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(CCCM) Cluster: Update**

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In line with the December 2005 IASC Principals' agreement that IOM would take the lead for the Camp Co-ordination/Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster for Natural Disasters, IOM has been working to fulfil its obligations to ensure predictability and effectiveness of response.

IOM and UNHCR, which have the CCCM Cluster lead for conflict-induced IDPs, have agreed to a unified cluster approach for both natural disasters and conflict induced IDPs at the global level. This approach avoids duplication while recognizing the primary responsibility each has in its respective area. The CCCM Cluster will thus continue to cover issues pertaining to both complex emergency and natural disaster situations in its overall strategy, while making appropriate provision for differences in approach where warranted.

In the spirit of the unified cluster, IOM and UNHCR will jointly perform the functions of a virtual secretariat, supporting the shared objectives of the CCCM cluster while recognizing their respective roles in complex emergencies and natural disasters. The cluster and its members will continue to act as the advisory body; the virtual secretariat will oversee the daily operations that support the global cluster activities.

Being better prepared to respond to natural disasters includes establishing emergency networks; IOM is actively seeking to broaden participation in the CCCM to include additional actors with experience and interest in disaster response, such as the IFRC and relevant non-IASC agencies and NGOs. Close co-ordination with the IFRC, as convenor in respect to shelter in natural disasters, is also necessary to ensure that issues common to shelter and camp management/co-ordination are addressed. Additionally, IOM intends to link with other existing groups, such as the IASC Subsidiary Body for Early Warning, Early Planning and the Inter-Agency Secretariat for the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR), to increase synergies.

Internally, IOM's involvement will be under the overall supervision of the Director of Operational Support, and IOM's participation in the secretariat will be housed in the Emergency/Post-Conflict Division of that Department. In addition to providing staff in existing IOM regional missions with background and understanding of the cluster process and responsibilities, IOM is establishing dedicated focal points in disaster-prone regions such as Central/South America and South-East Asia (in line with ISDR's list of vulnerable/affected countries).

The focal points are kept up-to-date with the most relevant information regarding the cluster process. They will also assist in the development of IOM's internal response plan and will be

responsible for liaising with country teams in the event of a natural disaster. Additionally, the focal points are responsible for creating links with and among government counterparts, acknowledging their lead role and responsibility in a response.

IOM's internal response plan will also incorporate good practices from various crises, including Pakistan where the response was done "in the spirit of cluster". Part of this plan will centre on the development of regional strategies that could be implemented quickly.

Proposed Actions by the IASC Working Group

1. Take note of IOM's planning in pursuit of its lead role for Natural Disasters in the CCCM Cluster.
2. Encourage broader participation of relevant IASC and non-IASC stakeholders in the unified CCCM Cluster.

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