



# Regional Advisory Group Meeting Report 2018

## South Asia Region

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## Event Brief:

### 1. Meeting date:

13-14 November 2018

### 2. Meeting venue:

Season Paradise Hotel, Thulusdhoo, Maldives

### 3. Participants:

| Country     | Organisation/ Designation                                         | Name                                       |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Bangladesh  | Action Aid Bangladesh                                             | Tanjir HOSSAIN                             |
|             | Jago Nari                                                         | Duke Ivn AMIN                              |
| India       | SEEDs India                                                       | Mihir Upendra JOSHI                        |
|             | UDYAMA                                                            | Pradeep MAHAPATRA (could not attend)       |
|             | Coastal Area Disaster Mitigation Effort (CADME)                   | Meda Gurudatt PRASAD (could not attend)    |
| Pakistan    | Pattan Development Organisation                                   | Ghulam Sarwar BARI                         |
|             | JAD Foundation                                                    | Syed Harir SHAH                            |
|             | Sustainable Environment and Development Foundation (SEDF)         | Nasrullah THAHIM                           |
| Nepal       | National Society for Earthquake Technology-Nepal (NSET)           | Surya Narayan SHRESTHA                     |
|             | Practical Action                                                  | Gehendra Bahadur GURUNG (could not attend) |
| Maldives    | Huvadhoo Aid (HAD)                                                | Imad MOHAMED                               |
| Afghanistan | Organisation for Saving the Children and Empowering Women (OSCEW) | Dr. M. Naseer BABA KERKHAL                 |
| Sri Lanka   | Janathakshan GTE                                                  | Ranga PALLAWALA                            |
| Bangladesh  | Action Aid Bangladesh                                             | Farah KABIR                                |
| Thailand    | GNDR (Regional Development Coordinator)                           | Mohammad Abdur ROUF                        |
| Thailand    | GNDR (Regional Assistant)                                         | Baranee TONGBOONRAWD                       |

#### 4. Meeting objectives:

- **Obj 01:** Reporting back to the RAG on activities carried out by NFPs at the national level.
- **Obj 02:** Deciding on priorities and actions for the NFPs and RAG for the next year i.e. 2019.
- **Obj 03:** Making the members aware of what's happening in the Network – ongoing priorities and scope of continuing integration and collaboration.
- **Obj 04:** Strengthening accountability within the structure and agreeing on the revised ToR.

## Introduction

The objectives of the meeting were introduced by the Regional Development Coordinator, along with the key decisions of RAG meeting 2017 which included the prioritized tasks and responsibilities of national focal points and RAG.

The RAG members then shared their expectation and contribution for this RAG 2018 meeting.



#### Members' Expectation from the RAG process:

- Elaborate a strategy to downscale GNDR strategy to national and sub national level.
- Streamline DRR with regional development priorities e.g. SDGs, Climate Change Regional Cooperation, etc.
- Better coordination within the country and provide support to GNDR members in the country.
- Maximise the roles of Civil Society Organisations and strengthen networking and knowledge management.
- Share yearly progress from the country and identify key issues pertaining to members to be taken up at regional and global board level.
- Seek clarity on the roles of GNDR in the region as well as the roles, responsibilities and continuous engagement of RAG.
- Strengthen regularly interaction and communication among GNDR members, especially at the regional level.
- A 3-year strategy for GNDR on advocacy and mobilisation of national and regional priorities with global platform.
- Promote open dialogues and brainstorming for better solutions in the region.
- Identify key/ critical issues of civil society of South Asian countries for the preparation for GPDRR.
- Start working on the indicative country & regional plan for next year. Set road map with concrete milestones. Make an action plan for RAG based on country context.

#### Contributions members were ready to offer towards RAG process:

- Offer abridging roles to GNDR to implement strategy on ground.
- Assist to strengthen national and regional bodies of GNDR.
- Be active and ensure continued engagement of GNDR members at national and regional level.
- Take the lead in national and regional advocacy as well as the coordination between GNDR members in the country (as the National Focal Point).
- Bring in the experiences from the country level to regional dialogues.

- Align the emerging issues in the country with the regional priorities.
- Come up with the integrated recommendations for country and region.
- Identify areas for capacity building for GNDR members in the country.
- Active support to GNDR Secretariat in creating linkages between national and regional levels.
- Share experiences from the country for the key topics such as community resilience, localisation and so on.

