

Program for Enhancement of Emergency Response (PEER)

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BACKGROUND

The Program for Enhancement of Emergency Response (PEER) is a regional training program initiated in 1998 by the U.S. Agency for International Development, Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) to strengthen disaster response capacities in Asia. The program covers six Asian countries: Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan and the Philippines. These countries were selected to participate in the program based on their high seismic vulnerability, their need to improve disaster response capacity, and the interest on the part of their national governments and civil society to participate in the program.

The National Society for Earthquake Technology (NSET) is implementing the program in close collaboration with the national government agencies in each country.

GOAL

To reduce mortality in mass casualty events and increase survival rates of disaster victims.

OBJECTIVES

- Establish and strengthen the capability of PEER countries to provide collapsed structure search and rescue and basic & advanced life support, beginning with the first responder and continuing through the medical facilities
- Develop a training system that continually provides disaster response with qualified personnel for search and rescue and medical first response and medical facilities prepared to receive victims
- Establish a coordinating network of emergency and medical response and training institutions and individuals in PEER countries that ensure the continuation of the PEER process and further promote its evolution.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Four core components comprise the program:

- Training Course Design, Development, Adaptation and Translation
- Training Courses at the Regional, Sub-regional, National and Local Levels
- Instructor Development and Certification
- Institutionalizing the Training

PEER TRAINING COURSES

The three principal courses for PEER:

- Medical First Responder (MFR)
- Collapsed Structure Search and Rescue (CSSR)

- Hospital Preparedness for Emergencies (HOPE)

Additional Courses include:

- Training for Instructors (TFI)
- Training for Instructors Hand-off Workshop
- Medical First Responder Instructor Workshop (MFRIW)



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- Collapsed Structure Search and Rescue Instructors Workshop (CSSRIW)
- Master Instructors Workshop (MIW)
- Subsidiary Courses:
 - Canine Search and Rescue
 - Introduction to Disaster Management (IDM)

PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENT

PEER conducted 56 different programs in the region during April 2003 – March 2009. The course produced the following graduates and instructors: 811 graduates and 340 IW graduates for MFR, 637 graduates and 279 IW graduates for CSSR, 533 TFI graduates, 628 graduates and 196 IW graduates for HOPE developed for PEER region. In addition to this PEER produced 55 Master Instructors and 20 K9 experts in the region.

The courses are based on principles of adult learning, and include testing and evaluation to ensure that participants acquire and can sufficiently perform the life saving skills and tasks taught in the courses.

PEER PARTNERS

Program Partners

The PEER partners in the respective countries include government agencies, training institutions, national and international NGOs, emergency services organizations, existing networks and associations. Relationships with these groups have been established within each of the PEER Countries, including national working groups and focal point agencies to coordinate the program. Phase II had continued to further build upon these relationships to solidify the program, and to promote its adoption and replication. Now Phase III is being implemented with the extensive scope of works

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

The National Society for Earthquake Technology (NSET) manages PEER.

NSET synergized sub-contractual arrangements with:

- U.S. Agency for International Development, Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA)
- International Resources Group (IRG) Ltd., Washington, D.C.,
- Johns Hopkins University Center for International Emergency, Disaster and Refugee Studies (JHU/CDIERS) Baltimore, MD and,
- Safety Solutions Inc., Boynton Beach, Florida

