



"Donor Perspectives on Interagency Collaboration Initiatives"

Donor strategy for the future

European Commission Humanitarian Aid

LEGAL BASIS AND RECENT POLITICAL INITIATIVES

- ☞ EC Regulation 1257/96 on HA
- ☞ EU Consensus on HA
- ☞ EC Communication on strengthening EU disaster response

EC Regulation 1257/96

- The Commission is not an implementing agency that intervenes directly on the ground. It is, however, an active donor , fully involved in programming aspects and policy development in the field of humanitarian aid. The funds are channeled through individual contracts with partner organisations and agencies.
- Needs based
- In accordance with Humanitarian Principles
- Immediate aftermath and protracted crises
- Outside EU, most vulnerable populations in developing countries
- Natural disaster and man-made emergencies

THEMATIC FUNDING - CAPACITY BUILDING

Article 4 of EC regulation

Main Objective

- Build capacity of UN agencies and the Red Cross
- More than EUR 115 M committed since 2002
- Support start-up activities of an innovative nature
- Not permanent or recurrent.

Specific focus

- Effective response and surge capacity creation
- Increase availability of relief items
- Develop standard operating procedures
- Improve coordination
- Reinforce core mandates.

THEMATIC FUNDING - CAPACITY BUILDING

Thematic funding 2007-08

- In support of the humanitarian reform and the cluster approach → to improve the predictability, timeliness, and effectiveness of the global humanitarian response.
 - To strengthen humanitarian response capacities in the framework of the cluster approach;
 - To strengthen coordination of the humanitarian system by reinforcement of information management.

THEMATIC FUNDING - CAPACITY BUILDING

IFRC - Regional Logistic Units

- Support to building up of regional logistic units in Panama, Kuala Lumpur and Dubai and support pre-positioning of relief items
 - Ensure timely and effective mobilisation of resources
 - Achieve emergency response capacity to deliver to 5000 families in 48H and 15000 families in 14 days
 - Develop Federation standards for all logistic functions
 - Integrate procurement and logistic planning
 - Logistic back-up during emergency operations/regional logistic readiness
 - Focal point for vehicle fleet management
 - Harmonised mobilisation tools and procedures for pre-positioned stocks

THEMATIC FUNDING - CAPACITY BUILDING

IFRC - Regional Logistic Units

- The Regional Logistic Units = Humanitarian Procurement Centre
 - Provision of professional and harmonise HPS services to movement and other partners (cost-efficient)
 - Professional procurement services and strengthened audit
- Case of Yogyakarta demonstrated that logistic preparedness, pre-positioned stocks in regional unit, use of humanitarian logistic software and purchase through framework agreements etc. resulted into shortened response and recovery period:
 - larger number of people reached,
 - supply chain 3 times faster than in Pakistan and 6 times than in Tsunami
 - 75% of the relief items available for distribution in first 8 weeks
 - At 2 months, cost of package delivery was 83% less expensive than Pakistan

THEMATIC FUNDING - CAPACITY BUILDING

WFP - UN Humanitarian Response Depots

- Financial support for WFP as cluster lead Logistics (€ 4,3M)
- Support building up and running of developing regional Humanitarian Response Depots (HRD). To support WFP in meeting its corporate goal of being prepared to respond to 3 large scale emergencies at any given time
- To support the emergency response efforts of UN, International, Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations
- Sites selected are Subang; Dubai; Accra; Panama City; Brindisi.

THEMATIC FUNDING - CAPACITY BUILDING

WFP - UN Humanitarian Response Depots

- Support including pre-positioning of logistics/ support goods and of relief supplies in Dubai needed for humanitarian action
- All ECHO partners have access to the supplies on a replenishment basis without having to make prior deposits of their own.
- A standard MoU has been negotiated with WFP for all ECHO partners, very close to their existing technical agreement.
- This MoU will be signed automatically by WFP on receipt of the request from the NGO unless they have specific reasons not to.

EU CONSENSUS ON HA (2007)

The EU Consensus has committed the EU *"to examine ways to **strengthen its rapid response to humanitarian crises** by working together building on existing comparative strengths, in coordination with efforts made by the wider humanitarian community"*.

It furthermore calls upon the EU to *"seek to **underpin international efforts to map and plug identified response gaps**, such as those related to the international coordination of logistics, transport, communications, and surge-arrangements for responding rapidly to disaster"*.

EC COMMUNICATION ON REINFORCING THE UNION'S DISASTER RESPONSE CAPACITY

- It calls for *"a mapping study on logistical capacity, including stockpiling procurement and transport to the area of final use of humanitarian goods, with the aim of identifying potential response gaps. In a second stage, initiatives should be taken to fill potential gaps. The study will serve to provide clear guidance on which of the various tools available is best placed, most appropriate and cost efficient to be used in a given context."*
- It further calls for ***"the strengthening of global response capacity"***
- It underlines that *"the commission will continue its support to "the response capacity of key humanitarian actors such as UN and the Red Cross movement for their pre-positioning of humanitarian relief items that can be rapidly and cost-efficiently drawn upon in disasters."*

FUTURE AND NEXT STEPS

- Growing number of sudden and slow-onset disasters due to climate changes and global warming and non-traditional actors in humanitarian response (civil protection, military)
- Need for increased pre-disaster readiness, preparedness and planning by the humanitarian community.
- Humanitarian logistics - central to ensuring an appropriate humanitarian relief and disaster response - gets easily overstretched (effectiveness?, speed?, efficiency?, etc.).
- Study launched to identify potential enhancement for DG ECHO's contribution to the overall humanitarian response in partnership with other actors as indicated in the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid adopted in December 2007.

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