## Knowing about the country and issues from the host: Huvadhoo Aid, Maldives



Imad Mohamed from Huvadhoo Aid (HAD) presented the information related to the major disaster risks for Maldives. The prominent hazards are from climate change, the rising sea level, gale force winds, storm surge, earthquake and tsunami. For HAD, the organisation focuses on the climate changes and disaster in the southern part of Maldives. The national disaster risk reduction and climate change priorities of Maldives were also presented in this session along with the opportunities and challenges for DRR sector.

## Findings from National Coordination Meeting

### Afghanistan:

In September, the National Coordination Meeting was organised for GNDR members and counterparts in Afghanistan and joined by partners from education and agricultural sectors and media. During the meeting, the participants has discussed the challenges in the country, for examples, the construction of temporary housing, insufficient volunteers and community leaders and the lack of knowledge in hazard and disaster of staffs and so on. In addition, the group also exchanged their ideas on the opportunity for fundraising and how to make the fund allocation in disaster to be more effective. The participants have agreed to conduct regularly meeting within the country among GNDR members, community leaders and media.

### Bangladesh:

The Country Coordination Meeting was held in August. As it is difficult in finding members who are active in DRR, most of them are from the international NGOs. But there were also new members in the meeting. In the meeting, it has been discussed about a full-time personnel working to coordinate the DRR issues in the country. The GNDR membership and recatergorisation were also included in the main discussion. During the discussion on the action plan, the participants have agreed that the small funding should be made available for regularly conducting this country level meeting. Some organisations express that they can provide small contribution for this meeting.

#### India:

The National Coordination Meeting was prepared by Seeds and planned to invite International NGOs and relevant stakeholders. The focus will be on Target E and localisation. Since there are many GNDR members in the country and the available budget might not be sufficient, this meeting may need to be piggy back with other national event. Targeted date for this meeting will be confirmed later but should be in December 2018 or January 2019.

#### Maldives:

The National Coordination Meeting has been postponed from July to December. As there are only two GNDR members in Maldives. HAD plan to invite other stakeholders to join the meeting including international organisations and academia.

#### Nepal:

The National Coordination Meeting was held in October 2018 with 30 participants. The purpose of this meeting was to draft the one-year generic work plan for GNDR members in Nepal. Due to limited funds for this meeting, the invitations could not be sent to all members. Apart from the members, other civil society organisations and government were invited to join the meeting such as the Ministry of Home Affairs, Social Welfare Council and NGO Federation, Academia, etc. This helps the members to strengthen the engagement with these key stakeholders and reduce the communication problems. Many issues were discussed in the meeting with the focuses on access to funding and funding mobilisation, accountability of local NGOs and the UN system in the country. As for the work plan in next year, there will be a meeting (online or face to face) for GNDR members to know each other and the knowledge manage and capacity building on DRR for GNDR members in the country.

#### Pakistan:

There were two meeting convened with two members of GNDR. The discussions focused on the gaps in Disaster Risk Management activities in the country such as the legislation concerns and the issues related to SDGs/ SFDRR on localisation advocacy. Some other areas such as the space for civil society to speak and how to influence the policy makers on DRR have also been discussed in the two meetings. Regarding the available for National Coordination Meeting, the country may not need this funding for national level meeting as the members could have opportunity to meet during the implementation of VFL 2019. However, the additional funding might be required to get other GNDR members and stakeholders to join the meeting.

#### Sri Lanka:

Due to the political situation in the country, the National Coordination Meeting was postponed many times and now plan to be organised in November. The exact date will be informed. In recent years, the number of NGOs working in the country dramatically reduced due to the unclear mandate and other reasons. Based on GNDR member list, there are now only four NGOs after the recategorisation. In the meeting, the focus will be about the key tasks to increase GNDR membership, discussion on the potential disasters, business continuity and microenterprise to support the DRR work. The meeting will also explore about the multi-stakeholder partnerships which can help civil society to work effectively with government, media and other parties.

## Disaster Risk Profile and Climate Outlook for Maldives: Discussion with Maldivian Red Crescent

The RAG members have met with a representative from the Maldivian Red Crescent (MRC) to discuss on the hazard risk and disaster response management in Maldives. In the meeting, the representative has shared the emergency relief programme, community-based disaster preparedness and the emergency coordination in the country. The government's disaster insurance scheme has also been discussed in the meeting. As for the MRC, the organisation aims to expand its capacity building programmes for emergency response to improve the emergency coordination skills of local organisations.



