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LIST OF ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS

AADMER	-	ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response		
AHA Centre	-	ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management		
ARDEX	-	ASEAN Regional Disaster Emergency Response Simulation Exercises		
CA	-	Competent Authorities		
CIQ	-	Customs, Immigration and Quarantine		
INSARAG	-	International Search and Rescue Advisory Group		
NFP	-	National Focal Point		
OCHA	-	Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs		
OSOCC	-	On-site Operations and Coordination Centre		
SAR	-	Search and Rescue		
SOP	-	Standard Operating Procedure		
UN	-	United Nations		
UNDAC	-	United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination		
USAR	-	Urban Search and Rescue		

I. INTRODUCTION

- 1. ASEAN Member States signed the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) on 26 July 2005 in Vientiane, Lao PDR. The Agreement seeks to provide effective mechanisms to achieve substantial reduction of disaster losses in the social, economic, and environmental assets of the Parties, and to jointly respond to disaster emergencies through concerted national efforts and intensified regional and international cooperation.
- 2. To ensure preparedness for effective response, the Agreement requires for the establishment of the ASEAN Standby Arrangements for Disaster Relief and Emergency Response where Parties, on a voluntary basis, shall identify and earmark assets and capacities which may be made available and mobilised for disaster relief and emergency response¹.
- 3. The Agreement also requires the preparation of this Standard Operating Procedure that shall guide the actions of Parties and the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) in implementing (i) the regional standby arrangements for disaster relief and emergency response; (ii) the utilisation of military and civilian personnel, transportation and communication equipment, facilities, good and services, and the facilitation of their trans-boundary movement; and (iii) the co-ordination of joint disaster relief and emergency response operations².
- This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) provides (i) the guides and templates to initiate the establishment of the ASEAN Standby Arrangements for Disaster Relief and Emergency

¹ AADMER, Article 9 ² AADMER, Article 8.2

Response, (ii) the procedures for joint disaster relief and emergency response operations, (iii) the procedures for the facilitation and utilisation of military and civilian assets and capacities, and (iv) the methodology for the periodic conduct of the ASEAN regional disaster emergency response simulation exercises (ARDEX) which shall test the effectiveness of this procedure.

II. INSTITUTIONS

A. Parties

5. The Parties in this Agreement are ASEAN Member States who have ratified and consented to be bound by the Agreement. They shall cooperate in developing and implementing measures to reduce disaster losses; immediately respond to a disaster occurring within their territory; promptly respond to a request for assistance from an affected Party; and take legislative, administrative and other measures as necessary to implement their obligations under the Agreement.

B. AHA Centre

 The AHA Centre shall facilitate co-operation and coordination among the Parties, and with relevant United Nations and international organisations, in promoting regional collaboration³.

³ AADMER, Article 20.1

III. DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

7. The quality and efficiency of joint disaster relief and emergency response operations require constant preparedness, planning, capacity building, and testing of the response plans, systems and mechanisms at national and regional levels. Hence Parties shall, jointly or individually, develop strategies and contingency/response plans to reduce losses from disasters4, and each Party shall regularly inform the AHA Centre of its available resources for the regional standby arrangements for disaster relief and emergency response⁵.

A. Designation of National Focal Points and **Competent Authorities**

The NFP is an entity designated and authorised by each Party 8. to receive and transmit information pursuant to the provision of the Agreement⁶. NFP therefore plays an important role in facilitating communication with other Parties and the AHA Centre, and serves as the single point of contact for the country. The NFP is also required to coordinate with the Competent Authorities (CAs), for example with regard to approval for processing request and offer of assistance, and on other matters not within their jurisdiction. Hence each Party shall designate a NFP and one or more CAs⁷, and inform other Parties and the AHA Centre of its NFP and CAs, and of any subsequent changes in their designations⁸.

⁴ AADMER, Article 8.1

⁵ AADMER, Article 8.4 ⁶ AADMER, Article 1

⁷ AADMER, Article 22.1 ⁸ AADMER, Article 22.2

- In addition to the above, the NFP shall provide contact details of the national operation centre that shall work on 24/7 basis (24 hours 7 days a week). These operation centres will help the NFPs, among others, in receiving or transmitting initial reports/situation updates from/to AHA Centre or other Parties, particularly off-duty hours and days. Regular exercises shall be conducted by AHA Centre to test connectivity with the national operation centres.
- 10. Each Party shall use TEMPLATE 1 (see Annex A) to provide the above information and update it every January and July of the year, or whenever there are any significant changes.

B. Inventory of Earmarked Assets and Capacities^{9,10}

11. Each Party shall use the following templates to update information on earmarked assets and capacities every January and July of the year, or whenever there are any significant changes.

(i) Emergency Response/Search and Rescue Directory

12. Each Party shall use TEMPLATE 2 (see Annex B) to voluntarily provide information on the key government and private or civil society agencies that have emergency response and search and rescue capacities that can be engaged, involved or mobilised to support the regional standby arrangements. Details required include the roles and functions of these agencies e.g. trained and skilled to perform search and rescue operations, emergency

⁹ AADMER, Article 9,1

⁹ AADMER, Article 9.1 ¹⁰ The AHA Centre will co-ordinate with the Parties to consolidate, update and disseminate the information for the standby arrangements for disaster relief and emergency response with the other Parties in this Agreement. The database has been developed by the ASEAN Secretariat and currently is available on a restricted webpage at http://standby. aseansec.org/. Information updates can be uploaded directly onto the on-line database by the Parties administrator (who can obtain the on-line access rights from the database administrator at the ASEAN Secretariat) or communicated to the database administrator via fax at +62 21 7230985 or email at disaster-relief@asean.org. This function will eventuelly be transferred to and meanand by the AHA Centre. eventually be transferred to and managed by the AHA Centre.

medical handling and treatment of casualties at incident site and evacuation centres, and contact details for the agency focal points.

(ii) Military and Civilian Assets and Capacities

13. Each Party shall use <u>TEMPLATE 3</u> (see Annex C) to provide the description of the capabilities, quantity and specifications of the military and civilian assets and capacities that are earmarked for regional standby arrangements to support joint disaster relief and emergency response operations. Details required are for assets and capacities in the water and sanitary, medical, transportation, communications, utilities, bulk storage and staging facilities categories.

(iii) Emergency Stockpiles of Disaster Relief Items

14. Each Party shall use <u>TEMPLATE 4</u> (see Annex D) to provide the description of the capabilities, quantity, and specifications of emergency stockpiles of disaster relief items that are earmarked for regional standby arrangements to support joint disaster relief and emergency response operations. Details required are for emergency stockpiles of Equipment and Materials (communications, transportation, power supply, medical, water and sanitary) and Consumables (food and nutrition, medical, water and sanitary, clothing and bedding, household items and rescue capability) that may be supplied directly from suppliers or through a supply chain from pre-positioned storage facilities that may already be part of the Party's emergency stockpile.

