INSARAG Team Leaders Meeting 2023
Singapore
28 February – 2 March 2023
DAY 3
1. We have the correct building blocks in our USAR Coordination system.
2. The methodology allows for flexibility.
3. Continuously revise our coordination tools.
4. Pre-setting non-arrived sector coordinators caused some confusion.
5. Link between OCHA and LEMA at the national level is important.
6. Role of UNDAC in USAR operations is unclear.
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USAR Coordination: Recommendations

1. More training, more training, more training.
2. Training: include a variety of scenarios to develop skills in building coordination mechanisms and in planning assignments.
3. When possible, sprout all SCCs from the UCC. Clarify terminology in UC Handbook regarding coordination of teams vs. coordination of sectors.
4. Show initiative and take ownership of the USAR coordination system.
5. LEMA contacts vital → outreach programs: multi-LEMA level programs.
6. Clarify the role of UNDAC in USAR operations.
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Is it sufficiently explained in the UC Handbook?

*Is the only item on the list that the INSARAG cannot solve on its own.*
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Information Management

Generally, ICMS is a useful tool. IMWG pushing forward to make work better. Always open for new ideas.

Challenges

1. Connectivity issue in the field especially in the initial days

2. Lots of data to fill especially in large scale disaster. Urgency of rescue work vs filling forms.

3. Many did ASR3 before ARS1 and 2. Forms filling orders are different from methodology

4. Many are using VO. Challenging to extract relevant information due to the quick turn over of information.

5. Needs more training on ICMS
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Information Management

Recommendations

1. Telecom partners to deploy as support to Coordination from the onsite.

2. Identify timely and crucial data needed for Coordination. Details can come later. Use of low band width messages.

3. Unique Worksite ID delink from sector. Call Signs allocations for non-class teams.

4. Simplified collection of data encourage more to use it, both classified and non-classified.

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6. Do we need monitoring function on VO. How to send rule on VO? More training?
Session 7: Localisation

- Participants were asked to comment on the interaction with the national response from the perspective of an international USAR teams, following the mission cycle.

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| Mobilization | • Request for international assistance was swift. However, different channels were used, including directly with AFAD, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EU Mechanism, or in response to the VO post.  
• Number of RDC’s and location seemed insufficient when compared to the different points of entry into the affected region  
• Briefings to arriving international USAR Teams from LEMA was not consistently provided  
• Team assignment to sectors was done by multiple channels, including LEMA, UCC, OCHA or members of the public. | • Develop more guidance for the procedures for receiving international teams into the country, including the establishment and support of RDC’s.  
• Review the need to develop host nation support guidance for member states.  
• Consider a platform for sharing best practices among member states. |
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| **Operations** | • Initial coordination was challenging with LEMA, but improved with time and when UCC was established  
• No ASR1/2 and sectorization at the onset by LEMA due to scale of EQ  
• Structural and victim marking was not used nor other tracking methodology–social and cultural issues  
• LEMA was not present at all SCC's  
• National response structure or authority varied amongst sectors (AFAD, Governor, MFA)  
• Differing experience with the use heavy machinery  
• Strong logistical support from LEMA to USAR teams | • Provide enhanced guidance to member states on how to incorporate the principles of USAR coordination into national disaster preparedness and response plans, including USAR assessment.  
• Develop recommendations or best practices for managing the first stages of sudden onset disasters with widely spread impact where national systems are overwhelmed. |
| **Demobilization** | • No declaration of the end of the USAR operations phase was made  
• Differing channels for offering donations from USAR teams  
• No beyond the rubble activities was accepted | • Consider elaborating guidelines for member states on the process of declaring the end of the rescue phase or determining demobilization strategies when End of Rescue is not declared  
• Consider developing guidelines to receive donations |
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IEC/R Compliance

Challenges

- In general the IER process is suited to prepare classified USAR Teams for EQ response operation, but we had a great span of answers → nobody contested the IER process.
- International Coordination was a challenge (RDC/UCC/SCC).
- Marking, ASR Levels, Shoring did not take place as trained.
1. More weight on International coordination on IEC/R. Teams should show understanding of importance and relation between RDC, UCC and SCC (i.e. including other teams in the exercise)

2. IEC/R Pregreening and possible extension of upcoming IERs

3. IEC/R WG should analyze all information provided by TLs in this session to improve IEC/R system or allocate to the responsible WGs

4. First proposed solutions to be forwarded to upcoming ISG
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Logistic expectations

Findings:
• Initial information on logistics in VO and initial briefing at RDC was insufficient but became better in the next days
• Some teams arrived on airports that had no RDC but were supported by AFAD
• Logistic shortcuts Top 5: Water, Fuel, Transport, Timber, interpreters
• Self Sufficiency of the non-classified teams was rarely existing, some classified teams had to support them
• Some teams solved logistic problems via their embassy
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Logistic expectations

Recommendations:
• Logistic training is needed, especially in regard to air transport and dangerous goods
• A logistic field handbook for download should be available
• It should be mandatory that the person for logistics in RDC and UCC/SCC is a skilled logistician
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USAR Operations

