Project Update – “Ensuring Effective Interagency Interoperability and Coordinated Communication in the Event of a Chemical and/or Biological Weapons Attack (Implementation)”

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Overview

- Project Background
- Progress – Phase I and II
- Phase III Planning and Path Forward
Background

Project Goal
Enhance protection of, and assistance to, human communities

- Chemical and/or biological weapons attack
- Effective and efficient support by Agencies to States upon their request
- Focus on operations and public crisis communication
Background

- UNCTITF WMD Working Group (OPCW and IAEA)
- Implements UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy
- Builds on 2010 and 2011 WMD WG studies on coordination in the event of a nuclear, radiological, chemical or biological weapons attack
Progress

Desktop Analysis

Table-Top Exercise

18 Key Recommendations

Phase I

Phase II
## Progress

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<td>• Focal Points, Crisis Centres, etc.</td>
<td>• CBRN environments, humanitarian sector, etc.</td>
<td>• MOUs, procedures, etc.</td>
<td>• Explore roster of experts, joint teams, etc.</td>
<td>• Joint guidelines, existing mechanisms, etc.</td>
<td>• UNOCHA field coordination, info sharing, etc.</td>
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Phase III – Focus on Implementation

- 18 Key Recommendations
- Individually or collectively
- Covers an 18 month period
- Small, concrete steps
- Mandate, priorities, resources
## Key Issues

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<td>• Confidentiality</td>
<td>• Operational or management</td>
<td>• Mechanism (needs vs offers)</td>
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<td>• Standing arrangements</td>
<td>• Formal network</td>
<td>• General CBRN awareness</td>
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Phase III – Path Forward

18 Key Recommendations

Workshop (9 and 10 April)

Agencies’ Action Plans (final)

Phase III Project Plan

Mid-point review

Results
OPCW

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禁止化学武器组织

Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

Organisation pour l'Interdiction des Armes Chimiques

Организация по запрещению химического оружия

Organización para la Prohibición de las Armas Químicas