(iv) Disaster Management Expertise and Technologies

15. Each Party shall use <u>TEMPLATE 5</u> (see Annex E) to provide data on expertise and technology resources available for disaster management which can be deployed to support the joint disaster relief and emergency response operations. Details required are specific expertise of the disaster management professionals and practitioners e.g. specialties in rapid disaster assessment, incident command, coordination and communications, emergency public health, search and rescue, casualty and trauma management and: available technologies to support the disaster relief and emergency response operations

e.g. information technology and telecommunications hardware, forensic capabilities.

C. Network of Pre-Designated Areas¹¹

- 16. Each Party shall use TEMPLATE 6 (see Annex F) to update AHA Centre with information on a network of pre-designated areas as entry points for supplies and expertise from Assisting Entities¹² every January and July of the year, or whenever there are any significant changes.
- 17. Each Party shall ensure that the Operational Focal Points at these pre-designated areas have been notified and are ready with pre-arranged procedures to facilitate the transit or entry through its facility of duly notified personnel, equipment, facilities and materials involved or used in the assistance to the Requesting or Receiving Party and shall exempt from taxation, duties and other charges of a similar nature for such equipment, facilities and materials¹³.

AADMER, Article 9.4

¹⁰ AADMEH, Article 9.4 ¹² Assisting Entity is a State, international organisation, and any other entity or person that offers and/or renders assistance to a Receiving Party or a Requesting Party in the event of a disaster emergency (AADMER, Article 1). While the procedure in the SASOP is only applicable to Parties, Assisting Entities outside ASEAN are encouraged to follow the procedure in the SASOP if they find it useful. ASEAN would explore the possibility of actions (Cooper presented explores of ASEAN) and that these natures should follow. making NGOs as recognised partners of ASEAN, and that these partners should follow the procedures as stipulated in the SASOP. ¹³ AADMER, Article 16.1

IV. ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING

18. The provision of reports by the NFP of the Party affected by a disaster emergency to the AHA Centre will allow close monitoring of disaster situation in the region and facilitate guick mobilisation of regional standby assets and capacities for joint disaster relief and emergency response operations. Hence the AHA Centre shall periodically receive and consolidate data on identified hazards and risks levels from the NEPs and analyse possible regional-level implications of their prevalence. occurrence or likely disaster impact.

A. Notification of Disaster

19. The NFP of the Party affected by a disaster shall immediately provide an initial report to the AHA Centre within 3 hours of the occurrence of the incident using FORM 1¹⁴ (see Annex G). These include breaking news of disasters, even if these incidents do not require follow-up actions for assistance. The following are the contact details of AHA Centre that can be used to transmit the reports:

a. Facsimile (Fax)	: +62-21-3521374
b. Telephone (Direct Line)	: +62-21-3520862

20. The AHA Centre shall analyse the initial report received from the NFP of the affected Party and then prepare and notify the other Parties of the disaster situation using FORM 2¹⁵ (see Annex H). AHA Centre may also use other sources of information, such as the UN Virtual On-Site Operations and Coordination Centre (Virtual OSOCC), to gather facts on the developing situation of the disaster.

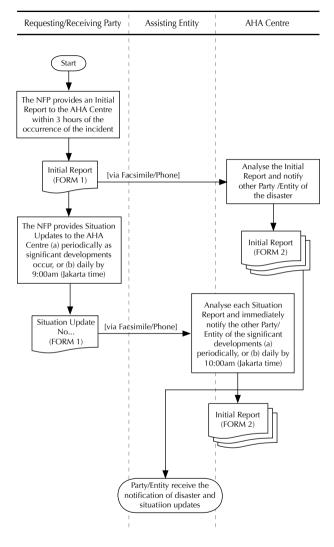
¹⁴ The NFP of the affected Party shall clearly indicate that this is the Initial Report by deleting the word 'Situation Update' on the cover page of the report. ¹⁵ The AHA Centre shall clearly indicate that this is the Initial Report by deleting the word

^{&#}x27;Situation Update' on the cover page of the report.

B. Situation Updates

- 21. The NFP of the Party affected by the disaster shall, as the disaster situation develops, continue to use <u>FORM 1</u>¹⁶ to periodically update the AHA Centre of any significant developments to the disaster. The frequency of the situation updates from the NFP of the affected Party to the AHA Centre would depend on the development of events arising from the disaster. Otherwise, a regular Situation Update should reach the AHA Centre daily by 9:00 am Jakarta time.
- 22. The AHA Centre shall analyse each Situation Update received from the NFP of the affected Party and then immediately notify the other Parties of the significant developments to the disaster using <u>FORM 2¹⁷</u>. Otherwise it shall prepare and disseminate regular Situation Updates to the other Parties daily by 10:00am Jakarta time. The above steps are described in Flowchart 1. Where appropriate, AHA Centre may also use some information contained in FORM 2 to inform other entities, particularly through the relevant ASEAN website and Virtual OSOCC, to update the international emergency response system of the ongoing disaster situations in the ASEAN region.

¹⁶ The NFP of the affected Party shall clearly indicate that this is the Situation Update No # by deleting the word 'Initial Report' on the cover page of the report.
¹⁷ The AHA Centre will have to indicate that this is the Situation Report No # by deleting the word 'Initial Report' on the cover page of the report.



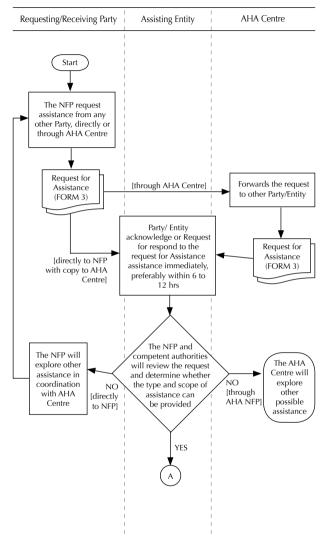
Flowchart 1: Notification of Disaster & Situation Updates

V. EMERGENCY RESPONSE

A. Request for Assistance/Offer of Assistance¹⁸

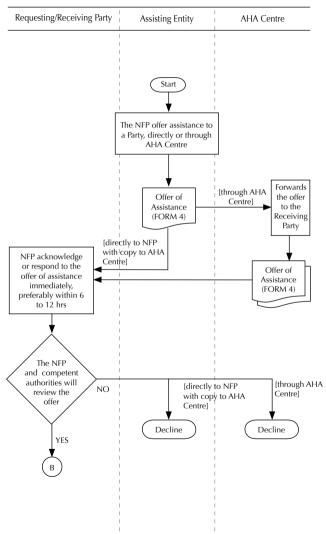
- 23. The NFP of the affected Party shall, if it needs assistance in the event of a disaster emergency within its territory, request such assistance from any other Party, directly or through AHA Centre, or, where appropriate, from other entities¹⁹ using <u>FORM 3</u> (see Annex I). The Assisting Entity shall acknowledge or respond to the request immediately, preferably within 6 to 12 hours.
- 24. An Assisting Entity may also initiate an offer of assistance to mobilise its earmarked assets and capacities and other resources not previously earmarked for disaster relief and emergency response but being made available by submitting the <u>FORM 4</u> (see Annex J) directly to the Receiving Party or through the AHA Centre. The Receiving Party shall acknowledge or respond to the offer of assistance immediately, preferably within 6 to 12 hours. The above steps are described in Flowchart 2 and Flowchart 3.