## Secretariat Update

The Regional Representative for South Asia, Farah Kabir, has shared the feedback from the GNDR Global Board meeting regarding the activities of GNDR, expectation and contribution including the membership recategorisation, member recruitment and engagement, ongoing projects, funding and commitment to donors, and the connection between regional priorities to global strategy.

The participants have discussed about the expectation and contribution as members of GNDR. It has been noted that the interpretation of strategy and targets on DRR are different in each country in South Asia. The expectation, contribution and achievement to DRR target, therefore, perceived differently in each country. Additionally, the knowledge sharing should be strengthened in the region. The South Asian countries would need to learn from each other in the region. One of the interesting issues in Asia, which perhaps could attract the donors, is a study/research to learn and check the understanding of Gender Based Violence (GBV) during disaster or Gender on Climate Change.

The Regional Development Coordinator presented the ongoing projects of GNDR at the global and regional level which included, among others: -

- Strengthening Collaborative Capacities for Resilience (GIZ)
- Institutionalising Sustainable CBDRM (USIAD OFDA)
- Views from the Frontline (DFAT for pilot / EU for 50 countries)
- Roles of CSOs influencing coherence (GIDRM/GIZ)

The participants have discussed in details on the projects. For the CBDRM project, the RAG members suggested that, apart from the CBDRM cookbook, the one-page flyer of the good practice should be distributed or published. The templates or system that GNDR has been used when collected the case studies would help the country in replication of learning process.

Some participants expressed that the Training of Trainers (ToT) could also help strengthening the CBDRM in the country but it would require the additional funding to support this training. Alternatively, the practical steps or guidance for CBDRM should be added in the cookbook. The RAG members further suggested that the collection of CBDRM case studies should be published on regular basis. The online learning platform or e-book on CBDRM could support the knowledge sharing among the GNDR members.

## Change of focus of RAG – Adoption of new RAG ToR

The session started with the introduction on ToR of RAG, governance, and accountability by Regional Development Coordinator. The Regional Representative also provided the outcome from GNDR global board on the RAG ToR and global strategy. The Executive Director of GNDR has joined in through Skype to discuss on the increase of disasters and the lack of coherence policies and actions on the resilience. The highlights were also about the voices of community, coherence of frameworks, and how to strengthen the campaign of DRR to establish the coherence at different levels. The meeting also discussed further on the value that GNDR can provide to the members of its network. It was suggested that the community could be an entry point to create the coherence on resilience. GNDR is the global network and most of discussions are related to global strategy. As for RAG, its focus and accountability will remain at regional level. However, the RAG members may need to think about how to communicate the global strategy to members and communities in their region.



The new RAG ToR were discussed among RAG members with the following feedback.

- The ToR should be separated into three: one for members, one for RAG and the other one for National Focal Points. Everyone has to perform their roles and responsibilities.
- As the RAG has its role in “Advisory”, the ToR should also clearly clarify the roles and responsibilities of Board and Secretariat so that each entity will not overtake roles and responsibilities of each other.
- In the ToR, it has been indicated the advisory role of RAG on the regional issues and collaboration. However, the ToR should also mention about the advisory support and intervention of RAG on the cross-regional issues and collaboration.
- The facilitation and support to RAG from Secretariat should be added in the TOR.
- Within the ToR, the responses and mechanism of RAG and Global Board during the emergency or crisis should be clarified.
- The language in the ToR should be revised in the way that promote voluntary efforts of the RAG members and the commitment of National Focal Points. The frequency of RAG meetings and main tasks should also be adjusted to fit with the allocate time of members for RAG.
- The first paragraph in Page 2 of new ToR stated that RAGs have no authority over the Secretariat and no decision-making powers in the work of the Global Board and Secretariat. It seems, from this paragraph, that the RAGs are too separated from other network entities. On this point, the participants suggested that the paragraph would need to be rephrased.
- As for the election of RAG members, the ToR should provide more detail on the numbers of RAG members or National Focal Points from each country and the criteria of those National Focal Points which may be different in each country in terms of size and requirement.
- Participants suggested that they require the space for their consultation and provide advice. This could be done through the Community Platform.
- The roles of RAGs in ToR would need to be clustered e.g. advisory roles, communication roles, fundraising roles, etc. Then, it will make the ToR of RAG clear to the existing members and new members.

