



3rd Annual Flood Forum, 7-8 April 2005

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Working Group Component 4 Flood Emergency Management Strengthening

<b>I – Communications</b>		
<b>Issues</b>	<b>Possible Considerations</b>	<b>Group Conclusions</b>
1. What new communications mechanisms might be effective with respect to this component?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Should we hold special meetings to exchange information about FMMP components?</li> <li>○ Should we research communications mechanisms that are used in other river basins that could be useful in the Lower Mekong?</li> <li>○ Are there other ways?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Strengthen the capacity of national information center (MRC-NMC-NDMOs-line agencies). Current situation – information stops at NMC</li> <li>○ Special meetings to design mechanism (more sustainable system) of proposed system</li> <li>○ Dissemination system directly to local community as well as through province, district and commune</li> <li>○ MRC website – forecast information in riparian languages</li> </ul>

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<b>II – Planning</b>		
<b>Issues</b>	<b>Possible Considerations</b>	<b>Group Conclusions</b>
1. Are there activities or omissions in the existing component that need to be reconsidered?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What activities should be modified?</li> <li>○ Are there activities to be added?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Contingency/ Emergency planning activity</li> <li>○ Training on drafting emergency plan</li> <li>○ Regular updating of plans</li> <li>○ Regular exercise on evacuation/ drills</li> <li>○ Plan to cover all water related disasters (floods, drought, etc.)</li> <li>○ Training on incident command system (ICS)</li> <li>○ Inventory of resources at the regional level</li> </ul>



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III – Implementation, Coordination, and New Areas of Cooperation		
Issues	Possible Considerations	Group Conclusions
1. How can MRC and partners better strengthened coordination of MRC FMM component programmes with partner programmes?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Can exchange of personnel between countries help share lessons learned and establish coordination mechanisms?</li> <li>○ Should there be more exchange of data and information?</li> <li>○ What other coordination approaches should we consider?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Compliance with national policies</li> <li>○ Lack of coordination and information sharing at the ground level ( too many players) – enhanced coordination between and among donors</li> <li>○ Linkages between regional and national programs – MRC’s forums and meetings should cover wider audiences</li> <li>○ Specific technical assistance from MRC to the national partners</li> <li>○ Development of a comprehensive regional disaster management strategy – with help from MRC</li> </ul>
2. What new areas of cooperation with respect to this component should the FMM Programme and partners explore?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Should MRC-partner teams visit other countries that share river basins to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Understand how they coordinate emergency management?</li> <li>▪ Understand how they cooperate in general?</li> <li>▪ Benefit from lessons learned?</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ What other new areas of cooperation might be useful?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Yes to all questions. To South Asia for instance.</li> <li>○ New areas of cooperation               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Utilization of GIS &amp; RS technology products</li> <li>▪ Building provincial and district capacities (PDMC and DDMC) through additional equipment</li> <li>▪ Capturing and using the existing Indigenous knowledge</li> </ul> </li> </ul>