¹⁹ The trigger point for the action to request for assistance/offer of assistance will vary between countries as resources and internal capacities to handle a disaster differ. By actively monitoring and reporting the disaster situation using FORM 1 and FORM 2, the affected Party, AHA Centre and other Parties can be regularly updated on the developments of the disaster and monitor the capacity of response the affected Party has to handle the disaster. The trigger for activation of the assistance shall occur when the following set of forms is released.



Flowchart 2: Request for Assistance

Flowchart 3: Offer of Assistance



25. The AHA Centre shall work on the basis that the Party will act first to manage and respond to disasters. In the event that the Party requires assistance to cope with such a situation, in addition to the direct request to any Assisting Entity, it may seek assistance from the AHA Centre to facilitate such a request²⁰. When this happens, the AHA Centre shall provide critical coordination information and recommend courses of action to facilitate mobilisation of these standby assets and capacities for disaster relief and emergency response.²¹

B. Joint Assessment of Required Assistance

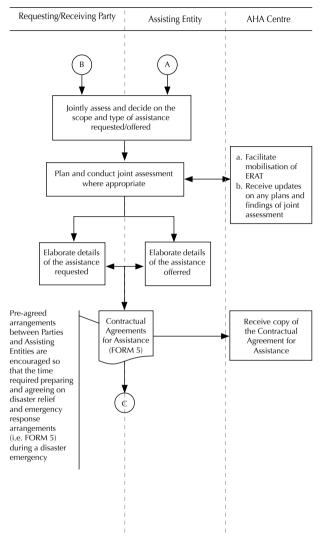
- 26. Assessment shall be conducted to primarily ascertain the nature and extent of the disaster, the emergency situation that has occurred or likely to arise from the disaster, the type of assistance required to mitigate the disaster and cope with the emergency situation, and the type of co-ordination required i.e. operational, logistical etc. to ensure resources mobilised are effective in the disaster relief and emergency response operations.
- 27. The Requesting Party shall specify the scope and type of assistance required and, where practicable, provide the Assisting Entity with such information as may be necessary for that Party to determine the extent to which it is able to meet the request. In the event that it is not practicable for the Requesting Party to specify the scope and type of assistance required, the Requesting Party and Assisting Entity shall, in consultation, jointly assess and decide upon the scope and type of assistance required²². Upon the request and consent of the Requesting or Receiving Party, the AHA Centre could also facilitate the mobilisation of a joint Emergency Rapid Assessment Team (ERAT) to facilitate the joint assessment²³.

²⁰ AADMER, Article 20.2

²¹ AADMER, Article (IX) - (X) to Article 20.3 ²² AADMER, Article 11.3

²³ The operational procedure for the establishment and deployment of the ASEAN ERAT is being developed and will eventually be linked to the SASOP.

- 28. Where appropriate the AHA Centre shall be updated by the Parties on any plans and findings of joint assessments so that the AHA Centre could ensure that any multiple assessments can be coordinated and organised systematically without gaps and duplication and that all sectors of activity are competently assessed.
- 29. Any arrangements agreed and consented upon by the Parties concerned shall be finalised by accomplishing and signing <u>FORM 5</u> (see Annex K). The AHA Centre shall be notified by the Assisting Entities of the agreed arrangements in this form.
- 30. Pre-agreed arrangements between Parties and Assisting Entities are encouraged so that the time required preparing and agreeing on disaster relief and emergency response arrangements (i.e. <u>FORM 5</u>) during a disaster emergency could be reduced. This can be done, among others, by specifying in the terms and conditions as part of information submitted for the Inventory of Earmarked Assets and Capacities (see Section III.B). Any plan for new deployment of assets and capacities by the Assisting Entities shall be informed to and agreed by the Requesting or Receiving Party through submission of the new <u>FORM 5</u>. The above steps are described in Flowchart 4.



Flowchart 4: Joint Assessment of Required Assistance

C. Mobilisation of Assets and Capacities

31. The Assisting Entity shall ensure that the assets and capacities provided to the Requesting or Receiving Party meet the standards for quality and validity requirements for consumption and utilisation²⁴. Assisting Entities shall also ensure that responding capabilities assisting in the joint disaster relief and emergency response are self-sufficient with their subsistence requirements so as not to further burden the Requesting or Receiving Party in the course of operating within its territory.

(i) Response Time

- 32. To ensure the effective and timely response of assistance upon the confirmation of the request for assistance/offer of assistance, the Assisting Entity shall ensure coordinated efforts are made with the Requesting or Receiving Party for the immediate response of the standby assets and capacities.
- 33. The mobilisation of an Assisting Entity's heavy capacity Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team, which is set up based on United Nations (UN) Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (INSARAG) guidelines, shall be within 10 hours of notification of mobilisation²⁵.
- 34. For any other type of response to assist deliver assets and capacities for humanitarian relief or support USAR operations i.e. assisting with only specific USAR response components of technical search, canine search, specialist rescuers, field medical capability or supply of Search and Rescue (SAR) equipment, Parties are requested to specify in the inventory of earmarked assets and capacities the response timings they can achieve to the best of their ability to ensure the effective and timely response of the assistance.

²⁴ AADMER, Article 12.4

²⁵ INSARAG Guidelines dated May 2007 accessed from Virtual OSOCC at http://www. reliefweb.int

(ii) Customs, Immigration and Quarantine

- 35. The Assisting Entity arriving in the territory of the Requesting or Receiving Party via air, land or sea entry checkpoints shall immediately proceed to the Customs, Immigration and Quarantine (CIQ) facility for the necessary immigration procedures, customs clearance and guarantine checks. The arrangements agreed by the Parties in FORM 5 shall be used as the primary documents to facilitate the CIO procedures for entry/exit of assets and capabilities from the territory of the Assisting Entity into the territory of the Requesting or Receiving Party, Signed copies of FORM 5 shall be used by the Assisting Entity or Requesting or Receiving Party for verification of the movement of assets and capabilities. In this regard, the NFP of the Requesting or Receiving Party shall provide the entry checkpoints with the signed copies of FORM 5 and alert them of incoming assistance. The NFP of the Assisting Entity shall also provide the signed copies of FORM 5 to its team leader.
- 36. The Assisting Entity shall be required to have for its members, for the purpose of entry and departure from the territory of the Receiving Party an individual or collective movement order issued by or under the authority of the Head of the assistance operation or any appropriate authority of the Assisting Entity; and a personal identity card issued by the appropriate authorities of the Assisting Entity²⁶.
- 37. The Assisting Entity may use the registration and easily identifiable licence plates of aircraft and vessels without tax, licences and/or any other permits²⁷. These aircraft and vessels shall have the appropriate insurance coverage for use in the territory of the Requesting or Receiving Party.

