



India: Prompt Action Towards Nationalization and Institutionalization of PEER Courses



The Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, has designated the following institutions to conduct MFR and CSSR courses in the country: Fire Safety Training Institute at NISA, Hyderabad, Basic Training Centre at ITBP, Chandigarh, Border Security Force in Gwalior, and Central Reserve Police Force in Coimbatore. The GOI has ordered these institutions to train a total of eight battalion paramilitary forces by the end of December, 2006.

All training materials and equipment necessary to conduct the Medical First Responder and Collapsed Structure Search and Rescue Courses were provided by the GOI. Aside from those provided by PEER from phase 1 and 2, to date, all four institutions have at least one set of training equipment and materials. The CISF, NISA built eight sets of CSSR training props, ITBP four and one each for BSF and CRPF.

India has also explored its training to hazardous materials and confined space search and rescue skills by equipping itself with advance equipment for SAR. It is now working towards learning advanced search and rescue techniques through training.

Just recently, India, through its Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has commenced the program which will strengthen the response capacity of its hospital by sending its most potential instructors to PEER's Hospital Preparedness for Emergencies (HOPE) Course. Together with PEER, India has conducted two HOPE and two HOPE-Training for Instructors Courses and has graduated a total of fifty-two HOPE and forty-two H-TFI graduates.



The first batch of HOPE and H-TFI courses was held at the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) in Delhi in February, 2006 while the second batch was in Jawaharlal Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER) in Pondicherry in March, 2006.

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MIW produced 28 certified course monitors and coordinators

In collaboration with the Safety Solutions Incorporated, NSET-PEER has conducted the Master Instructor Workshop which was held in Makati City, Philippines on February 27 to March 3, 2006. The workshop was attended by twenty-eight MFR and CSSR instructors from the five partner countries intended to become course monitors and coordinators.



The purpose of the workshop is to enhance the knowledge and skills of instructors and develop more effective course coordinators and monitors in conducting the MFR and CSSR courses.

Facilitators to the workshop are instructors from Safety Solutions Incorporated, USA, namely, Gary Richards, Giovannie Ulloa and Mr. Edward Wollf. Two Indian MIW graduates from previous workshop in India joined the SSI team and assisted in the sessions.

As a result, PEER has produced a total of twenty-eight certified course coordinators and monitors in the region, with a minimum of five from each country. Only those who have completed this course will be invited to monitor succeeding courses in the region.

Course Adaptation: Completed in Nepal, Philippines and Indonesia

As one of the objectives of PEER is to tailor the course materials to the national context, NSET-PEER has planned and organized to conduct the adaptation courses and workshops. Among the five partner countries, NSET-PEER has completed the adaptation courses and workshops in Nepal, Philippines and Indonesia.

A core group in each country was formed consisting of experienced MFR and CSSR instructors. Their recommendations were taken and discussed within the group, forwarded to nodal agencies for approval and further comments. The result of the workshop shall be tested through a regular course utilizing the adapted version in each of the three countries.

Should there be a need to translate the materials to the countries' respective native language, it shall be done after testing and finalizing the materials.

For year IV of PEER-2, the objective is focused on developing more instructors who will assist the respective countries in conducting courses utilizing the small grants of the program. In these courses, adapted version of the materials shall be utilized.





Program Accomplishment: Year 3: 4th Quarter

India



Country Planning Meeting: PEER, in coordination with the Government of India, conducted its second Country Planning Meeting on January 31, 2006, preceded by an Implementation Workshop with representatives from the four PEER implementing institutions in India. The

meeting was participated by the agencies who are currently involved with PEER and conducting MFR and CSSR courses, Boarder Security Force (BSF), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), and Indo-Tibetan Boarder Police (ITBP). The agencies shared their accomplishment, resource capacities, experiences, and problems encountered in conducting the courses.

Recommendations were duly forwarded to the Ministry of Home Affairs for their review, comments and consideration. From this meeting, plans to improve the program implementation were discussed and requirement of each institution was laid out. Standardization of courses will be worked out with one adaptation workshop and course to be organized with PEER in the near future. Likewise, the need to conduct the Advance Search and Rescue Course was also discussed in this meeting.

HOPE and HOPE-TFI: PEER conducted back-to-back courses on HOPE and H-TFI in Delhi and Pondichery in India in February and March, 2006 which produced a total of 52 HOPE and 42 H-TFI graduates. These graduates are eligible as assistant instructors and eventually full instructors after due experience in practice.

Indonesia

Three courses for instructor development process were conducted and completed in Indonesia: TFI, MFRIW and CSSRIW. These courses added 28 graduates in TFI and 24 IW graduates for MFR and CSSR courses. These graduates are eligible to serve as assistant instructors for their first instruction and after which can be considered full instructors as they gain more experience in due course.

Both TFI and MFRIW were held at the Cyber Campus of the Department of Transportation in Bogor, Indonesia on January 12-16 and January 19-23, 2006, respectively. The core of facilitators was composed of experienced facilitators from India, Philippines and Indonesia. Monitors were Mr. Leonardo Ebajo and Ms. Marites Tandingan, both from the Philippines, for TFI and MFRIW, respectively.

The CSSRIW was conducted at the Fire Service Training Institute, Ciracas, Indonesia on January 28 to February 3, 2006. Facilitators from India and Philippines composed the core of instructors assisted by Indonesian instructors. Mr. Marlito Bautista monitored the workshop.



