



**Third PEER Country Planning Meetings**

NSET-PEER commenced this year's country planning meetings in August. In order to continue to improve the course delivery and maintain standards, this year we included an Instructors Conference on the first day of the Country Planning Meeting (CPM) to share their experiences and recommend more effective course implementation strategies. The second day of meetings focused on the accomplishments in delivering PEER courses, and launching the PEER Partial Funding Assistance Program (PFAP). As of September 30, 2006 we have held meetings for Bangladesh, Philippines and Indonesia. CPMs for India and Nepal will be held in December.

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**CPM Dhaka, Bangladesh August 12-13, 2006**



The Bangladesh Country Planning Meeting was held at the Spectra Convention Center, Gulshan, Dhaka. Selected instructors from the Fire Service and Civil Defense and the National Institute of Preventive and Social Medicine discussed course delivery and materials at

the Instructors Conference on August 12. The Country Planning Meeting included key officials from the Ministry of Food and Disaster Management, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, USAID/Bangladesh, the US Embassy, the Fire Service and Civil Defense, the National Institute of Preventive and Social Medicine, as well as representatives from NGOs and potential PEER partners. The meeting concluded with a proposed list of PFAP courses and plans for delivery.

**CPM Manila, Philippines September 6-7, 2006**



This year's CPM in the Philippines was held at the National Defense College in Quezon City in Manila. Both days of the meeting included instructors and key officials from the Office of Civil Defence, the Bureau of Fire Protection – Fire National Training Institute, Amity Public

Safety Academy, and the Department of Health. USAID/Philippines also joined the meeting on the second day. The Instructors Conference included an interesting discussion and exchange on lessons learned and PEER Impact relating to the Leyte landslide emergency. At the close of the CPM, each institution presented a comprehensive plan for delivering PEER courses under the PFAP through December 2007.

**CPM Jakarta, Indonesia September 13-14, 2006**

Like last year, the Indonesia CPM was held at the Acacia Hotel in Jakarta and included instructors, key officials and administrators from Ambulan 118, BASARNAS, BAKORNAS, the Jakarta Fire Service, and the Indonesian College of Surgeons.



The Instructors Conference included a discussion by AGD 118 and BASARNAS on issues with coordination and resources coming out of the Jogjakarta earthquake. In addition to those delivered by our in-country agency officials, messages from USAID/OFDA and USAID/Indonesia were also presented at the CPM. The meetings concluded with a planning session and next steps toward further PEER instructor development in Indonesia.

**PEER Partial Funding Assistance Program**

In support of PEER's overall objective to enhance the capacity of PEER partner countries to organize and deliver their own PEER training courses, and to assist the partner countries with their efforts to nationalize the PEER program, the PEER Partial Funding Assistance Program was formally launched in August.

Through this initiative, NSET-PEER will provide limited financial assistance to our partner agencies in support of nationalizing the PEER program. Based on the PFAP guidelines, the focal training institutions may request PEER funding support in conducting courses and workshops, program monitoring and evaluation, course materials adaptation and translation, instructors exchange, replacement of non-expendable training equipment, networking and coordination, and database set up and maintenance.

To date, NSET-PEER has supported two PEER courses under its PFAP. HOPE courses conducted in Kolkatta, India was supported by sending 3 regional instructors while the HOPE course in Dharan, Nepal was supported with materials, course supplies and national instructors exchanges.

**Pakistan: New PEER Partner-Country**

With the disaster experience in Pakistan and need for enhancing its emergency response capacity, PEER is pleased to announce that we shall begin implementing PEER training activities in Pakistan. Our nodal agency for Pakistan, the National Disaster Management Authority, has started working to identify implementing partner agencies and organizations. More information on upcoming training events in Pakistan will be coming in our next issue.





## PEER Impact: CSSR equipment in Indonesia



PEER has provided one set of training equipment for PEER courses to each partner country for implementing the courses, one during phase-1 and another set in phase-2. It was agreed that the partner country, through its nodal agency or focal training institution, will maintain the equipment and keep it ready and available for the courses.