²⁶ AADMER, Article 15.2 ²⁷ AADMER, Article 15.3

- 38. The Requesting or Receiving Party shall in accordance with its national laws and regulations accord the Assisting Entity (i) exemption from taxation, duties and other similar charges of a similar nature on the importation and use of equipment including vehicles and telecommunications, facilities and materials brought into the territory of the Requesting or Receiving Party for the purpose of assistance; and (ii) entry into, stay in and departure from its territory of personnel and equipment, facilities and materials involved or used in the assistance. The Requesting or Receiving Party shall also cooperate with the AHA Centre, where appropriate, to facilitate the processing of exemptions and facilities in respect of the provision of the assistance²⁸.
- 39. The Requesting or Receiving Party shall also ensure that the Operational Focal Points are available on standby at the CIO facility during this process to facilitate the clearance of the arriving assets and capacities. Where necessary and appropriate, the AHA Centre shall facilitate the processing of exemptions and facilitate the process for transit or personnel, equipment, facilities and materials in respect of the provisions of the assistance²⁹. In this regard, the AHA Centre should deploy an on-site liaison personnel to facilitate coordination between the Assisting Entity and Requesting or Receiving Party. AHA Centre shall, as appropriate, coordinate with the on-site UN Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) team to help the Requesting or Receiving Party in the above process³⁰.

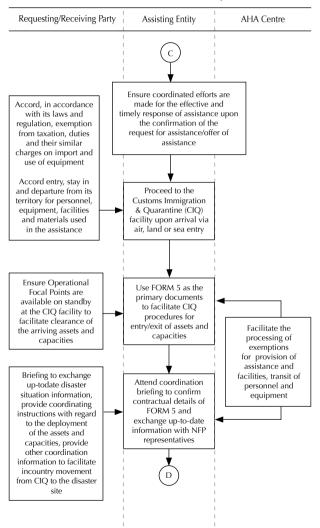
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<sup>29</sup> AADMER, Annex (xi) – (xii) to Article 20.3
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²⁸ AADMER, Article 14

⁵⁰ AHA centre shall make arrangements with UN OCHA's field coordination Support Section (FCSS) to specify coordination between AHA Centre and UNDAC team in helping the local authorities during the entry/exit of assistance and the movement of assisting teams to the disaster site

(iii) Briefing and Coordination

40. The NFP of the Requesting or Receiving Party shall designate official(s) to provide an initial briefing to the Assisting Entity at a staging point immediately after the completion of the CIO processes, to ensure seamless on-site coordination and inter-operability of the Parties. The briefing shall among others confirm details of the contractual agreements of the assistance as specified in FORM 5; provide up-to-date information with regards to the development of the disaster situation; give coordinating instructions with regards to the deployment of the assets and capacities from the Assisting Entity; and provide other coordination information that the Assisting Entity must be aware of and assistance e.g. location maps, communications equipment, liaison personnel, interpreter, security and mobile escorts etc. that will facilitate the in-country movement for the Assisting Entity from the CIQ to the disaster site. Upon the request of the Requesting or Receiving Party, the on-site liaison personnel deployed by AHA Centre could help the Requesting or Receiving Party in providing such an initial briefing to the Assisting Entity, in coordination with the on-site UNDAC team. as appropriate. The above steps are described in Flowchart 5.

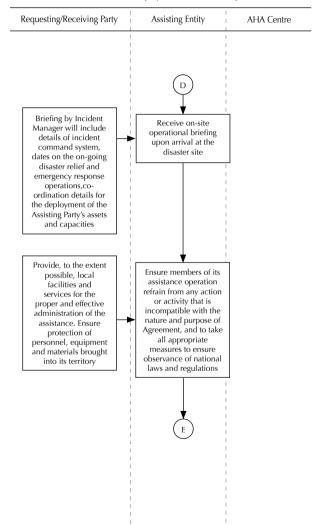


Flowchart 5: Mobilisation of Assets and Capacities

D. On-site Deployment of Assets and Capacities

- 41. The Incident Manager of the Requesting or Receiving Party shall, upon the arrival of the Assisting Entity at the disaster site, conduct an on-site operational briefing to the Assisting Entity. The briefing shall include details of the incident command system, updates on the on-going disaster relief and emergency response operations, co-ordination details for the deployment of the Assisting Entity's asset and capabilities to support the on-going disaster relief and emergency response efforts.
- 42. The Requesting or Receiving Party shall provide, to the extent possible, local facilities and services for the proper and effective administration of the assistance. It shall also ensure the protection of personnel, equipment, and materials brought into its territory by or on behalf of the Assisting Entity for such purposes. Such military personnel and related civilian officials are not to carry arms³¹.
- 43. The Assisting Entity shall ensure that the members of its assistance operation refrain from any action or activity that is incompatible with the nature and purpose of this Agreement, and take all appropriate measures to ensure observance of national laws and regulations³². The above steps are described in Flowchart 6.

³¹ AADMER, Article 12.2 ³² AADMER, Article 13

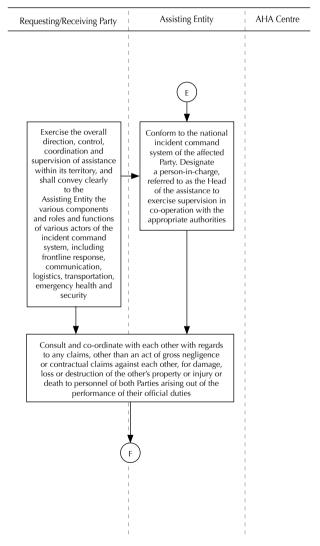


Flowchart 6: On-Site Deployment of Asset and capacities

E. Direction and Control of Assistance

- 44. The Requesting or Receiving Party shall exercise the overall direction, control, coordination and supervision of the assistance within its territory. The Requesting or Receiving Party, however, shall convey clearly to the Assisting Entity the various components and roles and functions of various actors of the incident command system, including frontline response, communication, logistics, transportation, emergency health and security.
- 45. The Assisting Entity shall conform to the national incident command system of the affected Party and where the assistance involves military personnel and related civilian officials, designate in consultation with the Requesting or Receiving Party, a person who shall be in charge of and shall retain immediate operational supervision over the personnel and the equipment provided by it. The designated person, referred to as the Head of the assistance operation, shall exercise such supervision in co-operation with the appropriate authorities of the Requesting or Receiving Party³³.
- 46. The Assisting Entity and the Requesting or Receiving Party shall consult and co-ordinate with each other with regard to any claims, other than an act of gross negligence or contractual claims against each other, for damage, loss or destruction of the other's property or injury or death to personnel of both Parties arising out of the performance of their official duties³⁴. The above steps are described in Flowchart 7.