Participants also discussed on the ongoing projects of Secretariat. For the regional/country projects such as VFL, the RAG members should be able to give some inputs to Secretariat on the project design.

This involvement of RAG could help increase the engagement of members in the projects and eventually promote willingness among the members in making better use of the project findings.

In addition, the rights of RAG regarding accountability to members in countries, Global Board, Secretariat and Community has been discussed among the RAG members which include the rights to participate in a decision making, the rights to whistle-blowing, the rights to make recommendation on membership, the rights to know about the implementation of GNDR project in the countries like VFL. Measures to improve accountability should also include the complaint mechanism and reviews of complaints; and the involvement of National Focal Points or members in the advisory group or committee for the projects in their countries.

## Introduction to Community Platform

The Regional Development Coordinator presented the GNDR Community Platform and its features. The main focuses of presentation were about the access to community platform, member profile setup, the mapping of members, the official contact of members, specific discussion groups in platform, publication and knowledge sharing features, fundraising activities and so on. The overview videos of Community Platform were introduced to the RAG members with the Q&A.

## Country Level Planning: 2018-2019

In this session, Regional Development Coordinator has provided the information from the inception meeting of RAG last year. Then, the national focal points have worked together to draft a country level plan.

| What do you want to do?                                                  | When do you want to do? | How much money you may need, if any? | Support may require from GNDR                        |
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| <b>Afghanistan</b>                                                       |                         |                                      |                                                      |
| National Coordination Meeting on DRR                                     | Sep 2019                | USD 1500                             | Funding support from GNDR                            |
| Branch Disaster Response Team Meeting                                    | Sep 2019                | USD 500                              | Jointly implemented + funding covered by OSCEW/ARCS) |
| Community Based Disaster Preparedness (CBDP) Training for DRR Volunteers | Feb 2019                | USD 500                              | Funding support from GNDR                            |
| Community Based First Aid (CBFA) Training for DRR Volunteers             | Feb 2019                | USD 500                              | Funding support from GNDR                            |
| Psycho Social Support Training for DRR Volunteers                        | Feb 2019                | USD 500                              | Funding support from GNDR                            |
| Field visits of Disaster sites                                           | Mar-Apr 2019            | USD 600 (OSCEW/ARCS)                 | Jointly implemented + funding covered by OSCEW/ARCS) |
| Survey and Hazard Risk Assessment during disaster                        | Mar-Apr 2019            | USD 600 (OSCEW/ARCS)                 | Jointly implemented + funding covered by OSCEW/ARCS) |
| Liaison and coordination with DRR stakeholders                           | Mar-Apr 2019            | USD 300 (OSCEW/ARCS)                 | Jointly implemented + funding covered by OSCEW/ARCS) |
| Identification of Mechanism and Fund Raising and response                | Mar-Dec 2019            | USD 500 (OSCEW/ARCS)                 | Jointly implemented + funding covered by OSCEW/ARCS) |
| Monitoring /Evaluation                                                   | Quarterly               | USD 300 (OSCEW/ARCS)                 | Jointly implemented + funding covered by OSCEW/ARCS) |



