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

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Needs of the SEA Region and Recommendations
Objectives of the Consultation

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

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

• 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

- 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

• 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

- 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

- 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

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

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

**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

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

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

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

- The momentum of this initiative for partnerships by continuing communication and collaborative activities-
  E.g., Mailing list; web portal, advocacy, stewardship
- Sharing information – e.g., new guidelines, lessons learnt, case studies
- Joint activities – e.g., 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
Thank You !!!