

ESUPS EMERGENCY SUPPLY PRE-POSITIONING STRATEGY

to reduce gaps and overlaps in emergency preparedness

Manila Mission Report

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Mission:
Manila –
Philippines.

Mission Dates: 20th – 22nd March 2018 (without including traveling days).

Purpose/Objective of mission:

- Engagement of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) and stakeholders of the Philippines in the ESUPS project,
- Provide information on how ESUPS analyses data on warehouses stock and transportation cost of RIs by using analytical models and metrics in order to help the humanitarian community to make more accurate procurement decisions and to identify the ideal locations of warehouses.
- Explain how those actions will result in a more efficient use of funds and resources to better serve beneficiaries during emergencies and to be more accountable to donors,
- Share the current status and further requirements of the project in order to develop and implement the ESUPS in the Philippines as a first phase of the project.
- Explain that ESUPS is looking at achieving its implementation in the entire Asia Pacific region and we intend to replicate the model in the rest of the regions,
- Discuss the need of gathering information on monthly basis and remark the benefits that stakeholders will receive from this kind of collaboration with ESUPS such as having access to other agencies current available stock information,
- Identify the gaps and challenges during the implementation of the project in the Philippines.

Inter-agency mission:

Indeed. Bringing together the DSWD, OCD and local stakeholders in Manila to develop together the emergency supply pre-positionign strategy.

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Main activities carried out during the mission:

- Delivered of presentations about the ESUPS to stakeholders in order to gain their collaboration to gather data on current available stock and further develop the analysis of warehouses locations and quantities of RIs by using the models and metrics,
- Discussed with OCHA Philippines about how to incorporate other consultations that already exist in the Philippines in order to avoid duplication of documents and obtain one single updated product which might be identify as a common tool under the ESUPS umbrella,
- Discussed about the next ESUPS workshop in Manila as a follow up mission which will try to ensure the participation of the HCT to revise the "Consolidated list of pre-positioned items" that OCHA Philippines created.

Participants:

- Paola CAMACHO SANCHEZ (ESUPS),
- Maria Agnes Palacio and Gil Francis Arevalo (OCHA Philippines).

Summary:

OCHA Philippines supported the introduction of the Emergency Supply Pre-positioning Strategy (ESUPS) with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) in the Philippines on 20th March 2018.

Save the Children and WFP supported the mission by reaching out to local stakeholders and connecting them with the ESUPS Project Manager in order to have an additional meeting on 21st March 2018.

Moreover, on 22nd March 2018 an additional meeting with the Philippine Red Cross and UNFPA was coordinated by OCHA Philippines to ensure that all the available stakeholders learn about ESUPS during the official visit of the Project Manager to Manila.

During the presentations, the tools and "know how" that partners are sharing with ESUPS were showcased for participants to learn how the Pacific Stockpile Mapping (PALM - created and developed by Florent Chane - Logistics Coordinator WFP Pacific Office) and the Models and Metrics (created and developed by Jason Acimovic from Penn State University) can be useful for them in order to improve the sharing of information among stakeholders and to identify ideal warehouses locations and quantities of RIs that should be stocked and procured as a preparedness measure.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) expressed a concern about having to pay a cost related to the ESUPS membership status. During the meetings it was clarified that the engagement with ESUPS is no cost and the only commitment is to share data on current stock on monthly bases.

After discussions, all the participants of the meetings found the idea of engaging with ESUPS very useful and agreed on the urgent need of mapping specifically the warehouses that exist within the Philippines

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and sharing information on its current available stock. Participants agreed that the deadline to send their first lot of data is 02nd April 2018 and also to maintain the initial agency specific approach until future evidence confirms that there is a need for changing into a cluster specific approach.

OCHA Philippines shared the "Consolidated list of pre-positioned items" (attached document) and the [Manila Earthquake: Pre-Crisis Information Mapping Survey and Consultation](#).

Action(s)/Recommendation(s):

- The ESUPS Project Manager will follow up communications with DSWD, OCD and local stakeholders in order to ensure the reception of their data and will keep OCHA Philippines in the loop of communications,
- OCHA Philippines will support in the coordination of future meetings, workshops or events and in following discussions with local actors,
- There is need for another ESUPS workshop in Manila to follow up discussions and revise progress. Ideally the meeting will be in May 2018 right after the UNHRD meeting in KL in April but the date is to be confirmed,
- The Project Manager and OCHA Philippines will look for ensuring participation of the HCT in the next ESUPS meetings/workshops in Manila in order to revise the "Consolidated list of pre-positioned items".
- The ESUPS Project Manager will ensure that all the agencies actively participating and sharing their data will receive all the outcomes of the meetings and updates about events/workshops,
- There is need for developing a country-specific Terms of Reference (ToR) on the ESUPS in the Philippines and agreements that prevent the abuse of requesting for RIs if they are not really needed.

Identified opportunities:

- DSWD, OCD and stakeholders identified the advantage of receiving monthly updates on current available stock,
- Agencies could bring their concerns to the attention of the ESUPS SG in order to find solutions such as the branding RIs issue, the lack of warehouse space that some agencies have and the need to have MoUs to borrow or loan RIs among other issues,
- DSWD, OCD and identified stakeholders in the Philippines could showcase their work and experience in engaging with ESUPS during the next HNPW 2019 event as well and the fact that the Philippines is the first country joining and supporting the development of the ESUPS to become a platform,
- Donors could have a tangible sample of the agencies which want to be more accountable in order to receive funds,
- The coordination that the government might establish with stakeholders, donors and suppliers under the ESUPS umbrella could serve to be better prepared to respond to emergencies and serve beneficiaries.

Distribution of reports and outcomes of the meetings:

- Via email and publication on the www.esups.org website by Paola CAMACHO SANCHEZ ESUPS Project Manager | Welthungerhilfe Staff on Loan | Emergency Response Support Branch (ERSB) Coordination Division | United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) | Palais des Nations Av. de la Paix 8-14 CH – 1211 Geneva, Switzerland | camachosanchez@un.org Telephone: + 41 22 917 5096 Skype: paholacamacho

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