



**Minutes**  
**Early Recovery Cluster/Network Meeting**  
**10 February 2009**

*Participants List attached*

**1. Welcome by Jens Toyberg-Frandzen, Special Representative of the Administrator, UNDP**

The Special Representative of the Administrator, UNDP welcomed members of the Early Recovery Cluster and Network (ERC/N), informing them that as of this week the ER Cluster (partners focusing on specific ER issues that are not covered by other clusters such as livelihoods, governance, environment, rubble removal, etc) will meet separately from the ER Network (that gathers ER focal points from other clusters/sectors).

The ER Cluster will meet on a weekly basis, at 11:00 on Tuesday mornings, with the venue alternating between here in Jerusalem and the UNDP offices in Ramallah. **The next ER Cluster meeting will therefore be held on Tuesday 17 February at UNDP Ramallah.** The ER Network will meet every two weeks, with the exact details of the next meeting to be confirmed.

**2. Update from Early Recovery coordination cell in Gaza**

The Head of Office of the UNDP Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People (UNDP PAPP) provided an update on behalf of the ER coordination cell in Gaza. The cell provided a platform through which UN agencies and programmes and NGOs could coordinate themselves, in order to share findings and identify any gaps. The status of initial needs assessments are as follows:

- Social sector: Completed and sent to Jerusalem.
- Health/Education/Cultural Heritage/Infrastructure Sectors: Completed.
- Economic Sector: Food security ongoing – to be finalized by this Friday.
- Livelihoods: Completed.
- Governance: Completed.
- Private Sector: Survey completed – in the process of verification, to be finalised in the next two days.

The ER Coordination Cell in Gaza will continue to coordinate with partners in Jerusalem and Ramallah to address any gaps in needs assessments.

### **3. Update on Gaza Early Recovery Rapid Needs Assessment (GERRNA)**

The ER Cluster Lead thanked ER partners for their valuable contributions to the Gaza Early Recovery Rapid Needs Assessment (GERRNA). He informed partners that we are in the process of preparing a “survey of surveys” of ER-related assessments, that will provide a one-stop-shop of all ER-related assessments completed to date and those planned. This will help the ER Cluster identify any duplication and/or gaps in assessments. ERC/N members are invited to share their assessment data/findings (email: [yannick.guegan@gmail.com](mailto:yannick.guegan@gmail.com), cc: [nicolerencoret@gmail.com](mailto:nicolerencoret@gmail.com)).

### **4. Update on Gaza Early Recovery and Reconstruction Plan (GERRP) based on a damage and needs assessment**

The Principal Writer of the PA-led Gaza Early Recovery and Reconstruction Plan (GERRP), based on a damage and needs assessment (i.e. the GERRNA) provided a brief update on the drafting process. The GERRP Table of Contents and a timeline of the drafting process were circulated, noting important deadlines in the lead-up to the Donor Conference to be held on 2 March in Cairo. All sector sections (part B) are completed, with the exception of the social sector (currently under revision). The GERRP is a PA-led document, drawing on our technical support for part B as well as guidance on parts C and D. The draft GERRP will be circulated among ERC/N members who will have the opportunity to provide feedback on 17-19 February.

The Coordinator of the global Cluster Working Group on Early Recovery, stated that the GERRP will be presented by the PA, and serve as a reference document on ER needs and priorities. The GERRP draws on data collected not only by the UN and partners, but also on data provided by the PA and other stakeholders. We (the UN and partners) need to organize our response. In contrast with the humanitarian effort, the early recovery process needs to be led by the national authorities in order to be sustainable.

OCHA noted that discussions at the last Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) meeting recommended that there should be a stand-alone GERRNA report published by the UN and partners.

UNSCO confirmed that to date the Humanitarian and Resident Coordinator (HC/RC) has decided that there will not be a stand-alone GERRNA report published by the UN and partners. This is to be discussed further at the next HCT meeting this Friday.

