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EMERGENCY SUPPLY PRE-POSITIONING STRATEGY
to reduce gaps and overlaps in emergency preparedness

ESUPS Steering Group

The Emergency Supply Pre-Positioning Strategies (ESUPS) Working Group was created by a group of stakeholders interested in improving pre-positioning of relief items as a preparedness measure.

ESUPS is currently funded by USAID and governed by a Steering Group which is co-chaired by Welthungerhilfe and UNHRD. The Steering Group further includes Action Against Hunger, The British Red Cross, The International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), The International Organization for Migration (IOM), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Save the Children, USAID/OFDA, the Logistics Cluster WFP Pacific and the collaboration of Pennsylvania State University. OCHA Geneva acts as ESUPS Secretariat.

What is the Emergency Supply Pre-positioning Strategy (ESUPS) Working On?

- Improving preparedness by implementing an Emergency Supply Pre-positioning Strategy (ESUPS) at regional levels to minimize duplication/lack, distance and transportation of relief items to be deployed – Asia is the pilot region,
- ESUPS facilitates communication among stakeholders on the following pre-set of relief items: blankets, hygiene kits, kitchen sets, latrines, mosquito nets, plastic sheets, shelter repair kits, tents, water collecting and storage vessels, water purification units and solar light and battery generator,
- ESUPS helps to analyse if the right quantities of the core RIs are pre-positioned in the right places by using models and metrics in order to better make procurement decisions and use of donor funds,
- ESUPS promotes advantages of pre-positioning, including stockpiling high turnover items and commodity sharing, loaning and borrowing of stocks between humanitarian actors,
- ESUPS provides forum for stakeholders to discuss on pre-positioning, standardization and branding issues and proposes solutions to overcome those issues.



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ESUPS Sessions Outcomes

Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week (HNPW) 2018

- Collaboration among stakeholders and building trust is the key and a process of accountability to better make procurement decisions and to speed emergency response,
- Models and metrics analysis will be done in more locations and must consider having a balance between closeness and too far away of impacted areas by disasters to respond effectively,
- Strengthen country and sub regional structures complements international pre-positioning,
- Global stocks locations must be close to sea as well as airports to be effective and supply chain infrastructure must have shipping routes and capacity to avoid congestion,
- It is important to consider replenishment when deciding stockpiles and how sensitive to lead time are the stockpile levels? (as lead time increases, how much do stockpiles need to increase by?),
- Branding and lack of standardization hinder sharing of RIs also, but considerations should be made before moving forward since branding helps small INGOs with respect to accountability and helps track and reduce reselling goods on black market, also, it can help foster good competition in terms of who can provide best goods and quality to beneficiaries,
- Donors, governments and stakeholders could overcome the branding issue together by using a “visibility pack” as part of the emergency response deployment,
- Standards can inhibit innovation of new products since producers try to fit old standards so the humanitarian community could move towards standard specification linked to quality assurance,
- Developing a more advanced forecasting of disasters that reflect climate changing should be consider,
- Local information should define global actions, not the other way around.

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Next Steps

- The ESUPS will use the [Pacific Stockpile Mapping \(PALM\)](#) as a basis to collect data and organizations responding to emergencies in Asia will share current stockpile information on the identified ESUPS RIs to develop models and metrics and to identify opportunities to make better procurement decisions,
- Models and metrics will be done by the Pennsylvania State University in more locations and will consider having a balance between closeness and too far away of impacted areas by disasters to respond effectively and to better understand cost of storage and transportation of relief items in Asia,
- Further analysis will take replenishment times into account when thinking about sharing and stock levels and should allow organizations to request items from suppliers as “urgent”, “non urgent” or “just replenishing” because of supplier capacity,
- Set up an “after the fact” working group where organizations report on:
 - What they thought they needed to respond to the emergency in the first days,
 - What they ended up needing,
 - What they shipped and at what times,
- The Branding issue will be open for further discussions,
- ESUPS will keep providing forum and facilitating communication among stakeholders on a pre-set of relief items and will be present during the UNHRD Regional Partner Meeting in KL, Malaysia next April 2018,
- Information related to future workshops, research results and events will be shared in the www.esups.org website.

Dear ESUPS / HNPW 2018 Participants,

On behalf of the ESUPS Steering Group, I would like to thank you all for having participated in our sessions during the HNPW 2018 and having shared the above-mentioned ideas on how to move towards pre-positioning the core relief items to better respond to emergencies.

*With kind regards,
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