

Korea Disaster Relief Team



KOR-01

Challenges

a. Usually most international rescue teams can communicate in English or local language and before the departure from SK requested to arrange translators to embassy of SK. However, bring them collapse worksite and staying inside of nearby worksite was very stressed due to their proficiency training and experience in real situation.

b. When getting in ASR 4 phase, most rescue ops were impossible with hand tools and equipment. KDRT requested heavy machine to the LEMA but there was lack of them due to the damage road and too many rescue needs.



Lessons Learned

a. Early deployment of KDRT team contributed to coordination among foreign USAR teams. Early arrival teams' role was very important for making the following teams' work efficient.

b. Most foreign USAR teams including KDRT team had severe difficulties in transportation of equipment. Too much equipment arrived with USAR teams at the same time and not only paralyzed logistics of USAR teams but also gave too much burden on the affected country.