The Health Cluster informed ERC/N members that the first version of their health needs assessment has been published, and they expect to publish the final document soon. It was recommended that they discuss this further with the HC/RC.

FAO expressed its concern regarding the actual implementation of ER, noting that if the GERRP is a PA-led document which the donors wish to fund, how does this translate into realistic implementation mechanisms? A stand-alone GERRNA report would help the UN and partners separate their response.

UNFPA informed ERC/N members that they had just completed a needs assessment on maternal health and psychosocial. It was confirmed that the findings can feed into the GERRP.

WHO agreed that it is indeed a challenge for ER to operate within a humanitarian context, emphasising that ER does not happen in parallel to humanitarian activities; rather ER is a part of the overall humanitarian response.

It is to be noted that the global Cluster Working Group on Early Recovery (CWGER) defines ER as recovery happening during the humanitarian phase. It is not part of the humanitarian response as it is based on development principles.

## **5. Early recovery and the Flash Appeal**

The global Coordinator of the CWGER presented a list of projects from the Gaza Flash Appeal (FA), classified as ER or humanitarian/ER regrouped according to clusters/sectors as well as according to the GERRP report. Of those projects listed in the FA, 55 per cent are considered humanitarian, 17 per cent having humanitarian and ER components and 28 per cent ER. The criteria used to classify FA projects was taken from the Guidance Note on Early Recovery (published by the global CWGER), to be circulated among ERC/N members. The full list of FA projects will also be circulated.

Following the publication of the GERRP, the UN and partners will need to organize their collective response to ER needs to ensure an integrated and coordinated early recovery response and to avoid duplication of efforts. Further discussion is needed to agree on a mechanism for this process. Projects included in the response will either be a continuation of those listed in the FA (for a period of 9 months), while others will be new, going beyond this time frame. Cross references will be made to those ER projects listed in the FA, advocating for further ER funding. The revision of the FA (expected to take place in May), along with the UN and partners response to ER needs will allow for the inclusion of non-funded ER projects if still relevant at the time.

## **6. Update on Early Recovery Cluster/Network information products**

The Information Management Officer of the ERC/N highlighted a number of ER information products currently available to support the ERC/N:

- Fact Sheet
- Contact List
- Website (<http://www.undp.ps/en/focusareas/crisis/ER.html>): ERC/N members are invited to post their information on the website (email: [nicolerencoret@gmail.com](mailto:nicolerencoret@gmail.com))

A Who does What Where (3W) is currently being prepared for the ERC/N, and ERC/N members will be contacted in the coming days to help us verify ER activities either completed (since December 2008), those currently underway and those planned (and funded). In order to avoid

duplicating 3W work of other clusters/sectors, we are currently working with OCHA to obtain other clusters'/sectors' 3W information and will identify activities in a similar fashion to the process used to classify FA projects as described above.

## 7. Global Cluster Working Group on Early Recovery meeting

On Wednesday 11 February a meeting will be held with the global Cluster Working Group on Early Recovery (CWGER), to be conducted via videocon at 15:00 on Wednesday 11 February at UNDP PAPP Jerusalem. Members of the ERC/N are invited to participate, to share with our global CWGER colleagues information regarding our activities as a ERC/N.

### Next steps:

Action	By Whom
Circulate criteria used to classify FA projects (from the Guidance Note on Early Recovery (published by the global CWGER)	UNDP
Circulate full list of FA projects classified as ER and humanitarian/ER	UNDP
For ER survey of surveys: Share assessment data/findings with ERC/N (email: <a href="mailto:yannick.guegan@gmail.com">yannick.guegan@gmail.com</a> , cc: <a href="mailto:nicolerencoret@gmail.com">nicolerencoret@gmail.com</a> )	All ERC/N members
Provide feedback on draft GERRP, to be circulated among ERC/N members on 17-19 February (email to be confirmed)	All ERC/N members



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