

## Meeting minutes

### Inter- Agency Coordination Committee Meeting for J&K floods

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Sphere India Office

#### Agenda:

##### Section A:

1. To discuss the progress in setting up of coordination structure in J& K
2. To share the updates on JRNA
3. To discuss on URS matrix and advocacy issues
4. To discuss on in-depth sectoral assessment planning

##### Section B:

1. To open a platform for multi-stakeholder coordination meeting by involving donors (DFID, USAID & ECHO), corporate and other stakeholders

#### Discussions:

##### Section A:

##### Agenda 1:

- Good networking is made with government in J&K
- Government is very supportive in both Jammu and Srinagar, Secretary health has also provided space to Sphere India coordination team to establish Health Control Room
- Relief Commissioner Officer is recruited as a nodal person for GO – NGO coordination in Srinagar
- Since, State Government will move to Jammu in October – good to place resources at Jammu for coordination (Poonch & Rajouri districts)
- Dr. Henna Hejazi has joined as Programme Manager, J&K Flood Response for overall coordination of the relief and response and facilitates Health Control Room with Government
- Manoj Dash, has joined the J&K Response for initiating the JRNA and GO NGO Coordination
- Akhtar has joined the J&K Response to facilitate GO-NGO Control room establish at Rambagh
- Shivani has joined the J&K Response to facilitate coordination at Jammu Region
- Sadique has joined the J&K Response to facilitate Logistic Coordination and central warehousing

##### Agenda 2:

- JRNA orientation training was happened in Srinagar – 18<sup>th</sup> Sep (75 participants had attended) and in Jammu – 19<sup>th</sup> Sep (45 participants had attended)
- In Poonch and Rajouri, 18 villages will be covered then based on JRNA report, we will look at data to identify worst affected villages
- Government has extended support by providing boats and life jackets to team for JRNA

- JRNA data will be received both from Jammu and Srinagar region by 25<sup>th</sup> September, Data analysis and first draft will be ready by 27<sup>th</sup> September. Final JRNA report will be released in public – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014
- Few member agencies have already shared the agency level assessment report
- To fill the gap between secondary analysis report and JRNA report, Version II of assessment report will be released by 23<sup>rd</sup> September which will include primary data, key findings and villages assessed so far. Maps, URS matrix and advocacy message after each sector recommendations will be added into it.
- On 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014 – Debriefing meeting with Divisional Commissioner is planned with JRNA team in Srinagar and Jammu respectively (TBC)

### **Agenda 3:**

- URS matrix is followed up with member agencies for updates and updated sheets will be shared with government on a daily basis
- Advocacy committee is to be activated for J& K floods
- Advocacy message should be circulated in public either through government or media as not to send crappy relief materials like maggi, baby foods etc.
- Letter from Divisional Commissioner office can be issued as not to distribute any relief material without informing control room
- Suggestion for Advocacy: In future, every damage assessment team of Government should include representative from CSOs
- Security assessment and general security guidelines for members is required to be develop
- Suggestion to involve FICCI, PHD chamber, CIIS by sharing JRNA report with them and involve them in process
- Another suggestion is to initiate dialogues with players like Tata Groups, Reliance Foundation once JRNA report will be ready

### **Agenda 4:**

- Sector Committee lead will decide on in-depth sectoral assessment based on needs reflected from JRNA reports
- Resources planning to conduct in depth sectoral assessment
- Start planning/liasoning with government for shelter assessment
- Sphere India should start collecting multisectoral in-depth assessment request from members agencies
- TOR and strategy for each sectoral assessment is to be developed by each sector committee
- Plan India has expressed interest to join shelter committee meetings

## **Section B: IAC meeting along with donors (ECHO, DFID and USAID)**

### **ECHO Assessment Updates for J& K Floods**

- In Jammu, 4 districts were covered by ECHO – Samba, Poonch, Rajouri and Jammu (Poonch was most affected)
- Flash floods washed away agricultural land and houses in pocket areas. Sporadic landslide also damaged shelter and agriculture land in varying degrees.
- Immediate needs were provided and not much need is felt
- Visited few villages in Jammu and Samba, not settlement area was affected, but agricultural land was affected
- Out of 2500 families, 60 families lost their houses completely in two GPs of Jammu
- Kashmir side: Pulwama, Anantnag, Kulgam district affected in Southern Kashmir, Baramulla was visited in North beside Srinagar city
- Pocket low lying areas affected in Kashmir as well. Besides there are pockets of vulnerability within the affected areas
- In South Kashmir, some villages were completely washed off and completely destroyed (10 -15% villages) and agriculture land is affected
- Screening of beneficiaries is very important, in city it is very complex
- ECHO proposes to address immediate needs through a small scale response
- Flexibility in HIP is also proposed to address emergency needs
- Transitional shelter, livelihood restoration aspects/livelihood recovery system can be seen for short/medium term response
- Immediate needs is not very overarching as mentioned by ECHO
- WASH, Shelter is rampant
- Monocrop is gone (paddy), orchard is gone in varying degrees, this year tourism is gone

#### **USAID & DFID Updates:**

- USAID has allotted 2,50,000 grant to Save the Children, Care India and Plan India to target 2500 families
- USAID & DFID responded that JRNA report will give insights for early recovery planning
- Suggestions from donors is to share draft JRNA report for feedback

#### **Way Forward**

- Coordination plan is agreed by IAC committee for execution
- Secondary report released, Version II of report will be release tonight /tom morning after adding advocacy section in each sector
- Looking at sensitivity of area- Security assessment and general security guidelines for member agencies is to be developed
- Couple of advocacy agenda is to be taken up by advocacy committee like message on not to send crappy relief material
- Sector committees to develop TOR and strategies for detailed sectoral assessment

**Participants Attended:**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
1	Farheed Ali	CRS
2	Shachi Grover	Volunteer
3	Shabnam Hashmi	CA partner - Anhad
4	Eilia Jafar	Care India
5	Murali	Plan India
6	Shivangi	SEEDS
7	Michael Schutte	DCA Intern
8	Biplab Chakraborty	DCA
9	Ankush	Cordaid
10	Vijay Rai	WHH
11	Imran Khan	CA partner - Anhad
12	Tapan Mahapatra	ECHO
13	Talha Jamal	ECHO
14	Balaka	USAID
15	Sibghatullah	Islamic Relief India
16	Victoria Newton	DFID
17	Vikrant	Sphere India
18	Parul	Sphere India
19	Neha	Sphere India
20	Pooja	Sphere India

