

## Highlights

- In October, the National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM) organised the third Provincial Humanitarian Logistics Preparedness Workshop. The workshop was attended by 35 participants from the Provincial Administrations, the Provincial Committee for Disaster Management (PCDM) from eight Provinces in the Southwest region, NGOs and UN agencies. The aim was to enhance understanding of humanitarian logistics preparedness and its relevance to the development and operationalisation of provincial contingency plans.
- In November, the first National Humanitarian Logistics Preparedness Workshop was conducted in the Kampong Cham province of Cambodia, with 49 participants from governmental institutions such as PCDMs, National Police and National Search and Rescue Task Forces as well as relevant line ministries. The purposes of the workshop were to assess the current logistics systems capacities with line ministries, create a National Humanitarian Logistics Preparedness Action Plan and establish a dedicated Logistics Preparedness Network.



Participants evaluated the current logistics systems capacities at the third Provincial Preparedness Workshop.



The first National Humanitarian Logistics Preparedness workshop in Kampong Cham province was organised by NCDM.

## Background

Based on risk indices and national-level logistics performance and capacity indicators, in 2018 Cambodia 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 autonomously 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 Cambodia request international humanitarian assistance, the Global Logistics Cluster capacities can support national actors in facilitating a coordinated response.

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In March 2020, a Preparedness Expert was deployed to Cambodia to commence the process of mapping national logistics capacities and identifying existing national disaster management structures and frameworks. She has worked with national responders to augment information sharing and exchange and provided technical support and guidance towards establishing a coordinated and localised approach to humanitarian logistics preparedness activities.

Cambodia is exposed to yearly recurrent floods that place rural population and their agriculture-based livelihoods in significant risk. In October 2020, Cambodia experienced severe flooding as a result of multiple tropical storms in the South China Sea, affecting 800,000 persons over 19 provinces. With key infrastructure damaged and multiple donations received, the importance of the National Committee for Disaster Management's coordinating role, to secure rescue and delivery of relief items in the government assistance efforts to the provinces affected, was manifested.

Cambodia is further exposed to extreme weather events triggered by El-Niño causing severe drought. The hottest year recorded in 2016 triggered drought that was described by Prime Minister Hun Sen as the "worst natural disaster occurring in Cambodia in 100 years".

## Coordination

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- The Emergency Preparedness & Response (EPR) Officer, through WFP as co-chair and secretariat of the Humanitarian Response Forum (HRF), advocated and facilitated the coordination of regular meetings between NCDM, HRF, and JAG (Joint Action Group for Disaster Risk Reduction). In October, HRF held the monthly intersectoral meeting to discuss the flood response activities from various partners. NCDM also participated to present the flood situation and response mechanism.
- On 30 September to 1 October, the third Provincial Humanitarian Logistics Preparedness Workshop was held in Kratie province by NCDM with support from WFP and the FBPP Project. The workshop was attended by 35 participants representing provincial government agencies and PCDMs in eight Southwestern provinces, NGOs and UN agencies. A Provincial Humanitarian Logistics Preparedness Network was formed to support the coordination and roll-out of the action plan.
- On 15 - 16 November, the first National Humanitarian Logistics Preparedness Workshop was organised by NCDM in the Kampong Cham province of Cambodia, with support from WFP and the Project. 49 participants attended from the governmental institutions such as PCDMs from flood affected provinces, the National Police and National Search and Rescue Task Forces as well as the Disaster Management (DM) mandated and logistics-related ministries. This workshop assessed the national logistics system capacities, brainstormed an initial Humanitarian Logistics Preparedness Action Plan and established a National Logistics Preparedness Network.
- The Preparedness Officer introduced the 'Logistics Information Exchange' Platform (Log.IE) to the NCDM technical team and demonstrated relevance and usefulness of the platform. NCDM is interested in using the platform to track the logistics information and activities such as locations and transactions of stocks, and transportation during emergencies.
- Following the discussions with NCDM and PCDMs in the flood affected provinces on lessons learnt from the 2021 flood response, the EPR Officer supported in updating the data collection form to be deployed in the

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Platform for Real-time Impact and Situation Monitoring (PRISM). PRISM is an operational tool which has been jointly developed with the NCDM to assess risks and prioritise assistance to those most in need. The revised form is targeted towards collecting information on infrastructure, socio-economic, and priority needs. The training on the data collection tool has been rolled out in all 25 provinces.

## Information Management

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- The quarterly update and infographic for July - September 2021 were published on the [Cambodia Preparedness webpage](#).

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