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## Key Achievements against Work plan Targets

In early 2012, the IASC Sub-Working Group on Preparedness agreed to focus on following areas for 2012 workplan:

1. Enhanced ability to implement early action through strengthened early warning.
2. Improved inter agency guidance on emergency preparedness.
3. Increased inter-agency and government capacity to support simulation exercises.
4. Strengthened national capacity in preparedness
5. Increased coordination and knowledge management for emergency preparedness.

The major achievements for 2012 against above objectives are:

* The revised methodology on inter-agency early warning and early action is in place and tested. The revised EWEA report was issued twice with a stronger focus on analysis and recommended early action. The October 2012 version was disseminated to the Emergency Directors.
* Progress was made in defining common inter-agency methodology to assess humanitarian risk at country level, through discussion in advancing Global Focus Model and a new partnership with EU’s Joint Research Center.
* The inter-agency Emergency Response Preparedness (ERP) approach was adopted by the SWG and integrated in the Humanitarian Programme Cycle developed under the Transformative Agenda and adopted by IASC Principals.
* In terms of national capacity building on preparedness, the SWG undertook a study on Country Capacity Development on Emergency Preparedness. Based on the findings of this study and on the results of ongoing pilot country initiatives, an IASC, UNDG, UNISDR Common Framework for Capacity Development for Preparedness was developed and presented to the IASC Principals.
* A new Government Emergency Simulation (GES) package was finalized and disseminated through four training events (Sweden, Egypt, South Africa and Senegal) involving members from IASC agencies as well as government disaster management agencies. The trainings also included orientation on the new ERP approach.
* Country support was provided to Haiti for the development of a national contingency plan on seismic risk and to the Philippines, Kenya and in Kyrghistan for simulation exercises.
* In support of knowledge management, a Preparedness Tracker website was finalized and launched with SWG members.

## Challenges faced in 2012

***List up 5 challenges and constraints faced by the Subsidiary Body***

* Continued challenges in achieving clarity between the preparedness and resilience agendas.
* Continued challenges in the dissemination of the IASC EWEA report although it now appears that the reactivation of the Emergency Director’s meeting will also cover EWEA.
* Unclear accountability mechanism (both at HQ and at field levels) in operationalizing and following up on preparedness work

## Any outcomes of your Subsidiary Body in relation to the Transformative Agenda in 2012

***Please list work done in relation to the Transformative Agenda***

* In preparation for July WG meeting, the SWG undertook analysis on progress on Transformative Agenda from a preparedness perspective.
* The SWG drafted a reference module on preparedness (using the ERP approach) within the overall guidance on the Humanitarian Programme Cycle.
* The SWG engaged in a series of discussion on the role of clusters in preparedness based on the new ERP approach.
* As part of the Transformative Agenda (TA) protocol, Common Framework for Emergency Preparedness is under development. The framework will be disseminated to the IASC in early 2013.

## Outstanding work of your Subsidiary Body requiring the attention of the IASC Working Group in 2013

***Please list issues requiring the IASC Working Group’s attention***

* Dissemination and operationalization of SWG tools (e.g. EWEA report, ERP)
* Finalization and dissemination of the Common Framework by mid-2013
* Accountability for preparedness at global (ERC/UNDG Chair) and country (RC/HC) levels

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