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PEER Phase 2 Extended for One Year: April 2008 to March 2009

The U.S. Agency for International Development-Office of the Foreign Disaster Assistance has approved the proposal of NSET to extend the implementation of PEER from April, 2008 to March, 2009. This one-year extension gives NSET a total of six years as implementing agency for PEER Phase 2, April 2003 to March 2009. Additional program events included in the proposal were the development of course materials for MFR/CSSR Refresher Course and Multi-Hazard HOPE, the Second Country Planning Meeting for Pakistan, training of PEER database administrators and one more Regional Planning Meeting, among others.

This additional year will also serve as opportunity for all PEER partner countries to meet the targets planned and agreed during the Country and Regional Planning Meetings, utilizing the PFAP budget. NSET-PEER will continue to help all six partner countries in developing additional PEER instructors, strengthen their national emergency response capacity and meet the program's overall objective on nationalization and institutionalization.

PEER Sub-Regional MIWs



PEER organized two Sub-Regional Master Instructor Workshops (MIW) in this quarter. The MIW aims to develop more effective course coordinators and monitors for PEER courses.

The MIW for the sub-region of Indonesia and Philippines was held at the Amity Public Safety Academy (APSA), Bacolod City, Philippines on July 1-5, 2007. A total of 24 participants, 12 from Philippines and 12 from Indonesia took the course and successfully completed.

For the sub-region of Bangladesh, India and Nepal, PEER organized the MIW on September 21-25, 2007 held at the National Police Academy, Kathmandu, Nepal. A total of twenty-two PEER experienced instructors from the three countries participated in the workshop: 8 from Bangladesh, 4 from India and 10 from Nepal.

Most experienced course coordinators and monitors from Bangladesh, Indonesia, Nepal and Philippines composed the team of facilitators: Mr. Mamun (Bangladesh), Ms. A. Setianingsih (Indonesia), Dr. V. Carlos (Phils), and Mr. R. F. Villavecer (Phils). Mrs. J. Lagahit, PEER Training Consultant and Mr. Rai of Nepal served as the workshop coordinators for the first and second workshops, respectively.



PEER Refresher Course Development Workshop



With the recommendation during the Third Country Planning Meeting held on March 6-8, 2007 in Jakarta, Indonesia, NSET-PEER has invited selected MFR and CSSR senior instructors to develop the course materials for the Refresher Courses. The workshop was held at Godavari Resort in Kathmandu on September 27-29, 2007. A total of 10 senior MFR and CSSR instructors from the five partner countries (Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Philippines) composed the development team who will continue to work to finalize and test the developed course materials.

PEER Events in Pakistan

To continue with the plan of developing PEER instructors in Pakistan, PEER, in coordination with the National Disaster Management Authority, conducted three PEER courses in Pakistan in this quarter: Training for Instructors, MFR Instructor Workshop and Collapsed Structure Search and Rescue courses, all conducted at the Punjab Emergency Services Academy in Lahore.

The TFI course was held on July 14-18, 2007 with a total of 23 graduates. The instructor team was composed of regional instructors from Bangladesh, Nepal and Philippines, with Mr. Leonardo P Ebajo from Philippines as Course Monitor and Mr. Kamal Singh Bam of Nepal as Course Coordinator.



The MFR Instructor Workshop was held right after the TFI on July 21-25, 2007 with the same graduates from TFI as participants and all have successfully completed the course. Mr. Thule Rai from Nepal served as the Course Monitor and Mr. Leonardo P Ebajo from Philippines served as the Course Coordinator.

On August 18-26, 2007, a Collapsed Structure Search and Rescue course was conducted with the regional instructors from Bangladesh, Nepal and Philippines composing the instructors team. Maj. Subash Thapa of Nepal and Mr. Ryan Zaldy Abrera of the Philippines served as the Course Coordinator and Course Monitor, respectively. All 24 participants have successfully completed the course.



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PEER Highlights: Rescue 1122, Pakistan

In support of the national strategy of Pakistan in strengthening the emergency response capacity of the country, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has designated the Punjab Emergency Services (Rescue 1122) as one of the implementing partners for PEER program.



