

## Health Cluster Year-End Meeting

17 December 2009

NCDPC Conference Room, 2 pm

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### Participants:

1. Dr Gerrie Medina – WHO
2. Dr Malou Barrameda – WHO
3. Dr Mike Gnilo – WHO
4. Dr Paul Zambrano – WHO
5. Rencee Tayzon – UNFPA
6. Ron Villas - UNFPA
7. Jean-Christophe Tapin – MERLIN
8. Valerie Powell - MERLIN
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12. Ms Armi Saratan - WHO

### Proposed Agenda

1. Updates on 3/4W
2. Updates on Flash Appeal
3. Plans for 2010 (including exit strategy)
4. AOB

#### I. Updates on 3/4W

- **MERLIN UK**

- Team deployed for duration of 5 months (end of May)
- Project site: Talim Island (Municipalities of Binangonan and Cardona)
  - 6 of 24 BHSs still flooded
  - 12 of 24 BHSs have significant typhoon damage
  - 6 are in need of further maintenance
  - 1 new building but yet to be equipped and with no qualified midwife
- For possible inclusion: 4 barangays from Binangonan mainland (accessible only by boat) – in partnership w/ UNICEF for hygiene kit distribution
- **Plans:** re-equip health facilities, basic refurbishing, basic rehabilitation of facilities (with DOH), staff mapping (qualified midwife, etc), ensure access,
- **Other plans:** Training of health staff (for emergency response), provision of medical equipment such as basic medicines and supplies, provision of medical kits from each health station

- **Action point:** For discussion with WHO and DOH regarding assistance to BHSs and RHUs to coordinate efforts

- **UNFPA**

- 9 200 HK in 20 sites in NCR, IVA, I and III
- Different RH kits distributed (clean delivery kit, anti-rape kit, BT kit, etc)
- Medical missions through FPOP, IMAP
  1. 2565 pregnant women consulted
  2. 3 deliveries
  3. 202 post-partum services
- Training for minimum service package (MISP) in Region IVA, III, I, NCR to start on January
- For turnover to provincial health offices and city health offices (in non-regular areas)

- **UNICEF**
- UNICEF and UNFPA hygiene kit
  - UNICEF cluster standard used as guide – aimed at family (women and children)
  - UNFPA – aimed at pregnant women (about 2 items), “dignity kit”
  - There may be need to discuss the contents of each kit and to possibly define terminologies for more standardized reporting and mapping of health services

## II. Updates on Flash Appeal

- MERLIN – no feedback from Flash Appeal, but with new source of funding
- WHO – Received funding from USAID for support to post-disaster disease surveillance system, received funding from AUSAID
  - Support has been given to cluster partners such as Plan International and Save the Children
  - Support has also been given to DOH-HEMS for support staff for information management
  - Support will be given to rehabilitation and RHUs and BHSs in affected areas

- **Action point:** WHO has diarrheal disease kits on standby. For those interested in availing of these kits for their project areas, please contact WHO Philippines

## III. Plans for 2010

- *Already covered in previous discussion*

## IV. AOB

- **Mayon Volcano situation update**
  - WHO
    - Pre-positioned 12 IEHKS in Albay PHO
  - DOH-HEMS
    - Pre-positioned masks, anti-venom (due to migration of venomous snake to populated areas)
  - UNFPA
    - 500 HK in regional Office
    - Full set of RH kits given to Albay
    - Mobile medical van in Region V
    - Mobile medical tent with medical equipment and labs
    - Prior training for MISP, other capacity building exercises have already been previously done
  - From previous experience, displacement from volcanic eruption in the 6-8km danger zone can last up to 4 months
  - In the previous eruption, the cluster system has still not been institutionalized
  - There will be a cluster leads meeting on Monday, the results of which will be shared with the cluster
  - It is noteworthy that deposits along the slopes of Mayon from the previous eruption contributed to the lethal effects of Typhoon Durian in 2006 (erosion of deposits leading to mudslides, rock slides). Only 15% of these deposits were eroded by Durian.

- This has implications on the effects of future typhoons, especially considering that Bicol is one of the most typhoon-prone Regions in the country
  - Situation reports available from the Health Cluster Response Page and on the UN Response main page
- **Mindanao**
    - **IASC Cluster leads meeting in Cotabato, 14 December 2009**
      1. 5 priority issues – Official documentation of workshop to be released by OCHA
        - a. Information Management, Disease surveillance – syndromic approach
        - b. HR support to DOH-ARMM
        - c. Standards on WASH and Nutrition (ie CMAM in N. Cotabato and Maguindanao; SPHERE standard)
        - d. EPREP for health, wash and nutrition
        - e. Advocacy for maternal and child health, EBV, MHPSS
- **Camp Management / Closure of Evacuation Centers**
    - Overcrowding is a very glaring problem especially in Laguna ECs
    - 2 cases of rape in ECs reported
    - 2 cases of domestic violence in ECs reported
    - MHPSS gaps are also highlighted
    - Camp managers are already in “holiday mode”
    - Initial action by protection cluster: meet with DSWD to discuss camp management issues
    - **Possible Gap: Ensuring health services in relocation areas**
- **Action point:** update presence of NGOs in Laguna evacuation centers