

Special health cluster coordination meeting on reconstruction of temporary and permanent health facilities

Date: Monday 27 March 2006, 15.00
Location: Health Emergency Operation Centre
House No. 6, Street No. 20, F-7/2, Islamabad
Chaired: Dr. Rayana Bu-hakah, Operation Manager WHO
Dr Mateen Shaheen, health focal point ERRA

- **Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority (ERRA) website:**
<http://www.erra.gov.pk/>
- **The final version of the “Build Back Better” Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Strategy** for the Health Sector is available on the ERRA website
<http://www.erra.gov.pk/Reports/ERRA-Health%20development%20Plan-Final.pdf>

ERRA focuses on 5 key areas:

1. Rationalized reconstruction and rehabilitation of health facilities.
2. Provision of health care services and disease control.
3. Rehabilitation program and improving access for the disabled.
4. Strengthening health system management.
5. Emergency preparedness and disaster management at the federal, provincial and district level.

Still many issues remain unclear regarding the temporary and permanent reconstruction of health facilities, but ERRA aims to give answers to key questions this week.

- **Obtaining a Non Objection Certificate (NOC)**, especially for those agencies who have already completed between 80 and 95% of their temporary health care facilities. To minimize further delay in the completion of construction works, and related costs, ERRA ensures that the submittal of NOC for those facilities that are almost completed takes between 1 or 2 days.

→ ERRA recommends agencies to stop all construction activities until NOC is issued

- **How to apply for a NOC?**

For temporary prefabricated structures:

Col. Usman Jillani
Coordinator of the Transition Relief Cell
ERRA
Prime Minister Secretariat
Islamabad
0300 975 8870

For permanent structures:

Dr Shabana Saleem
051 282 3707
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→ When applying for a NOC, submit copies of all relevant documents, including MOU with the Ministry of Health

- **Location of health facilities** ERRA emphasises that the temporary health care facilities are not to be build in the same location as where the permanent Basic Health Units are planned.

→ List with locations of planned permanent health facilities will be circulated soon

- **Coordination with the district and provincial health authorities** in the planning of temporary and permanent health facilities is crucial.
- **Services of health facilities** Basic Health Units will be providing more services than before the earthquake; services such as a TB centre, family planning, etc. will be included. The only difference with a Rural Health Centre is the inpatient facility and the operating theatre.
- **Construction designs** ERRA will be deciding by the end of this week whether a predetermined construction design is required for the permanent health facilities. Designs will then be made available on the ERRA website.
- **Gaps** To minimize expected gaps in health services delivery, ERRA is asking health partners to share their plans regarding all current and future activities regarding health service delivery.

Action points:

Partners are kindly requested to fill in the matrix 'who is doing what where', attached with the meeting minutes. Please send by Thursday 30 March 2006 to Sacha Bootsma at bootsmas@eqpak.emro.who.int

For further information on ERRA, please contact Dr. Mateen Ahmed Shaheen at 0300 847 0025 or shaheenm@eqpak.emro.who.int

Next Health Cluster meeting will be held **Thursday 30 March at 15.00** at the Health Emergency Operation Centre, House No. 6, Street No. 20, F-7/2, Islamabad.

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The meeting will be used as a forum for the Joint Evaluation Mission from donor agencies DFID and ECHO to evaluate the WHO response to the earthquake. All partners are asked to openly share their experiences and opinions on WHO's performance.

Proposed agenda:

1. Update by Ministry of Health
2. Update on Weekly Morbidity and Mortality
3. Joint Evaluation Mission
4. Any other business