National Health Perspectives in the Tsunami Crisis (Myanmar)
Myanmar
The organogram for Disaster Preparedness and Response

National Disaster Preparedness, Relief and Resettlement Committee

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State / Division Disaster Preparedness, Relief and Resettlement Committee

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State/Division Disaster Preparedness Subcommittee

State/Division Disaster Relief and Resettlement sub committee

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Working Committee on

(a) Transport

(b) Security

(c) Information
State / Division Disaster Preparedness, Relief and Resettlement Committee

Chairman  
Deputy Commander or Chairman of State / Division Peace and Development Council

Secretary  
S/D Director  
Fire Services Department

Duties and Responsibilities

- To draw state / divisional plan for disaster preparedness and relief and draw distinct / township plans in line with State/Division plan. Formulation of disaster preparedness plan and preventive measures.
- To form distinct / township disaster preparedness, relief and resettlement committee and subcommittees and also form committee at ward and village tract level.
# State/Division Disaster Preparedness Sub-committee

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### Duties and Responsibilities

- To implement preparedness and prevention activities as planned by State/Division working committee.
- To monitor planned activities actually implemented in case of emergency and prepare activities schedules to be forwarded to high authorities.
- To co-ordinate and communicate with township working committee in disaster prevention and preparedness.
- To supervise and assist township working committee.
- To assign 24 hours duty to disseminate and receive MRTV news or announcement on meteorology /Hydrology information in case of impending disaster.
State/ Division Disaster Relied and Resettlement Sub-committee

Chairman
Director
(General Administration)

Secretary
S/D Director
(Social Welfare Department)

Duties and Responsibilities

– To locate shelter sites or buildings as camp for victim as temporary settlement.
– To transport the victims to the nearest shelter and provide food, safe water and medical treatment.
– To Plan for the health and prevention of communicable diseases among the victims.
– To collect exact lists of victims for distribution of relief materials.
Public Health and Emergency Response and Management Team
Ministry of Health

Central Team

- Director General
- Deputy Director General
- All Director
Emergency Management Supporting Team

- Deputy Director
- Deputy Director
- Deputy Director
- Deputy Director
- Deputy Director
- Epidemiologists

CMSD
Laboratory
Planning
Finance
General Admin
State & Division Emergency Management Team

- Divisional/State Health Director
- Medical Superintendent
- Physician
- Paediatrician
- Surgeon
- Ortho Surgeon
- OG
- Psychiatrist
- Microbiologist/Pathologist
- Deputy Divisional/State Health Director
- Team Leader (Disease Control)

(All hospitals have emergency health management plan, (Mass casualty plan))
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Co Co Kyun
Yangon Division
Co Co Kyun

• Sometimes Traditional habit can save the people’s life. Many people from Cocogyun saved their life by their traditional habit. On every Full moon day, due to the increasing tidal wave, nobody went to the sea and do fishing. Fortunately, 26 December is Full moon day and everybody was in their home. So their lives were saved by their habit. This is one thing.

• 2nd things was seismic gap or end point of subduction zone is near Cocogyun.

• 3rd point, water level was unexpectedly reduced lowering down to (6)ft. from normal level.
No coastal area was affected and only fishermen were killed by the tidal wave in the sea.
No damage was there.
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Chairman of Tanintharyi Division Peace and Development Council commander of coastal region command, Maj.Gen.Ohn Myint. The commander took arrangement on relief and resettlement to be carried out for victims of tidal waves triggered by a strong earthquake.
Total Loss of Life and Properties

- (61) deaths, 42 injured
- (601) houses of 17 villages were destroyed
- (2592) people homeless.
- Total Loss of property valued at about 1585.6 million kyats

(All these dead bodies were managed by local people in traditional way.)
Immediate Intervention by Ministry of Health

- Emergency Medical Care
- Supply of Emergency Health Kits
- Establish early warning surveillance system
- Water and sanitation
- Provision of Food
- Immunization
- Vector Control
- Health education and social mobilization
-Overall purpose of Ministry of Health

Protect the health of survivors and other vulnerable affected people affected by disaster.

Monitoring Public Health to provide early warning of emerging health threats, timely necessary response.

Facilitating early recovery and rehabilitation.
MAIN CHALLENGES

Specific

• INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT
  Logistic Support
  Lab. Equipment,
  Lab. Supply for Surveillance of communicable diseases following disaster
  Transport Communication Equip.
  Emergency Kits
MAIN CHALLENGES

- RESPONSE CAPACITY
  - TECHNICAL EXPERTISE
  - SURVEILLANCE AND RESPONSE
  - COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION
  - AWARENESS, EARLY WARNING SYSTEM
HEALTH PROTECTION AND DISEASE PREVENTION

• STRENGTHEN SURVEILLANCE OF RISK FACTORS AND DISEASE SURVEILLANCE AND RESPONSE
• EARLY WARNING SYSTEM AND ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS
• MAPPING DISASTER PRONE AREAS AND UPDATES
HEALTH SERVICES DELIVERY ENHANCEMENT

- CAPACITY BUILDING
- LOGISTIC SUPPORT
- EMERGENCY SUPPLIES, BUFFER STOCKS
- COORDINATION/COLLABORATION
- COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT
MAIN ISSUE

- Training
- Logistic Support
- Technical Assistance
- IEC
- Infrastructure
Mass Casualty (Disaster) Can Strike Any Where "Be Prepared" Thank You