- Member States to **develop, update and maintain contact list** of operational partners
- Partners to assist in public risk communication but member States to channelize its implementation
- Partners to assist Member States in improving data management (data generation, flow, compilation, reporting and analysis)

# Recommendations- Emergency Response

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## Health Operations and Technical Expertise

- Health services delivery be coordinated by MOH
- Enhance lab testing and diagnostics and lab-based surveillance in the region with technical support from operational partners

## Operations Support and Logistics

- Inventories on emergency logistics (general s well as medicines/vaccines)

## Finance, Admin and HR

- Clear SOPs on financial mechanisms
- Surge capacity, activation of roster in time of emergency

# Recommendations- Early Recovery

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## Leadership and Planning

- Identifying more partners and build partnership for recovery phase
- Generation of new capacity (based on gap analysis)
- Updating 4Ws

## Information Management

- Clear recovery plan and exit strategy
- Data on impact of disasters including economic losses



# Recommendations- Early Recovery

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## Operations Support and Logistics

- Sharing information and complementing resources

## Finance, Admin and HR

- Accountability mechanism
- Financial report on expenditures by the partners to the Member States
- Safety and security of teams on fields

# Next steps

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- The momentum of this initiative for partnerships by continuing communication and collaborative activities-  
E.g., Mailing list; web portal, advocacy , stewardship
- Sharing information – eg new guidelines, lessons learnt, case studies
- Joint activities – eg training/capacity building, national and regional
- Matrix for joint products in different phases
- share resources to sustain our work in preparedness and response
- Finalizing the Framework to include inputs from this consultation





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# Thank You !!!

