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NATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE: MYANMAR'S EXPERIENCES IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT

Rethinking humanitarian aid in protracted crises

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INTRODUCTION

- Thank for your giving the opportunity to make a presentation on behalf of CERA for this HARP-F webinar of “National Leadership in Humanitarian Response: Myanmar’s experiences in a global context”. CERA, we are working disaster risk reduction through DRR, WASH, Mangrove deforestation & plantation, and livelihood toward better resilience in community since 2014 in central Rakhine state. Along with, CERA is being supported the emergency response to be effectiveness of humanitarian action with partnership approached in IDP camp whose were fleet by armed conflict between AA and military, and also Covid-19 response activity in Sittwe, and also the targeted townships partners with HARP-F and Malteser International.
- CERA has obtained one of the ToGETHER localization project through partner with Malteser International which was started from the beginning of this year. There have been formed 5 Local Humanitarian Partner (LHP) across Myanmar and being processing the NEAR organizational capacity assessment (OCA) tool within 7 capacity areas governance and leadership, general management & administration, human resources, financial management, program development & management, project performance management, and external relations & sustainability, and then CERA is being designed the regular coordination body (mechanisms) in the region to raise up humanitarian needs to international actors/organization by CSO in Rakhine state.

LOCALISATION IN PRACTICE

- According to the four national localisation framework, CERA is engaged with international organization to get capacity training for humanitarian response, and launched informal meeting with local CSO to sharing the context situation and experiences on monthly basis, and coordinate with local authorities and un agencies for both armed conflict and Covid-19 response, to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the humanitarian action.
- Exchanged knowledge and experiences of how to apply organization registration process for a new local CSO in the region.
- CERA is providing the CSO contact list, and relevant information to international organizations to accept funding opportunity.
- Through CERA has given the DRR technical training to co-partners to lead training to community in their targeted villages.



Photo of enable to give ToT DRR technical training to local partner organization in Rakhine



Photo of coaching and mentoring to communities who received the DRR refresher training.

PREREQUISITES TO LOCALISATION

- Partners (HARP-F, Malteser International, SCI, FCA, and RAFT) has already supported the capacity enhancement training as such operational procedures, internal control and financial management, narrative report writing, MEAL, DRR emergency response, and do no harm conflict sensitivity so on to run smooth humanitarian response.

Gap of local CSO

- Raise local voice to reach international actors and donor.
- International organization should understanding local situation (partnership genuine and equity)
- Capacity and resources sharing (requires time to set up to access direct funding)
- Lack of funding sources for organizational development.
- Less opportunity in touch with direct donor.

LESSONS LEARNED

For Covid-19 response in Rakhine

- Since 2015 flood effects in Kyauk Taw and Myauk Oo township, and 2016-2017 armed conflict in northern Rakhine State where responded by Sittwe local CSO network with their own contribution,
- and while Covid-19 1st wave outbreak in Rakhine, and 6 local CSO were formed to support humanitarian response, name is “Arakan humanitarian Coordination team (AHCT)” to strengthen of coordination and collaboration in Rakhine state.
- again the worse Covid-19 2nd wave outbreak in Rakhine AHCT was engaged with local government and MoHS to support food and materials for people who lives in Quarantine centre which is funded by German government, SDC, AA Global for food and materials, and government is also contributed for food for people in Quarantine centre.
- Base on this, we can do more practices on resources in local, overcome Covid-19, and some CSO had received the funding by individual donor.
- However, it is issues base in local, but it actually need to be a long term strategic there we need technical support and exchange learning for smooth running the humanitarian response in complex situation in Myanmar for future.

Photo of food distribution at Quarantine centre in Sittwe