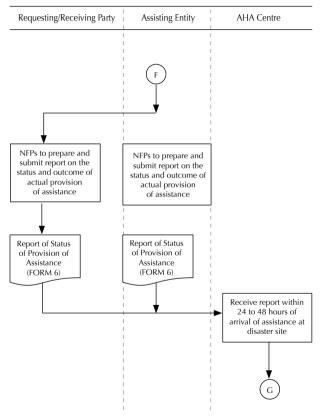
³³ AADMER, Article 12.1 ³⁴ AADMER, Article 12.3



Flowchart 7: Direction and Control of Assistance

F. Disaster Situation Update

47. The Requesting or Receiving Party and the Assisting Entity, through their designated NFPs, shall prepare and submit to the AHA Centre a report on the status and outcome of actual provision of assistance using <u>FORM 6</u> (see Annex L) within 24 to 48 hours of their arrival at the site of the disaster. The above steps are described in Flowchart 8.



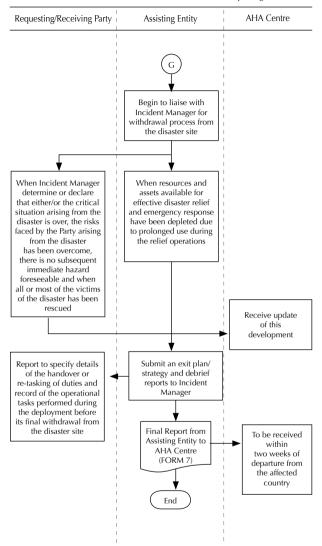
Flowchart 8: Disaster Situation Update

G. Demobilisation of Assistance

- 48. The Assisting Entity shall begin the withdrawal process from the disaster site when the Incident Manager of the Requesting or Receiving Party has determined and declared that either/or the critical situation arising from the disaster emergency is over, the risks faced by the Party arising from the disaster has been overcome, there is no subsequent immediate hazard foreseeable and when all or most of the victims of the disaster has been rescued.
- 49. The Assisting Entity shall also liaise with the Incident Manager of the Requesting or Receiving Party for the withdrawal of its team/s from the operations when its resources and assets available for effective disaster relief and emergency response have been depleted due to prolonged use during the relief operations. The Assisting Entity shall update the AHA Centre of this development through the NFP.

H. Reporting

- 50. The Assisting Entity shall where applicable submit to the Incident Manager of the Requesting or Receiving Party with an exit plan/strategy and debrief reports to specify the details of the handover or re-tasking of duties and record of the operational tasks performed during the deployment before its final withdrawal from the disaster site.
- 51. The Assisting Entity shall also upon final withdrawal prepare their final report using <u>FORM 7</u> (see Annex M) and furnish them to the AHA Centre for consolidation within two weeks of departure from the affected country. The above steps are described in Flowchart 9.



Flowchart 9: Demobilisation of Assistance & reporting

I. Review of Operations, Experiences and Lessons Learnt

- 52. The AHA Centre shall, in the case of mobilisation of regional standby arrangements, resources and facilities, prepare a comprehensive report of the deployment with inputs from all Parties that responded to the operations. The report should indicate the following main details:
 - Introduction
 - Chronology of Significant Events
 - Details of Disaster Coordination Activities
 - Details of Operations Conducted
 - Lessons Learnt
 - Recommendations
 - Attachments
- 53. After completing this process, the AHA Centre shall compile the lessons learnt from the operations for dissemination in future regional meetings, forum, capacity-building activities, and planning for simulation exercises (see Annex N). The review shall also serve as inputs for the periodic review of regional standard operating procedures³⁵.

35 AADMER, Annex (vi) to Article 20.3

VI. FACILITATION AND UTILISATION OF MILITARY ASSETS AND CAPACITIES

(being developed)

ANNEX A

TEMPLATE 1: Designation of National Focal Point and Competent Authorities

NATIONAL FOCAL POINT				
Name				
Designation				
Institution				
Address				
Phone/Fax				
Mobile Phone				
E-mail				

24/7 OPERATIONS CENTRE					
Institution					
Address					
Phone/Fax					
Mobile Phone					
E-mail					

The contact details provided for this segment should be for the Duty Off icer that is on standby at the 24/7 Operations Centre.

ANNEX A

CON	APETENT AUTHORI	ΓIES
1.	Institution	
	Contact Person	
	Designation	
	Address	
	Phone/Fax	
	Mobile Phone	
	E-mail	
2.	Institution	
	Contact Person	
	Designation	
	Address	
	Phone/Fax	
	Mobile Phone	
	E-mail	
3.	Institution	
	Contact Person	
	Designation	
	Address	
	Phone/Fax	
	Mobile Phone	
	E-mail	

ANNEX B

TEMPLATE 2: Emergency Response/Search and Rescue Directory

S/No	Key Agencies	Roles & Functions	Contact Details	Remarks

NOTES :

Key Agencies	List the agencies of the government, private sector, and civil societies engaged to support the regional standby arrangements in providing and deploying emergency response and search and rescue teams.
Roles & Functions	Briefly describe the respective mandated roles and functions - of the key agencies.
Contact Details	Indicate the name, designation, address, phone/fax, mobile phone and e-mail address.
Remarks -	Indicate the highest decision making body, the National Focal Point, Competent Authorities and other information as necessary.

ANNEX C

8	7	6	ъ	4	ω	2	1	SNO
Others (please specify)	Bulk Storage & Staging Facilities	Utilities	Communication	Transportation	Medical Equipment, Supplies & Services	Shelter & Settlement	Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	CATEGORY
								DESCRIPTION OF ASSETS AND CAPABILITIES
								QUANTITY
								SPECIFICATION
								RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
								TERMS AND CONDITION FOR DEPLOYMENT

TEMPLATE 3: Military and Civilian Assets and Capacities

ANNEX C

NOTES :

Category	Add new category if the present range of items does not match the category of assets and capacities to be declared.
Description of Assets	Provide a brief description of the type of the earmarked assets and capabilities.
Quantity	Indicate the amount or number of assets made available at any given time.
Specifications	Describe the condition for use of the assets made available e.g. the particular equipment supplied can be used for search and rescue work.
Responsible Agency	Identify the particular agency of the government or civil society which earmarks and maintains the assets and capabilities. Indicate if the agency is part of the military.
Terms & Conditions for Deployment	Describe the required terms and conditions to facilitate deployment of the assets to the disaster site.

