

Terms of reference

Union Civil Protection Mechanism Mission to *Kerala, India*

1. Activation of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM)

Between 1 June and 18 August, 2018, the state of Kerala received cumulative rainfall of 2,344.84 mm compared to the normal average of 1,649.3 mm. Consequently, the state has been struggling to recover from severe floods. Due to the excessive rains, hills were saturated, became loose and triggered landslides across the state. The combination of floods and landslides damaged and destroyed houses, agricultural lands and caused loss of human life and livestock. This has been the worst flood to hit Kerala since 1924.

It was agreed to initiate a Post disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) on 6 September under the tripartite agreement between the EU, United Nations (UN) and the World Bank (WB). The focus will be on the following sectors: housing and settlements, health and nutrition, education, cultural heritage, transport, water and sanitation, electricity and energy, telecommunications, community infrastructure, commerce and industry, tourism, agriculture, fisheries and livestock, irrigation, environment and forestry, employment, livelihoods and social protection and long-term disaster preparedness and mitigation.

The Government of Kerala is leading the overall process and will appoint different focal agencies for the sectors mentioned above. The EU, UN and WB are supporting the State Government with expertise and knowledge in the PDNA methodology.

Following consultation with the DG ECHO Regional Office for Asia and Pacific and the UN country office in India, the ERCC has been requested to look into expertise in the following sectors: (i) shelter and (ii) water and sanitation (WASH). More specific TORs for those two sectors are being developed by the UN country office in India.

2. Mission objectives

The PDNA will be led by the Government of Kerala to assess the impact of the floods on infrastructure, housing, livelihoods and all the other sectors, define and develop a recovery strategy including its sector-specific costs, which would reflect the concept of "Build Back Better" and resilient recovery.

The specific objectives of the PDNA are to:

- Assess sector-wise effects and impact on the floods in the state;
- Assess the overall socio-economic impact of the floods on the people and economy;
- Identify priority needs for affected households and critical sectors of the economy with a particular focus on resilient recovery and reconstruction;
- Recommend institutional mechanisms and policy measures to be undertaken in support of the recovery, reconstruction and infrastructure development; and
- Review current DRR policies and measures in place to deal with disasters and recommend measures to improve prevention and mitigation;
- Report to ERCC and operational tasking as required.

Objectives for sector specific technical teams:

- Undertake technical assessments in each sector;
- Compile background data needed for the PDNA (discussion with line departments, existing assessment reports, maps, etc.)
- Compile baseline data for the PDNA from the various participating authorities using the PDNA methodology;
- Prepare standard field datasheets for each sector team in consultation with other experts, ensuring that gender and other relevant cross-cutting issues are integrated into all sectors efficiently and comprehensively;
- Conduct the assessment, provide technical guidance and report to the PDNA Coordination team;
- Organise consultations required for the PDNA process and for finalisation of the Recovery Framework;
- If requested, facilitate the high-level meeting to present the outcome of the assessment report.

3. Composition of the team

Two experts, each with expertise and experience in one of the following sectors:

- Shelter
- Water and sanitation

Profile required:

- Experience: relevant work and field experience in one of the above mentioned sectors
- UCPM training desirable, notably TEC and AMC (other UCPM trainings will be considered an asset) previous missions would be an asset.
- Excellent command of English, good drafting skills, knowledge of local languages would be an asset.
- Availability for additional follow-up, collaboration and editing of mission report after the official mission deadline, if required;
- Familiarity with / experience in the region would be an asset;
- Knowledge of MS Windows and MS Office and ability to operate standard IT and communications equipment.

4. Mission

- Envisaged duration: 3 – 4 weeks.
- The proposed date for an orientation program in Trivandrum (Kerala's capital city) is 17-19 September. In principle, it would be important for all experts to attend this meeting. However, due to time constraints it is being currently discussed with UN country office on what the possibilities are for the UCPM experts joining after those dates.
- Estimated departure from experts' countries of origin: 17-18 September 2018, AM

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: 14 September 2018, 16h00 CEST