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Tripartite Core Group Press Release The Tripartite Core Group to Raise US\$ 103 Million for Post-Nargis Humanitarian Activities Yangon, Myanmar, 2 October 2009

At the first Recovery Forum meeting held in Yangon today, the Tripartite Core Group (TCG) reviewed the funding situation for post-Nargis recovery activities and decided to hold a post-Nargis Assistance Conference (PONAC) to raise more funds to address critical needs for Cyclone Nargis survivors.

The Recovery Forum is the TCG's strategic arm to discuss policy and strategic issues related to the recovery process. With members from both bilateral and multilateral donors, international and national organisations including UN agencies, Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement, non-governmental organisations, government ministries at the operational level, and private sector, the forum aims to review coordination policies that encourage collaboration and aid effectiveness, to identify gaps and avoid overlaps, and to review resource mobilisation strategies as well as monitoring and evaluation processes.

Opening the forum, U Kyaw Thu, Chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board and Chairman of the TCG, called for support for the PONAC and highlighted the need for support beyond July 2010, the current mandate of the TCG. He said, "While we must focus our efforts on the next nine months, we must not forget that recovery in Ayeyarwady Delta will continue after the TCG's mandate comes to an end in July 2010. The Recovery Forum must begin to think of a transition strategy to ensure that recovery efforts beyond July 2010 continue to be supported."

The PONAC, a high-level forum bringing together partners to discuss progress and outstanding critical needs in Nargis affected areas, aims to mobilise US\$ 103 million to tackle critical gaps in five sectors: education; health; livelihoods; shelter; and water, sanitation and hygiene.

"While the recovery work will continue beyond the mandate of the TCG, cyclone-affected people with pressing needs cannot wait. It is highly critical that we secure the support urgently required to meet these outstanding critical needs of the people," said Mr Bansarn Bunnag, Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar and Senior Member of ASEAN to the TCG.

The UN RC/HC Bishow Parajuli said that, "After the initial generous funding response from the donor community, new money to support the three year Post Nargis Recovery and Preparedness Plan (PONREPP) has only just begun trickling into the Delta. There is an urgent need to quickly inject US\$ 103 million to the affected communities in the Delta with most urgent critical needs. Support from the international community remains crucial."

Note: The Tripartite Core Group (TCG) was officially established on 31 May 2008. It comprises high-level representatives from ASEAN, the Government of the Union of Myanmar, and the United Nations.