ANNEX D

ы	4	ω	2	_	>	S/NO
Communication (portable radio transmitters, cellular and satellite phones, radios)	Transportation (land based vehicles)	Medical Equipment, Supplies & Services (surgical equipment, mobile clinics, refrigerator, sterilisation)	Shelter & Settlement (human, livestock)	Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (water storage, purification devices, portable latrines)	EQUIPMENT / MATERIALS	CATECORY
						DESCRIPTION OF RELIEF ITEMS
						QUANTITY
						SPECIFICATION
						RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
						TERMS AND CONDITION FOR DEPLOYMENT

TEMPLATE 4: Emergency Stockpiles of Disaster Relief Items

ANNEX D

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Others (please specify)	Medical Equipment, Supplies & Services (first aid kits, drugs, blood supply, supplements & vitamins)	Non-Food Items (clothing & bedding, personal hygiene, cooking & eating utensils, stoves, fuel and lighting, tools & equipment)	Food and Nutrition (pre-packed meals, rice, sugar, milk powder)	Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (drinking water, toilet supplies)	CONSUMABLE MATERIALS	Others (please specify)	Utilities (power generation equipment and electrical device)	CATEGORY
								DESCRIPTION OF RELIEF ITEMS
								QUANTITY
								SPECIFICATION
								RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
								TERMS AND CONDITION FOR DEPLOYMENT

ANNEX D

Add new category if the present range of items does not match the category of assets and capacities to be declared. Commonly used items are already listed in the brackets.
Provide a brief description of the type of the Equipment/Materials and Consumable Supplies earmarked for the standby arrangements.
Indicate the amount or number of assets made available at any given time.
Describe the condition for use of the assets made available e.g. the particular equipment supplied can be used for search and rescue work.
Identify the particular agency of the government or civil society which earmarks, maintains or purchases the assets and capabilities.
Describe the required terms and conditions to facilitate deployment of the assets to the disaster site.

ANNEX E

		в			A	S/NO
		Disaster Management Technologies			Disaster Management Expertise	TYPE OF EXPERTISE/ TECHNOLOGIES
		echnologies			xpertise	CAPABILITY DESCRIPTION
						RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
						TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR DEPLOYMENT

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NOTES :	
Type of Expertise / Technologies	List the specific (a) field of expertise or profession which the Party possesses and shall share under the regional standby arrangements and (b) kind or nature of the disaster management technology the Party would make available for the regional standby arrangements. IT equipment, state-of the-art logistics systems etc could come under this category.
Capability Description	Describe the specific (a) skills or training received by the experts or professionals for a particular type of disaster. Where possible the number of available experts/ professionals should be indicated and (b) capabilities and effectiveness of the indicated technology.
Responsible Agency	Identify the agency where the (a) expertise is sourced from or connected to and (b) the agency that is responsible for the operation, maintenance and repair of the available technologies.
Terms & Conditions for Deployment	Indicate the time i.e. no of hours or days required to deploy the earmarked expertise and technologies to a disaster site in the region, and limitations to the deployment period, if any.

ANNEX F

TEMPLATE 6: Network of Pre-Designated Areas

DESIGNATED ENTRY POINT	OPERATIONAL FOCAL POINT
AT AIRPORT	
Airport Name:	Name:
Location/Address:	Designated:
	Address:
	Phone/Fax:
	Mobile Phone:
	E-mail:

Name:
Designated:
Address:
Phone/Fax:
Mobile Phone:
E-mail:

AT SEA PORT		
Sea port name:	Name:	
Location/Address:	Designated:	
	Address:	
	Phone/Fax:	
	Mobile Phone:	
	E-mail:	

ANNEX F

NOTES:

Each Party shall also input the various airports, land checkpoints and sea ports available for pre-designated areas as entry points for supplies and expertise, and the respective operational focal points; and update the information every January and July of each year, or whenever there are any significant changes.

FORM 1

INITIAL REPORT / SITUATION UPDATE NO_____# TO AHA CENTRE

1. General Information

Office Reference Number: From: To: Day / Date / Time: Disaster Event Name/ Location(s):

2. Submitting Authority

National Focal Point Name: Designation: Institution: Address: Phone/ Fax: Email:

3. General Description of Disaster Event (Please state briefly the type(s) of hazard, the specific location(s), date, time and duration of impact, and the factors or circumstances that triggered or brought about the disaster event.)

Delete where applicable.

2 Impact on Human Lives (Please state briefly the estimated number of people affected, estimated number of people evacuated, the reported number of dead, injured and missing persons, per disaster event location as appropriate)

3 Impact on Housing, Property and Livelihoods (Please state briefly the estimated number of houses completely destroyed and damaged houses, the estimated cost of losses in housing, property and sources of livelihoods.

4 Impact on Lifelines and Public Infrastructures (For lifelines, please state briefly the present state of water sources, power generation, telephone and other communication services, transportation services, among others. For public infrastructures, please indicate the condition of roads and bridges, major irrigation facilities, schools, hospitals and community health facilities, among others.)

5 Impact on the Environment (Please describe any immediate, shortterm or long-term impacts or consequences of the disaster event on the environment.)

6 Immediate Needs (Please list in order of priority the specific needs to manage or cope with the current emergency. This may include emergency response teams or expertise, emergency logistics, equipment and supplies, and water and sanitation facilities, among others.)

7 Actions Taken (Please state the specific actions or steps taken by the Government to respond to the emergency situation, including any declaration of state of emergency. Indicate the national, local and international agencies or organisations and their respective resources that have been mobilised for disaster response.)

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8 **Relevant Maps** (Please attach the location maps of the disaster site(s). Indicate any websites where the maps could be viewed.)

Signed by

signature (Name) [National Focal Point], [Party]

INITIAL REPORT / SITUATION UPDATE NO_____# OF AHA CENTRE TO THE NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS

General Information
 Office Reference Number:

From:

To:

Day / Date / Time:

Disaster Event Name/ Location(s):

 Summary of Disaster Event (Please state briefly the type(s) of hazard, the specific location(s), date, time and duration of impact, the factors or circumstances that triggered or brought about the disaster event, and the general extent of losses.

See attachment. (Please attach relevant information.) # Delete where applicable.

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3. Assessment of Disaster Impact (Please assess and summarise the impact of the disaster event on human lives, housing and property and livelihoods, lifelines and public infrastructures, and the environment.)

See attachment. (Please attach relevant information.)

4. Assessment of Needs (Please assess the current and anticipated needs of the reporting Parties to respond to the disaster situation.

See attachment. (Please attach relevant information.)

 Actions Taken and Resources Mobilised (Please summarise the actions taken and resources mobilised by Parties concerned, including any request for or offer of humanitarian assistance.

See attachment. (Please attach relevant information.)

6. Others (Please provide relevant information received from third party, i.e. other countries, international organisations, media, etc., that may be useful for the National Focal Points to know.)

See attachment. (Please attach relevant information.)