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| Miscellaneous costs                                                                                                                       | Feb-Dec 2019                                                           | USD 500<br>(OSCEW/ARCS)     | Jointly implemented + funding covered by OSCEW/ARCS)                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Bangladesh</b>                                                                                                                         |                                                                        |                             |                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Post RAG Workshop / coordination meeting                                                                                                  | January 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter                                        | USD 300                     | Inviting the members recategorised<br>- Introduce community platform<br>- Sharing ToR of NFPs / RAGs / General Members<br>- Preparation for GPDRR                       |
| Recruiting Members                                                                                                                        | By March 2019 (continuous)                                             | -                           | Inviting INGOs and NGOs through emails                                                                                                                                  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Consultation with multi-stakeholders Dialogues on GPDRR                                                                   | February last Quarter                                                  | USD 2500                    | This will involve members and non-members of GNDR including GoB                                                                                                         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Consultation with multi-stakeholders Dialogues on GPDRR                                                                   | April last Quarter                                                     | USD 2500 (support from VFL) | This will involve members and non-members of GNDR including GoB                                                                                                         |
| Support facilitating VFL                                                                                                                  | Year round                                                             | -                           | Supporting the project with technical inputs and to do advocacy                                                                                                         |
| Collaboration meeting with other Networks on DRR, Climate change and Humanitarian Response                                                | March 2019                                                             | USD 300                     | Consultation on action                                                                                                                                                  |
| Post GPDRR Workshop                                                                                                                       | June 2019                                                              | USD 2500                    | This will involve members and non-members of GNDR including GoB                                                                                                         |
| Regular Coordination Meeting and update                                                                                                   | July 2019                                                              | USD 300                     | Workshop                                                                                                                                                                |
| Regular Coordination Meeting and update                                                                                                   | December 2019                                                          | USD 300                     | Workshop                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>India</b>                                                                                                                              |                                                                        |                             |                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Discussion with other NFPs from India about the outcome of RAG meeting and formation of Indian NFPs group on community platform           | November 2018                                                          | Nil                         | Minutes of Meeting or Report and presentation during the workshop                                                                                                       |
| Analysis of existing membership from India and identifying old or new members who can be part of GNDR and develop strategy to engage them | January 2019 ongoing                                                   | Nil                         | Details information about the Old and existing members from India<br>Information about the different types of membership and benefits of the same (PPT will be helpful) |
| Planning for meeting of GNDR members and other CSOs on localisation                                                                       | January to March 2019 (Depending on other factors timeline might vary) | USD 10000                   | Information on GNDR's stand on localisation agenda                                                                                                                      |
| Formation of India members group on community platform                                                                                    | December 2018                                                          | Nil                         |                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Organise GNDR members from India meeting to get the views on GPDRR (Online)                                                               | By April 2019                                                          | Nil                         | GNDR's plan for GPDRR and how Indian members can participate                                                                                                            |
| Visit member's organisation (Members based out of Delhi can be visited quickly without much cost)                                         | April to June 2019                                                     | USD 2000                    | Regional representative can join for some meetings                                                                                                                      |
| Any other discussion based on the needs of the GNDR's plan                                                                                |                                                                        |                             | Details of the planned activities within India                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Maldives (information based from voice recording – to be confirmed by NFP Maldives)</b>                                                |                                                                        |                             |                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| National Coordination Meeting                                                                                                                                              | 2019                          | USD 20000              | To be organised in Male. High budget due to getting participants from the islands.    |
| Membership recruitment                                                                                                                                                     | 2019                          |                        | Budget included in the first activity – National Coordination Meeting (USD 3000-4000) |
| Membership Profiling                                                                                                                                                       | 2019                          |                        |                                                                                       |
| Convention Guideline - Capacity building for members                                                                                                                       | 2019                          | USD 10000              |                                                                                       |
| <b>Nepal</b>                                                                                                                                                               |                               |                        |                                                                                       |
| Conference/Meeting of All Existing GNDR Members in Nepal (Residential, 2 days)                                                                                             | April 2019                    | USD 8000               | Secretariat participation                                                             |
| Increase in membership (to reach to 50 full members from Nepal – new 30 members)                                                                                           | June 2019                     | USD 1000               | Secretariat participation                                                             |
| Organize Policy Dialogues at National Level (1 in every quarter) – Total 4 numbers (jointly with DPNet – Nepal                                                             | Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct 2019       | USD 5000               |                                                                                       |
| Organize National Coordination Meeting among key Civil Society Organizations, Govt. and other relevant stakeholders (total 2 in a year)                                    | Mar, Sep 2019                 | USD 3000               | Secretariat participation + Relevant Expert, if applicable                            |
| Organize training courses for member organizations (2 training courses inviting 30 participants from member organizations x 5 days each)                                   | May, Nov 2019                 | USD 15000              | Secretariat participation                                                             |
| Establish a Knowledge Management Online Platform                                                                                                                           | Dec 2019                      | USD 3000               | Community Platform, IT Expertise                                                      |
| <b>Pakistan</b>                                                                                                                                                            |                               |                        |                                                                                       |
| Recruiting New Members (10): Increase membership of more than 30 partners                                                                                                  | Nil                           | Nil                    | Nil                                                                                   |
| Help to Re-categorize old Members: Two Days GNDR orientation workshop                                                                                                      | April 2019                    | USD 6000               | Technical and Financial                                                               |
| Organize Country Level Coordination meetings: To reach out potential new membership (30)                                                                                   | March 2019                    | USD 1200               | Technical and Financial                                                               |
| Visit /members Organization /Events: Capacity Building of member organizations on collaborative partnership (Stakeholders, members etc) - 4 days training in each province | May-June 2019<br>Oct-Sep 2019 | USD 5000*4= USD 20,000 | Technical and Financial                                                               |
| <b>Sri Lanka</b>                                                                                                                                                           |                               |                        |                                                                                       |
| Organize the Members Workshop of GNDR                                                                                                                                      | Nov-Dec 2018                  | USD 2000               |                                                                                       |
| Creating the National Members' Platform for GNDR including agreeing on the ground rules for the platform                                                                   |                               | USD 100                |                                                                                       |

