The Emergency Capacity Building (ECB) Project

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Emergency Capacity Building (ECB) Project

- Collaboration between 6 international NGOs 2008-2013

- Focused on 3 core themes: DRR, National staff capacity building, improving accountability to disaster affected communities & developing impact measurement best practice

- 4 country and 1 regional consortia (Bangladesh, Bolivia, Indonesia, Niger and the Horn of Africa) with representatives in each country

- Global Advisor Groups tackling shared challenges and programs for each core theme (DRR, Staff Capacity, Accountability & Impact Measurement)

- Global Project team to support the structure—Director, Field Manager, Communications, M&E, Finance and Fundraising, Knowledge Management

- Funding from Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, DfID, ECHO, OFDA
What is the Emergency Capacity Building (ECB) Project?

5 Consortia – with opportunities to reach out to other countries in the region
Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) & Climate Change Adaptation (CCA)


• Mainstreaming approaches to DRR programming at the field level e.g. Bolivia

• Planning joint *DRR capacity building* with government e.g. CDMP Bangladesh

• Joint agency *Simulations* training – developing links with UN agencies e.g. Uganda, Niger, Bangladesh, Bolivia

• *Disaster Engagement Response Protocols* – pre-positioning relationships (e.g. Indonesia and Bangladesh)
National Staff Capacity Building

• Partnership with Consortium of British Humanitarian Agencies (CBHA) to develop two new national staff programs
  ➢ Management & Leadership
  ➢ Core Skills for Humanitarian workers

• Developed an agreed core competencies framework for humanitarians between 13 NGOs

• Identify capacity gaps via multi-agency Simulations

• Review causes and solutions to staff turnover

• Building Trust in Diverse Teams – a toolkit of exercises for emergency managers
Accountability & Impact Measurement (AIM)

- Agreement on Key Elements of Accountability
- Development *Good Enough Guide to Impact Measurement & Accountability* and supporting communications materials
- Established an accountability standing team of deployable staff
- Developing a new Good Enough Guide to (just) *Impact Measurement*
- Piloted *Joint Evaluations* in four countries
- Piloted *Joint Needs Assessment* (rapid first 72 hours) in 3 countries (ACAPS partners) – training and data capture
Engaging with the Shelter Cluster

1. Developing and adapting existing accountability tools, policies, best practices and guidance for the Shelter Cluster.

2. Building the capacity of the Interagency Standing Team, Shelter Cluster Teams, Shelter Cluster Members and other stakeholders to ensure accountability to beneficiaries.

3. Sharing learning from cluster engagement to further ECB’s overall efforts on the subject of Accountability
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Posters  Leaflets  Films

The initiative to work in an Consortium has great potential and it could become central to the formation of a wider humanitarian network. The reason is that it becomes an opportunity, both for donors and for government and communities, to encourage better-coordinated actions, which also have a greater strategic value.

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Consortium lead: Oxfam GB

Films

Full ECB Accountability Film
Introduction
Section 1: Involve people
Section 2: Profile people
Section 3: Identify the changes
Section 4: Track changes

http://ecbproject.org/goodenoughguide
ECBinter-active - five regional learning conferences

- Capture learning from other humanitarian organizations – approaches to capacity building, other forms of collaboration

- Explore opportunities for broaden consortium partnerships

- Share training programs and identifying how tools and resources could be replicated and adapted to your organization

- Learn from guest experts / speakers who will present on latest humanitarian challenges, trends and innovations

Jakarta, Indonesia 15-16 November 2011
La Paz, Bolivia 28-29 November 2011
Dhaka, Bangladesh 7-8 December 2011
Niamey, Niger 18-19 January 2012
Kampala, Uganda 1-2 February 2012

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What still needs to be done 2011-2013?

- Share our learning via regional learning events ECBinter-active - national / regional / and international events
- Ensure coherence with other national staff development programs
- Secure funding for ongoing joint program activities e.g. management training
- Develop stronger partnerships with UN agencies e.g. IASC / clusters / NATF
- Encourage greater cross-consortia learning and cross-thematic learning
- Develop and test Disaster Engagement Response Protocols - consortia
- Identify collaboration opportunities with new partners e.g. Bolivia has widened to 9 NGO members
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Thank you

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