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 Recommendations (Please provide assessments of possible or anticipated resource requirements of the Parties concerned and the necessity to mobilise earmarked assets and capacities of Parties under the Regional Standby Arrangements.

Signed by

signature (Name) AHA Centre



REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

1. General Information

Office Reference Number: From: To: Day / Date / Time: Disaster Event Name/ Location(s):

2. Requesting Party

National Focal Point Name: Designation: Institution: Address: Phone/ Fax: Email:

3. General Description of Disaster Event (Please state briefly the type(s) of hazard, the specific location(s), date, time and duration of impact, and the factors or circumstances that triggered or brought about the disaster event.)

4. Disaster Emergency Related Information

1. Disaster Event :

2. Location(s) :

3. Description :

4. Resources currently mobilised/ actions taken:

5. Additional resources needed or required (please list according to priority):

		7	a
		No	. Per
	2	Skills (Please specify expected skills and qualifications: i. Basic; ii. Advanced; iii. Specialised Skills; iv. Command Skills)	a. Personal
	3	Number of Personnel	
	4	Targeted Deployment Location(s) (Where the assisting personnel will proceed upon arrival)	
	5	Specific Tasks to be Assigned	
	6	Anticipated Duration of Assignment	

5. Requested Resources (Please give details of the requested resources and other relevant information)

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6. Administrative Arrangements (please indicate information on administrative arrangements)

a.	Expected arrival of requested resources (Please indicate when resources are needed to be sent)
b.	Contact person at disaster event location or deployment site
	Name:
	Designation:
	Institution:
	Address:
	Phone/ Mobile Phone/ Fax:
C.	Funding Arrangements (Please indicate how the resources will be funded, whether the requesting Party will shoulder the cost (some/ all) or whether the assisting Party is expected to shoulder the costs (some/ all), etc.)

Signed by

signature (Name) [National Focal Point], [Party]

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ANNEX J

FORM 4

OFFER OF ASSISTANCE

1. General Information

Office Reference Number: From: To: Day / Date / Time: Disaster Event Name/ Location(s):

2. Assisting Entity

National Focal Point / Country / Organisation: Name: Designation: Institution: Address: Phone/ Fax: Email:

3. General Description of Assistance Offered (Please indicate the type and scope of assistance being offered)

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4. Offered Resources (Please indicate the type, specification and scope of assistance offered)

a. Pe	a. Personal			
No	Skills (Please specify skills and qualifications: i. Basic; ii. Advanced; iii. Specialised Skills; iv. Command Skills)	Number of Personal	Remarks	
1	2	3	5	

b. Ec	b. Equipment and Materials			
No	Type of equipment/ materials	Number of equipment/ materials	Remarks (Please provide further description of the capabilities of the equipment and materials)	
1	2	3	5	

Add additional sheets as necessary.

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5. Administrative arrangements (Please indicate information on the administrative arrangements)

a. Maximum duration of assistance

b. Funding Arrangement (Please indicate the funding arrangements, such as whether the Assisting Party will shoulder the costs related to the use of the resources or whether the Receiving Party will need to shoulder some/all of the costs, etc)

c. Terms and Conditions (Please indicate the Receiving Party to use the personnel and equipment/materials, such as arrangement for maintenance/usage of the equipment, limits of liability, protection of personnel and equipment, local services and facilities for personal, etc.)

Signed by

Signature (Name) [Focal point], [Entity]



CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ASSISTANCE

1. General Information

Office Reference Number: From: To: Day / Date / Time: Disaster Event Name/ Location(s):

2. Resources to be Mobilised

a. Pe	rsonnel			
No	Name/ ID number	Designation/ Institution	Description (Please indicate the skills, qualification and specific task personnel assigned)	Destination locations
1	2	3	4	5

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b. E	quipment	and Materials		
No	Туре	Description (Please indicate the specification and type of resource to be mobilised, its capabilities and purpose and its use for the incident)	Quantity	Destination Locations
1	2	3	4	5

Add additional sheets as necessary.

- 3. Transportation of Assisting Resources
- **3a.** Mobilisation (Please indicate details on transportation method, time of departure and arrival, and port of arrival of the assisting resources)

Da	Date		ne	Transportation	Port of
Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Method	Arrival
met	thod, time	e of depar	on (Please indicate details on transportation e of departure and arrival, and port of arrival ng resources)		
Da	ite	Time		Transportation	Port of
Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive	Method	Arrival

4. Customs and Immigrations (Please indicate agreed arrangements for customs and immigration, such as exemptions and facilities for the personnel, exemptions from taxation, duties and other charges on the equipment and materials, etc.)

5. Logistic Support (Please indicate logistic support to be given by the Requesting/Receiving Party to assist the assisting personnel, such as food, accommodation, transportation, communication arrangements, local contacts and hosting authorities, the consignee and retrieval of the equipment and materials if they are sent through cargo, etc.)

 Other Support (Please indicate other support to be given by the Requesting/Receiving Party to assist the assisting personnel, such as security of personnel, handling and protection for equipment and materials, etc.)

7. Funding Arrangements (Pease describe funding arrangements for the assistance)

8. Others (Please indicate other details that do not fall into the above categories)

9. Contact Person (Please indicate Contact Person that will be incharge of the overall operation as well as personnel, equipment and materials)

Requesting/Receiving Party:	Assisting Entity:
Name:	Name:
Designation:	Designation:
Institution:	Institution:
Address:	Address:
Office Phone:	Office Phone:
Facsimile:	Facsimile:
Mobile Phone:	Mobile Phone:

Requesting/Receiving Party signature

Assisting Entity signature

(Name) [National Focal Point], [Country] Name) [Focal Point], [Entity]

ANNEX L

FORM 6

REPORT OF STATUS OF PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE

1. General Information

Office Reference Number: From: To: Day / Date / Time: Disaster Event Name/ Location(s):

2. General Description of Disaster Event (Please describe in general the disaster event, what happened, the cause of the event, location of the event, size of affected area, casualties, etc.)

3. Actions Taken (Please describe the disaster response and impact mitigation activities.)

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4. Evaluation of the Role of the ASEAN Centre and/ or Other Party (Please evaluate the role of the ASEAN Centre and/ or the other Party in the facilitation of the exchange of resources)

5. Analysis of Resource Mobilisation and Utilisation (please provide analysis of the relevance and utility of resources mobilised, whether the resources were adequate and effective to respond to the situation, whether resources provided by the Assisting Entities could fill the gaps/ needs by the Requesting/Receiving Party)

6. Problems and Constraints (Please indicate problems and constraints in mobilising of resources, and in handling the situation e.g. CIQ processes, in-country logistics support, command, control and coordination, etc.)

