The ‘HUB’ - Private Sector Network

Technical support to the Humanitarian Sector in Disaster Response

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‘HUB’ Concept

• Review of concept
  • why we are doing this.
  • what issues we face and how we overcome them.

• Collaboration framework

• Beyond the MoU

• Training

• Humanitarian sector engagement

• Timescales around deliverables

Q&A
RECENT BACKGROUND

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High level framework for co-operation but not yet resulted in a reliable, scaleable resource.
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- Access specialist technical expertise, networks and data;
- Provide surge capacity or remote technical support and mentoring;
- Implement infrastructure or market-based approaches.
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Need for a collaborative and structured ‘framework’ operating between key actors.
WHAT ARE THE KEY ISSUES IN PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT?

Coordination:
No common platform of engagement

Scale of response not suited to individuals or CSR budgets
Difficult to define the problem leading to requesting people that may not be appropriate.

Commerciality:
Release of high level staff does not fit in with commercial commitments.
‘Pro-bono’ investment is not sustainable or contracted.

Procurement:
Limited experience dealing with each other to develop relationship.
Lack of clarity over the contracting entity leading to delays.

Liability of engineering services need contractual definition.

Resource Management and deployment:
Limited bench from commitments.
Small firm / Limited staff - not applicable / excluded through PQQ
Roster leads to individual approach not deep resource.
Resource needs active pre-event management
Maintain safety and duty of care on deployment
HOW WE OVERCOME ISSUES & WHERE ‘THE HUB’ FITS IN

Immediate Response
Preparedness and DRR
Rapid Recovery
Disaster Reconstruction and Development

Supply
Firm 1
Firm 2
Firm 3
Firm 4

Consultancy Hub

Demand
Humanitarian Agencies
Collective Initiatives / Operational Agencies

DfID
Red R
UNOPS
START
DEC
Others

Emergency Event
HOW WE OVERCOME ISSUES & WHERE ‘THE HUB’ FITS IN


2. Established contract relationship between ‘client’ and consultant defines liability, promotes trust, speeds deployment, aids ToR definition.


4. Pre-deployment training mandatory and provided via Ready to Respond partners.

5. Hub depth and central secretariat leads to coordinated response

6. Established ‘at cost’ remuneration / tax breaks incentivise consultants, their commercial clients and provides depth beyond CSR budgets.
Each partner engineering consultancy has a single point contact to the Hub.

The Hub steering group is manned 24/7 with engineers on rotation from Hub partner firms.

Key Humanitarian Players (KHP) of the ‘client entity’ contact the Hub.

Additional Hub Partners join on agreement to the established contract.

The Hub keeps the contact data base of tech capabilities.

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Each partner engineering consultancy are responsible for updating their tech capability list and uploading to the Hub.

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WHERE ARE WE NOW?

- MOU signed
- Steering group established
- Network begun
- Firm skills data gathered
- ‘Spread the word’ continues
- Training standards discussed

Aecom
Arup
Atkins
BWB Consulting
Elliott Wood
Ramboll
Laing O’Rourke
WSP
RedR
RWA
Mott MacDonald
MWH

URBAN HUMANITARIANISM
NEPAL PRE-DEPARTURE TRAINING

COURSE AIM
To enable technical experts from the private sector to work effectively in a post-natural disaster context.

COURSE OBJECTIVES
By the end of the course the participants will be able to:
1. Explain the timeline for a fast onset natural disaster.
2. Describe the post disaster context and the challenges that it presents.
3. List the actors in a humanitarian response, and to describe their roles and how they work together.
4. Explain the humanitarian guiding principles including standards and accountability.
5. Explain key words, terms and acronyms specific to the humanitarian sector.
6. Identify personal risks working in an emergency environment.
7. Describe their role within the humanitarian context and what will enable them to carry out that role.
8. Identify further actions that would help the individual prepare for deployment.
**ENGAGEMENT & DELIVERABLES TIMELINE**

**Key Humanitarian Players**
- Sign 'Hub' MoU
- Gather Hub Partners
- Promote concept
- Announce Hub formation
- Develop Draft Framework
- MoU framework
- Develop contract relationship
- Agree contract relationship

**Humanitarian Agencies and NGOs**

**Private Sector Team**

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THANKS FOR LISTENING ANY QUESTIONS?