

Post Disaster Needs Assessments: Roll-out in disaster prone countries

Third Project Steering Committee Meeting

Date: 24 November, 2015

Time: 15:30 – 17:00 hrs.

Place: EEAS Capital Building, Room JOY 02/A546

Agenda

1. Introduction and background – C. Andersson
2. Progress of project and Work Plan for next six months (UNDP)
 - Development of training materials, curriculum
 - Training agenda – rollout
 - E-learning module
3. Discussion (example topics)
 - How this project supplements/could link up with other ongoing/planned actions
 - Interaction with concerned EU entities (COM/EEAS/Delegations)
4. Any other business including next meeting

Participants

European Union: Claes Andersson- FPI, Rima Joujou-Deljkic - DEVCO, Roger Bellers - ECHO, Giuliano Porcelli - EEAS, Michel Jambou - DEVCO, Mihaela Haliciu - DEVCO.

World Bank/GFDRR: Joe Leitman, Edouard Ereno Blanchet, Tahir Akbar.

UNDP/BBPS: Jo Scheuer, Krishna Vatsa, Rita Missal, Jeannette Fernandez and Priyanka Chaudhary.

1.Introduction. On behalf of Oliver Nette, Claes Andersson welcomed the participants.

Background. Claes Andersson offered a brief background of the project and the purpose of the meeting. The objective of the meeting was to provide the Steering Committee members with an update on the progress of the PDNA Roll-out project and agree on actions for next six months.

2. Progress of project and work plan for coming six months. UNDP provided an update of the project activities, it was noted the significant progress achieved in this period. The project has spent 74% of the funds allotted for implementation. Most relevant accomplishments were summarized as follows:

- In terms of trainings, 22 workshops were conducted in the reporting period. Out of them, one training of trainers at the global level, four addressed to the Intergovernmental Organizations; five at regional level for UN Agencies and partners and twelve at national level.
- The overall feedback as determined from the training evaluations has been positive. The training materials is continuously being refined and improved with inputs from each training.
- PDNA training materials now available in four languages, English, French, Spanish and Portuguese. Volume A comprising the PDNA methodological approach is also available in three languages, English, French and Spanish. The 18 sectorial guides included in Volume B is now available in English and French.
- Increased number of PDNA trainers and practitioners as a result of the workshops. A list of **68** core experts and sector specialists is now available in the project roster. At least **20** new PDNA experts have been included in the Institutional Crisis Response Unit Roster. Several of these experts participated as resource persons in trainings held in the region.
- The World Bank has been well represented in all the trainings both as a member of the resource team as well as trainees. However, it was acknowledged that there is still a need to enhance capacities of the partners, particularly the EU country delegations given their role in leading assessments in countries.

In terms of activities to be completed in the no-cost extension period, the Steering Committee was informed the following:

- PDNA trainings will be held for two regional intergovernmental organizations, one of them being ECOWAS and the second one to be decided.
- Development of the on line learning module. UNDP will seek the support of the World Bank in developing the E-learning module.
- Support to 10 countries to strengthen information systems for the PDNA.

3. Discussion.

- The Steering Committee members underscored the importance of linking the PDNA trainings to the Recovery Framework, particularly to the new training materials being developed for Disaster Recovery Framework (DRF) guide.

- UNDP informed that a session on DRF is included in each training and a staff member of the World Bank delivers this session. World Bank informed that they will work closely with UNDP in development of the training materials for the roll out of the DRF guide.
- The World Bank requested access to all the PDNA training evaluations and names of experts so that it can build on the experiences and lessons learnt from the PDNA trainings for the DRF roll out.
- The SC members sought information on the linkages between the PDNA training and the Early Recovery Advisor and Cluster Coordinator trainings organized by UNDP. UNDP informed that a short module of PDNA is included in each ERA training as well in other corporate trainings for Crisis Response and Recovery. PDNA is also included as one key activity in the Standard Operating Procedures of UNDP.
- The SC members stated that it would be important to know the number of trainees who were applying their skills in supporting country level trainings and assessments. There was some evidence of it but no systematic information was available. It was agreed that a project evaluation will measure the application of the PDNA skills by the trainees.
- The SC members suggested that ACAPs should be engaged in conducting PDNAs and in rolling out the training package. The expertise and skills of ACAPS would be very useful to support the transition from humanitarian assessment to post-disaster need assessments. This was demonstrated well in Nepal. UNDP informed the members that past efforts in engaging ACAPS in the PDNA trainings and assessment were not successful due to various reasons. However, the possibility of working with ACAPS through the joint proposal submitted by the World Bank and UNDP to ACP will be explored in future.

4. Any other business/Other Issues discussed

- EU members suggested that it would also be beneficial to undertake a review of the PDNA assessment process. A quick after action review and lessons learnt from recent PDNAs such as Nepal, Malawi and Vanuatu would be helpful to guide collaboration in the next assessments. In that connection, it was also mentioned that the recent PCNA review provided some guidance and a draft response to the review suggesting next steps was being discussed. EU requested UNDP to share a copy of the draft response to the PCNA review. The PDNA review if done soon can provide additional inputs to the follow up process of PCNA review.
- World Bank informed of the Joint UNDP and Bank proposal to the ACP that was being finalized and will be submitted to the ACP within the week. The proposal will build on the existing work done through the partnership and develop capacities in the ACP countries to prepare for and recover from disasters.

- The World Bank mentioned the upcoming Third World Reconstruction Conference in 2016. The conference will have 500 delegates. The Bank requested EU to consider hosting the conference.

Agreements

1. World Bank and UNDP to work together in development of training materials for the roll out of the DRF guide. UNDP agreed to share the training evaluations and list of experts with the Bank.
2. Compile a lessons learnt document of the PDNA capacity building to inform the DRF roll-out project.
3. Undertake an analysis to understand how many PDNA trainees have applied their skills in supporting country level trainings and field assessments and how the PDNA training was useful. This can be done through a quick survey.
4. An evaluation of the PDNA roll out project will be undertaken as stated in the project document, at the end of the project.
5. Partners will explore the opportunity of engaging ACAPS in the PDNA and DRF roll out and in the assessments.
6. UNDP will draft a TOR for the after action review of the recent PDNAs and share with the partners.