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7. Other Observations (Please provide other observations that do not fall into the above categories)

8. Recommendations (Please provide recommendations for future actions and improvements)

Submitted by#: Requesting/Receiving Party

signature

(Name) [National Focal Point], [Country] # -Delete where applicable Assisting Entity

signature

(Name) [Focal Point], [Entity]

FINAL REPORT FROM ASSISTING ENTITY TO AHA CENTRE

1. General Information

Office Reference Number: From: To: Day / Date / Time: Disaster Event Name/ Location(s):

2. General Description of Disaster Event (Please describe the disaster event, what happened, the cause of event, location of the event, size of affected area, casualties, etc.)

3. Actions Taken (Please describe disaster response and impact mitigation activities)

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4. Evaluation of the Role of AHA Centre and/or Other Party (Please evaluate the role of the AHA Centre and/ or the other party in the facilitation of resource mobilisation)

5. Analysis of Resource Mobilisation and Utilisation (Please provide analysis of the relevance and utility of resources mobilised, whether the resources were adequate and effective to respond to the situation, whether resources provided by the Assisting Entities could fill the gaps/ needs by the Requesting/Receiving Party)

6. **Problems and Constraints** (Please indicate problems and constraints in mobilising/demobilising the resources, and in handling the situation using the resources)

7. Other Observations (Please provide other observations that do not fall into the above categories)

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8. Recommendations (Please provide recommendations for future actions and improvements)

Signed by:

Signature

(Name) [Focal Point], [Entity]

ANNEX N

ASEAN REGIONAL DISASTER EMERGENCY RESPONSE SIMULATION EXERCISE

A. BACKGROUND

- 1. Within the framework of the implementation of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) that was signed by the Foreign Ministers of ASEAN in Vientiane, Lao PDR in July 2005, the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) has determined the need to regularly conduct a disaster simulation exercise code-named ASEAN Regional Disaster Emergency Response Simulation Exercise (ARDEX).
- 2 The first exercise (ARDEX-05) was conducted in Selangor, Malaysia in September 2005, the second exercise (ARDEX-06) was held in Kandal Province, Cambodia in September 2006, the third exercise (ARDEX-07) was held in Singapore in October 2007, and the fourth exercise (ARDEX-08) was held in Rayong Province Thailand in August 2008.

B. AIM

3. The aim of the exercise is to practice, evaluate and review the SASOP, in facilitating a close and effective collaboration amongst the host country, other ASEAN Member States and between ASEAN and the relevant United Nations and international organisations in handling a major disaster.

C. TARGET AUDIENCE

 The disaster response agencies from the host country, participating ASEAN Member States, and invited teams and observers from the United Nations and international organisations.

D. ELEMENTS OF THE EXERCISE

- 5. Pre-Exercise
 - Identifying and preparation of exercise scenario
 - Preparation of concept paper
 - Identifying exercise referees
 - Preparation of exercise control checklists
 - Confirmation of exercise participants and observers
 - Conduct of Exercise Planning Meetings (EPT)
- 6. During the Exercise
 - Coordination of the request and offer of assistance involving ACDM Focal Points, AHA Centre and national operation centres of ASEAN Member States and relevant UN and international organisations.
 - Synchronising and validating response mechanisms as per procedures set in the SASOP in particular disaster information updates, facilitation of assistance through entry/exit points in countries and on-site coordination of various responding assets and capacities during mobilisation and operations.
- 7. Post Exercise
 - Conducting de-briefing to review performance of exercise players, coordination and communications processes, documents used etc.
 - Enhancing the SASOP with inputs from the learning points surfaced.

E. TYPICAL TIME LINE FOR PREPARATION OF ARDEX

Month	Activity	
1	Preparation of concept paper by host country	
2		
3	Conduct 1 st EPT Meeting in host country.	
4		
5	Conduct 2 nd EPT Meeting (via video conferencing)	
6		
7	Conduct 3 rd EPT Meeting (via video conferencing)	
8	Conduct of ARDEX	
9	Submission of exercise evaluation report to ASEAN Secretariat by host country	

F. SAMPLE PROGRAMME FOR ARDEX

Day	Timing	Activity		
	am	Pre-Ex activity to coincide with arrival of participants - Sub-communication Exercise. - Mobilisation and cross border		
I	pm			
2	am			
	pm	activities.		
3	am	 Official opening ceremonies officiated by VIP from host country. Refresher training (content based on exercise scenario). 		
	pm	Conduct Table Top Exercise.		

	am	 Briefing on Exercise scenario. Site visit and tactical exercise. Conduct of on-site hands-on training (where applicable). 		
4	pm	Exercise briefing sessions for Exercise Management Staff comprising (where applicable): - Exercise Director - Chief Controller - Chief Referee - Deputy Chief Referee - Team Leaders		
5	am	ARDEX		
	pm	Demobilisation and end of exercise		
6	am	 Conduct of Evaluation Meeting Chairman : Exercise Director Facilitator : Chief Controller & Chief Referee In attendance : Deputy Chief Referee Referees Team Leaders 		
	pm	Dinner Reception hosted by an official from the host country.		

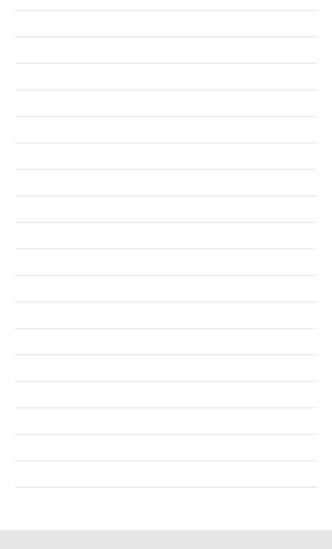
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English to Metric

To convert	Into	multiply by
Lengths		
inches	millimeters	25.4
inches	centimeters	2.54
inches	meters	0.0254
feet	meters	0.3048
yards	kilometers	0.0009
yards	meters	0.9144
miles	kilometers	1.6093
Surfaces		
square inches	square centimeters	6.4516
square feet	square meters	0.0929
square yard	square meters	0.8361
square miles	square kilometers	2.5900
acres	hectameters	0.4047
Volumes		
clubic inches	cubic centimeters	16.387064
clubic inches	liters	0.016387
clubic feet	cubic meters	0.028317
clubic feet	liters	26.316847
clubic yards	cubic meters	0.764555
liquid ounces	cubic centimeters	29.573530
gallons (USA)	cubic meters	0.003785
gallons (USA)	liters	3.785412
teaspoons	milliliters	4.928922
tablespons	milliliters	14.786765
fluid ounces	milliliters	29.573530
cups	liters	0.236589
pints	liters	0.473176
quarts	liters	0.946353
Weights		
grants	grams	0.064799
ounces	grams	28.349523
ounces	kilograms	0.028350
pounds	kilograms	0.453592
pounds	tons (metric)	0.000454
tons (USA)	kilograms	907.184740
tons (USA)	tons (metric)	0.907185
tons (long)	kilograms	1016.046909
tons (long)	tons (metric)	1.016047