

DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT TRAINING IN COX'S BAZAR¹, BANGLADESH

Chris Piper worked as a Redr Australia deployee with UNDP in Cox's Bazar from April to July 2018, this being in support of the humanitarian program assisting Rohingya refugees there. Chris then provided some Disaster Risk Management (DRM) training for the Bangladeshi NGO BRAC on the 7th May, he being assisted in this by the BRAC Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Specialist, and the IOM Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. Altogether 42 people attended the training, 36 of these coming from BRAC, six from other Bangladeshi NGOs, and four being UN staff.

The day consisted of three main sections. The first was the facilitation of Key DRM issues; the second being emphasis on DRR and risk management; whilst the third consisted of a Question and Answer (Q&A) session with the IOM Emergency Preparedness Coordinator.

The first section looked at the Disaster Risk Management Cycle (DRMC); the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS); key stakeholders and coordination; spatial dimensions, including maps, geography, climate and logistics; basic needs and vulnerability issues, complemented by appropriate humanitarian assistance; understanding of the background context; and the role of the media and social media, and related funding issues.

The second section focussed on the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) diagram², and the risk management process. This included the brainstorming and ranking of key challenges facing the Rohingya



refugee community over the coming six months. The risk management process carried out on the five main challenges identified included addressing key factors associated with each risk; the causes and effects of that risk; and some practical DRR and Emergency Response initiatives to reduce the risks in question.

The third section of the day was the Q&A session facilitated by the IOM Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, where he addressed the priority issues across the refugee settlements. There was then a short session on useful Twelve Teaching Tips for the Global Development or Humanitarian Practitioner.

¹ A link to this training paper can be found at www.torgaid.com/CXB-DRM-training

² And a Bangladeshi customised version of this can again be found on the link www.torgaid.com/CXB-DRM-training

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