Findings

• The size and scale of incident was a contributing factor to Operational issues
• For the first few days, teams were conducting live rescues across many sites
• Difficulty for teams to capture information on rescues in the early days
• Most teams reported after 3-5 days, a “normal” USAR tempo set in
• USAR incidents are not linear
• Timeliness of important safety/security information to teams
• Many issues with Worksite Markings
• All teams had translators and commented on how useful they were
• All teams commented on the cooperation of other teams and AFAD
• Teams also assisted with other Humanitarian actions
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USAR Operations

Recommendations

• A review of Worksite forms to ensure they meet the needs of USAR rescue teams
• The development of a Rapid Clearance/Deployment form
• The development of a system/App that will allow critical information to be passed to all teams immediately
• A review of how an IEC/R is scripted. Consider teams going straight into ASR 3, then back to ASR 1 & 2 which is reflective of events in Turkiye
TEA/COFFEE BREAK

The meeting will resume at 1030
Closing Discussion in Plenary

1. WG Outcomes
2. Six Key Areas from the Hot-Wash
3. Upcoming Events/Calendar
4. Host for TL Meeting 2024
5. AOB
6. Closing Statement
Working Groups Outcomes

**TWG:**

i. The INSARAG First Responders Training Package is finalised and is ready for INSARAG Steering Group endorsement in April 2023.

ii. The IEC/R Leadership Course is postponed. This course will now take place in June 2023. Confirmation of the new dates is pending approval.

**IEC/R Review WG:**

i. IER process must be reviewed to ensure the INSARAG network can meet the demands of current and future IERs, while concurrently maintaining the quality standards of the process.

**MWG:**

i. Based on feedback provided by participants, the MWG will conduct a detailed review of technical guidance notes on crush syndrome and field amputations; and they will develop a technical guidance note to address team member wellbeing.
Working Groups Outcomes

**Information Management WG:**
  i. The IMWG is currently reviewing the building identification labelling system with intentions to streamline the current process.
  ii. The IMWG is reviewing current INSARAG forms to see what elements were used to reduce non-time critical information collection.

**National Accreditation WG:**
  i. The NAWG be renamed the Capacity Building WG and focus on localisation by introducing the INSARAG coordination methodology and concepts tailored to country contexts, promote capacity development at the national and local level, and encourage sharing of expertise and good practices amongst countries and organizations.

**Flexible Response WG:**
  i. The Global Position Paper is finalised and will include an Annex on the Americas Position – the ISG will recommend on the next steps i.e. that a new WG on Flood Response be decided. The Global Position WG will complete their work.
  ii. The Cultural Heritage Guidance Note is finalised and ready for endorsement by the INSARAG Steering Group in April 2023.
  iii. The DACC manual is still undergoing consultation.

**Transitional Guidelines Review WG:**
  i. The WG will transition to the Guidelines Review Group 2023-2025 and will include some of the current TGRG members. All WG's will nominate a liaison member to the GRG.
Closing Session

Türkiye-Syria Response: An unprecedented demonstration of global solidarity of international USAR assistance.

• 11000+ internationals from over 100 countries, 300 lives saved
• Coordinated through the INSARAG globally recognised guidelines and methodology in support of an AFAD led response - 2 RDCs, 1 UCC, 10 SCCs Established.
• 60 UNDAC and Partners responded in the first wave
• 24000+ national responders, 9000 lives saved
• 164,321 collapsed buildings
• A few teams reorganized and redeployed to Syria EQ.
6 Points of Action to the ISG:

1. **Coordination**: The relation and cooperation between USAR and UNDAC operations during a mission is crucial and must be strengthened.

2. **Information management**: ICMS is changing coordination and we must review the collected data to see how we can further improve efficiency and utility for operations.

3. **Localization**: Provide enhanced guidance to member states on incorporating USAR coordination principles into national disaster preparedness and response plans, including USAR assessment.

4. **IEC/R compliance**: Importance of RDC/UCC/SCC operations must be enforced in the IEC/IER process.

5. **Logistics**: Logistical knowledge in the teams can be strengthened by improving Logistics TORs in the guidelines and specialised training to be introduced.

6. **USAR operations**: The design of a new App/Form that allows teams to quickly submit relevant information would be beneficial to speed up information sharing and coordination of the operations.
INSARAG Calendar

1. You can find an updated calendar of events on the INSARAG Website. An updated version is posted every month.

1. Some of the events are postponed following the Turkiye Earthquake; AEME ERE will now be the AAR of Turkiye and Syria Earthquake in Qatar, possibly back to back with the AEME Regional Meeting, IERs, IECs

1. Guidelines Review Group 2023 to 2025 will be formed and might meet in Australia back to back with the Australia ERE

2. For any change or addition in the INSARAG calendar, please email us at: insarag@un.org
THANK YOU!
LUNCH BREAK

The meeting will resume at 1400
SCDF showcases new technologies and CD Academy latest training facilities
THANK YOU!