Rescue 1122 was launched in 2005 as a small project of ambulance service (Punjab Emergency and Ambulance Service) under Provincial Health Department, Punjab. With the up-gradation of the roles of this service, it is currently serving multiple response capabilities which include fire, rescue, medical assistance, and limited HAZMAT capability. Its training academy is located at the L.O.S. Ichra Road, Lahore with 45 district stations for response. Rescue 1122 is headed by its Director General, Dr. Rizwan Naseer.

(Courtesy of Maj Retd. Amjad Ahmad, Pakistan)

Ms. Tahira Khan is the first female CSSR course graduate in



Pakistan. She is also the first female Emergency Officer in PES. Ms. Khan has been employed in PES since September, 2006 and tasked to impart training. Ms. Khan has completed her Masters degree in Chemistry from University of Punjab, Lahore and Bachelor degree in Education from University of Education, Lahore. In PEER, Ms. Khan has completed MFR, CSSR, TFI and MFRIW, with CSSRIW scheduled to attend in October, 2007.

2nd CPM Pakistan

To review the accomplishments in the first round of courses and plan for more effective implementation of the next round of courses, the National Disaster Management Authority, in coordination with NSET-PEER, conducted the Second Country Planning Meeting for PEER implementation on August 21, 2007 at the Civil Secretariat, Lahore. A total of 29 key partners from implementing institutions and future partners have attended the meeting.

Brig Kamran Shariff, DM Advisor for NDMA, served as the chairperson in the meeting. As a result, it was agreed to develop a minimum number of full instructors for MFR, CSSR and HOPE by the end of March, 2008 who will form the instruction team for the succeeding courses in Pakistan which will be supported through the PEER's Partial Funding Assistance Program. Likewise, the targets made during the first CPM was reviewed and revised in this meeting.



PEER PFAP Events: 2nd Quarter, Year V

Nepal

Nepal Police, with support from NSET-PEER, conducted a MFR Instructor Workshop on August 31 to September 4, 2007 at the National Police Academy. A total of 15 graduates completed the workshop. The instructor's team was composed of national instructors from Nepal Police, Nepal Red Cross, Armed Police and Army. Mrs Jasmin Lagahit, PEER Training Consultant and Mr. Kamal Singh Bam of Nepal Police served as the Course Monitor and Course Coordinator, respectively.

Philippines

Under the PEER Partial Funding Assistance Program, four PEER courses were conducted in the Philippines this quarter.

The Office of Civil Defense Region VI conducted a HOPE course held in Mambukal Resort, Bacolod City on July 8-12, 2007. A total of 29 participants successfully completed the course. CPT Edgar Felix L. Posadas and Rudel M. Jaranilla served as the Course Monitor and Course Coordinator, respectively.

The Amity Public Safety Academy (APSA) conducted two Medical First Responder (MFR) courses, first on July 9-21, 2007 and second on August 20 to September 1, 2007, with total graduates of 17 and 22, respectively. SInsp Vilma F Carlos served as the Course Monitor for both batches. Dr. Romeo Sabado and Ms. Cherry Bee Llera served as the Course Coordinator for first and second batches, respectively.

On September 5-12, 2007, a Collapsed Structure Search and Rescue course was conducted at APSA, with a total of 23 graduates. Mr. Medardo Batiller and Romualdo J. Monzon served as the Course Monitor and Course Coordinator, respectively.

Upcoming Events: 3rd Quarter, PY 5

October:

Philippines MFR (FNTI)	(Oct 5-17, 2007)
Pakistan CSSRIW	(Oct 23-29, 2007)

November:

Philippines CSSR (FNTI)	(Nov 5-12, 2007)
Philippines MFR (APSA)	(Nov 5-17, 2007)
Philippines CSSR (APSA)	(Nov 21-28, 2007)
Pakistan MFR 1	(Nov 2007) TBC
Pakistan MFR 2	(Nov 2007) TBC

December:

Pakistan CSSR	(Dec 2007) TBC
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