Dr Suryadi Soedarmo, In-Country Consultant for PEER in Indonesia, assisted in the organization, preparation and actual conduct of the workshops.

Philippines

Master Instructors Workshop: PEER conducted the second regional MIW in the Philippines with a total of 28 participants from the five partner countries. Two observers from Pakistan also attended the workshop. The Safety Solutions Incorporated facilitated the course. Two assistant instructors were invited from India to help in the facilitation of the workshop.

The workshop was held at Best Western Hotel, Makati City, Philippines. The National Coordinating Council-Office of Civil Defense, nodal agency for PEER in the Philippines assisted in the preparation and organization of the workshop. The Makati City Government supported by providing the venue for the reception which was held at the 21st floor of the Makati City Hall. To date, PEER has 55 MIW graduates who are certified coordinators and monitors in the PEER courses.

PEER Figure of the Month...

ROMULO FERNANDO F. VILLAVECER: The First Male PEER graduate for MFR, CSSR, and HOPE Courses in Asia

During the conclusion of the Country Planning Meeting in the Philippines, PEER awarded a certificate of recognition to Mr. Romulo Fernando Villavecer as the first male who have completed all three core courses of PEER in the region. The certificate of recognition was handed over by General Glenn Rabonza, OCD Administrator and NDCC Executive Officer.



Mr. Villavecer, working as Officer-in-Charge at the Silay City Fire Station, has started his career in PEER by completing the MFR course in the Philippines in 2000, CSSR in Thailand in 2001 and HOPE course in 2004. He became MFR and CSSR instructor during phase 1 of the program, completing TFI, MFRIW and CSSRIW.

At present, he is one of the most experienced and traveled instructors in the region, has served as either instructor, coordinator or monitor in almost all of the five partner countries.

PEER joined the celebration of Earthquake Safety Day in Nepal

Celebrating the Earthquake Safety Day in Nepal, PEER program participated by showcasing the materials being utilized in implementing the program in the region. The exhibit was held in Bhaktapur, Nepal in January 15-17, 2006. PEER posters, course materials, brochures, PEER newsletter and other program materials were displayed and distributed.

Vice chairman of Council of Ministers, Mr. Kirti Nidhi Bista, inaugurated the exhibit. Key officials from the government participated in the 3-day celebration of Earthquake Safety Day.



From Training to Action

Bangladesh

PEER-Trained Rescuers Saved 42 People

February 25, 2006



On February 25, a nine-storey Phoenix building in Tejgaon, Dhaka, Bangladesh collapsed and trapped up to 150 people beneath tons of rubble. Rescuers from the Bangladesh Fire Service & Civil Defence immediately launched rescue operations, and were joined shortly by the Army, Police, Scouts, Ministry of Health and other volunteer organizations. In the days that followed, the rescue teams reported that 42 people were extricated and saved alive from the rubble and retrieved 19 dead victims.

Philippines

Stampede at ULTRA

February 5, 2006

Celebrating the first anniversary of "Wowowee", a noontime show at ABS-CBN, a stampede caused an emergency leaving hundreds of people injured. Accordingly, people have waited at the gates for 3 days to get the chance to enter the premises since big prizes await the winners. The fans trying to get in pushed forward until the closed gate gave in and people in front were crushed. People fell like dominoes on the pathway sloped by about 30 degrees downward from the main road. The Medical City, nearest hospital, received most of the patients. There are about 73 people who died instantly.



The Medical City opened the ER to these patients. Dr. Jun Teodoro, one of the HOPE course instructors, reported that approximately 50 dead patients and close to 150 injured patients were brought to TMC.

What's New in PEER?

Instructor Workshop. Lesson Plan for MFRIW and CSSRIW was recently developed and tested by PEER in its conduct of the workshops in Indonesia.

Training for Instructors. A new evaluation form was developed by PEER to objectively evaluate the participants following the standards of presentation set forth by the USAID-OFDA.

Medical First Responder. A new evaluation form for group presentation was developed to objectively evaluate and score the participants in their presentation and avoid subjectivity of instructors.

HOPE-Training for Instructors. More lessons were incorporated to TFI lessons to suit the requirement for the HOPE course and developed the materials for instructor workshop for the HOPE course. Four new lessons were added to the course and individual presentations were tailored from MFR/CSSR Instructors Workshop.

PEER and WHO: Worked together for developing HOPE instructors in India

The PEER and the World Health Organization have worked together and organized the conduct of H-TFI course in Pondicherry, India on March 11-15, 2006. WHO has provided financial assistance to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of India in pursuing its aim of developing instructors for HOPE course. This endeavor will move India further in its goal of sustaining the training capacity of hospitals and strengthen their hospital plan in times of emergencies.

There will be two more HOPE courses to be organized by the MHFW in India with funding support from WHO. PEER will assist MHFW by sending assisting instructors and monitors to the courses to maintain the set standards of the program.

Up-Coming PEER Events: April to June 2006

April Regional Networking Meeting, India

May National MFR Course, Nepal
National HOPE Course, Nepal
National MFR Course, Philippines

June National MFR Course, Bangladesh
National HOPE Course, Bangladesh
National H-TFI Course, Indonesia

etc

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