In Indonesia, Ambulan 118 has designed a vehicle to carry the full set of equipment for CSSR, ready to go at anytime for a response. The vehicle is a converted van, specifically redesigned to fit all of the CSSR tools, equipment and accessories. The two trucks are being kept and maintained by Ambulan 118 at their facility in Jakarta.

## PEER Focus : FSCD Training Complex, Dhaka

The Ministry of Food and Disaster Management, PEER nodal agency in Bangladesh, identified the Fire Service and Civil Defense as a key implementing partner for the development of instructors. FSCD is located in Mirpur 10, Dhaka, Bangladesh and is currently supervised by M. Abdus Salam, Principal and a PEER certified MFR and CSSR instructor.

In order to adjust to the growing demand for PEER and other training within the training complex, the FSCD management, headed by Director General Rafiqur Rahman, ordered an upgrading of the facility by adding an additional level to the building for classrooms and instructors' rooms. This upgrading will make FSCD more suitable for conducting PEER courses as well as other programs at FSCD.



## Program Accomplishments This Quarter

### Bangladesh

In coordination with the Ministry of Food and Disaster Management and the Ministry of Health in Bangladesh, NSET-PEER held one of each of the three PEER courses in Bangladesh.

In coordination with the National Institute of Preventive and Social Medicine (NIPSOM), a national HOPE course was held on July 10-13, 2006 at the International Training Complex, Savar, with twenty-six graduates. Medical and engineering professionals from various institutions in Bangladesh attended the course. Regional instructors from Nepal and the Philippines assisted the national instructors in conducting the course.

The adaptation courses for MFR and CSSR were conducted in Dhaka with main purpose of modifying the materials and suiting them to the national context of Bangladesh. The courses were attended by twenty-four FSCD personnel.



### Indonesia

The Third Country Planning Meeting was conducted in Jakarta, Indonesia on September 13-14, 2006. Key officials from the nodal agency and partner organizations attended the meeting. Program plans in continuing the implementation of PEER in Indonesia were discussed in this meeting.

### India

In preparation for the Medical First Responder (MFR) and Collapsed Structure Search and Rescue (CSSR) Adaptation Courses scheduled in November, 2006, NSET-PEER, in collaboration with the Ministry of Home Affairs, India, conducted the adaptation workshops for both the MFR and CSSR courses at the Fire Service Training Institute of the National Industrial Security Academy-Central Industrial Security Force, Hyderabad, India on September 14-16, 2006 and September 17-18, 2006, respectively. The materials will be tested in the forthcoming adaptation courses planned for November.



### Nepal

In addition to the HOPE course held in Dharan which was supported by NSET-PEER under its Partial Funding Assistance Program (see first page), NSET-PEER conducted one fully-funded MFR course at the National Police Academy on September 13-25, 2006. The course had participants comprised of potential MFR instructors from Nepal Police and Armed Police Force. A total of twenty-one participants successfully completed the course.

### Philippines

In collaboration with the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC), and Amity Public Safety Academy (APSA), NSET-PEER conducted a national Collapsed Structure Search and Rescue (CSSR) Course on August 8-15, 2006 in Bacolod City.

The purpose of this course was to train potential CSSR instructors in APSA for the continuous implementation of PEER courses. A total of twenty-four participants from various APSA partner organizations from Bacolod attended and successfully completed the course, totaling one hundred forty-one CSSR graduates in the Philippines to date. The large number of female participation, constituting 25% of total participation, was of particular note during this course.

## Upcoming PEER Events

### October:

CSSR Course - October 12-20, 2006, Nepal

### November:

HOPE Course - November 1-4, 2006, India

TFI Course - November 1-5, 2006, Nepal (TBC)

H-TFI Course - November 6-10, 2006, India

MFR Adaptation Course - November 7-14, 2006, India

MFR Instructor Workshop - November 8-12, 2006, Nepal (TBC)

CSSR Instructor Workshop - November 17-23, 2006, Nepal (TBC)

CSSR Adaptation Course - November 18-25, India

### December:

Country Planning Meeting - December 5-6, 2006, India (TBC)

Country Planning Meeting - December 12-13, 2006, Nepal (TBC)

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