Highlights

- The Preparedness Officer provided continuous support to the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao Ministry of Social Services and Development (BARMM-MSSD) in planning humanitarian logistics capacity development activities for its regional office staff.
- In September, the Preparedness Officer held a meeting with HELP Logistics to discuss possible partnership projects such as Supply Chain Resilience for the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) or the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) and online self-training course called Medical Logistics in Pandemic for BARMM.
- The Preparedness Officer contributed to the drafting of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between DSWD and the World Food Programme Philippines Country Office, including possible partnership on emergency preparedness activities.

Background

Based on risk indices and national-level logistics performance and capacity indicators, in 2018 Philippines was identified as one of 24 country candidates for the Global Logistics Cluster’s Field-Based Preparedness Project (“the Project”). The primary aim of the Project is to support and empower national actors to strengthen their capacity to prepare for and respond to humanitarian crises. A key element of this is the facilitation of a coordinated approach towards improving the resilience of local humanitarian supply chains and supporting effective information exchange between the government, national actors and the private sector, to ensure all actors are well prepared for joint humanitarian logistics responses. In the event of a large-scale disaster event and should the Government of the Philippines request international humanitarian assistance, the Global Logistics Cluster capacities can support national actors in facilitating a coordinated response.

In October 2019, a Field Preparedness Officer was recruited to commence the process of mapping national logistics capacities and stakeholders. Based on this, he is currently working with national responders to augment information sharing and exchange as well as assisting in the organisation of capacity strengthening initiatives based on identified partner needs.

In 2020, the Philippines experienced several disasters, including typhoons and the Taal Volcano eruption, reaffirming the need for coordinated logistics preparedness actions.

Coordination

- In September, the Preparedness Officer participated in the planning meeting led by Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao Ministry of Social Services and Development (BARMM MSSD) for the Humanitarian Logistics Management Training targeting MSSR regional offices and other selected BARMM agencies involved in disaster response. The training and the scoping mission to be conducted during
the training will lead the way for a series of logistics capacity strengthening activities being planned with BARMM MSSD.

- Further in September, a meeting with HELP Logistics was held to explore potential areas of collaboration in support of the national and sub-national stakeholders’ humanitarian supply chain and logistics capacity strengthening including Supply Chain Resilience for OCD and DSWD and the Medical Logistics in Pandemic online self-paced training course for BARMM.
- The Preparedness Officer engaged in the review of the final draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between DSWD and WFP. The MoU includes potential partnership in disaster preparedness activities and will come into effect upon the signing ceremony tentatively in late 2021.
- The Preparedness Officer provided guidance on sections of the draft National Logistics Cluster Operational Manual, focusing specifically on the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Logistics Cluster activation, during the National Logistics Cluster Technical Working Group meetings led by OCD. The Manual has been finalised in August and is ready for presentation to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) for approval and subsequent implementation.
- Due to an increasing number of COVID-19 cases and subsequent community quarantine status being imposed by the Government, meetings and activities planned with partners, including the quarterly National Logistics Cluster meetings, except for disaster response where the National Logistics Cluster is activated, remain on hold or only slowly progressing.

**Information management**

- Discussion on the design of a dedicated humanitarian logistics preparedness information sharing platform has been placed on hold due to Covid-19 operation priority of the government.
- The quarterly update and infographic for April-June 2021 were published on the Philippines Preparedness webpage.
- A Twitter message on the Humanitarian Logistics Management Training for the Philippine Red Cross jointly held in June with HELP Logistics, DSWD, OCD, WFP and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) was published on the Logistics Cluster’s official Twitter account.

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