UN-Habitat’s Work in Humanitarian Response

Policy and Strategic Engagement / Philippines

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Corporate Approach to Humanitarian Affairs

- Humanitarian work supports continuum from relief to development of human settlements after crisis
- UN-Habitat is full member of IASC since 2008
- IASC introduced cluster system in 2005 and now the Transformative Agenda to improve coordination of emergency response
- Disasters and conflicts become increasingly urban
- UN-Habitat contributing to IASC Strategy on "Humanitarian Challenges in Urban Areas"
Corporate Approach to Humanitarian Affairs

• UN-Habitat is developing partnerships with major humanitarian agencies providing urban expertise

• Undertaking an Urban Resilience Programme for multi-hazard catastrophic events to help cities protecting human, economic and natural assets

• Updating the way we work through new instruments:
  • Emergency Response Protocol
  • Emergency Response Manual
  • Emergency Response Fund

• Risk Reduction and Rehabilitation Sub-programme guides policy and emergency response
UN-Habitat response to disasters in Asia-Pacific (2004-2013)

Indian Ocean Tsunami
- Indonesia
  - Housing 12,500
  - USD 12mn
- Maldives
  - Housing 5,300
- Sri Lanka
  - Housing 10,000
  - Infrastructure, USD 25mn

Pakistan Earthquake
- Housing 850,000
  - USD 100mn

Myanmar Cyclone
- Housing 22,000
- Water Supply

Nepal Koshi Flood
- Housing & infrastructure

Post Conflict Projects
- Afghanistan
  - Housing 25,000
  - Community Infrastructure, USD 100mn
- Sri Lanka
  - Housing 30,000
  - Community Infrastructure, USD 50mn

Samoa Cyclone
- Shelter Cluster Support
UN-Habitat’s Recent Response in Philippines

- City-level recovery planning support
- Shelter / Housing Support
- Support to national government
1. Planning

**City-wide Planning Support** for emergency, early recovery and sustainable development

- Rebuilding resilient settlements
- Ensuring equity / pro-poor approach
- Ensuring livelihoods and economic recovery

UN-Habitat facilitates processes and provides technical assistance.
2. Shelter / Housing support

Providing resilient and sustainable shelter solutions for the vulnerable

• Development of training material for shelter repair and retrofitting
• Training of semi-skilled and skilled artisans for building back better
• Provision of technical and financial support to community contracting for building back safer
3. Coordination Support

Provision of Shelter Recovery Advisory Support to Humanitarian Community and National Government

- Support to MIRA / RAY development.
- Support to PDNA
- Housing Working Group and Shelter Recover Advisor
The Philippines response is characterized by limited funding for settlements and shelter relief and recovery:

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GC approved 2014-15 Work Programme including Risk Reduction and Rehabilitation Subprogramme

RRR Subprogramme is in financial difficulties putting at risk our policy engagement, contribution to humanitarian system and emergency response

UN-Habitat has been successful in attracting funding for post-disaster and post-conflict projects in the field, insufficient funding is available to support core staff and activities to guide and learn from crisis response
Conclusion and Financing Issues

• An Emergency Response Fund was established in 2012 to ensure timely and effective support to countries affected by natural disasters or complex emergencies.

• ERF is essential for agency-wide emergency response:
  • Rapid deployment of staff and experts
  • Specialized technical assistance on shelter and urban issues
  • Strengthen UN-Habitat’s urban crisis response capacity
  • Participate in post-crisis planning and appeals

• Outputs: needs assessments, project identification, promoting sustainable recovery and reconstruction

• RRRB Sub-programme requires additional USD 489,000

• ERF budget requirement – US$500,000/year