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| Country Strategic Road Map - Identify few common and priority issues for Sri Lanka                            |                                  | USD 200 | GNDR team to work on that. Ideally sharing responsibilities. |
| Identifying and recruiting more members for GNDR in Sri Lanka – Planning to reach 10                          | By end of 2018-2019 – Continuous | USD 500 |                                                              |
| Use VFL as an opportunity to get members to interact with each other and engage actively                      | Quarterly Meetings               |         |                                                              |
| Organize discussions to identify coherence with SDG, Climate Change, Urban Strategy Related work in Sri Lanka | At least one per quarter         |         |                                                              |
| Carrying out consultations for the next Strategy of GNDR                                                      |                                  |         | NFP to work on.                                              |

## Regional Level Planning: 2018-2019

Based on the Country Level Planning, Regional Representative has facilitated the discussion on Regional Level Planning for 2018-2019. The following points have been agreed by RAG members.

- Continued consolidation and expansion of GNDR membership in the region.
- Identifying the existing resources among members in the countries and mapping the additional resources required for activities and potential donors.
- Linking the ideas/ activities at national level with the regional works. Identify the common issues in the region to take up as the regional approach or sub-regional approach to work together.
- Inviting some RAG members from other region and RAG members from other countries in the same region to the National Coordination Meeting in order to articulate concerns and recommendations.
- Ensuring that the members being connected with other networks in the country and region. Sharing the information on DRR and advocating for international framework and commitment with members of other networks.
- During the final quarter of 2019, RAG members should develop one-pager to consolidate the common issues, expectations, regional priorities and regional strengths to be discussed in the next RAG meeting.

## Wrap up and other recommendations

Some recommendations were discussed during the wrap up session.

- Sharing information and concerns through the new Community Platform of GNDR.
- Encouraging the members to be realistic, active and engaged in the activities in the country and region.
- Outreaching to other networks and pushing to include the DRR in their agenda. Making presence and engaging in the activities in the country and region.
- With collaboration with GNDR Secretariat, the potential donors that might be interested to support the activities in specific countries should be identified. The Secretariat may also suggest the best way for members to approach those potential donors.

## Next steps agreed:

- GNDR Regional Hub will share the member list before recategorization process with national focal points to follow up and investigate in their countries. The feedback from each country will be provided to GNDR on the uncategorized members for further actions.
- Regional hub will compile the report of the workshop and share it with the RAG members for review and finalization.
- A revised ToR based on the discussion and feedback from the members will be formulated and share with the RAG member for adoption.
- GNDR secretariat will advise the National Focal Points on the budget availability (if there's any) for the national coordination meeting as soon as GNDR finance finishes the budgeting for 2019.
- Next RAG meeting will be an online one – tentatively scheduled for Early April.

## Workshop Evaluation:

- Most of the participants (80%) agreed that the objectives of workshop were met to some extent while around 20% maintained a neutral position (neither agree nor disagree) that objective 01, 03, and 04 were met.
- All agreed that the logistic arrangement were done to their satisfaction without any major hiccup.
- All participants (1005) agreed that the sessions covered the topics adequately and were found useful.
- Most participants gained a good understanding of the Network, RAG roles and priorities. Only one person who seems to be not happy with clarity on roles of RAG and priorities/ engagement of network.
- The most useful sessions were the Field Visit, accountability discussion, and planning exercise for the upcoming year.
- The narrative comments are similar to the recommendations/ discussion points elaborated in the report.

## Annex: Agenda

| Day 0: November 12, 2018 |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                             |
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|                          | Participants' Arrival                                                                                                                                                                                   | Season Paradise Hotel<br>Aria, Thundi Magu, 08040<br>K.Thulusdhoo,<br>Republic of Maldives<br>Tel: +960 330 0624<br>Website:<br><a href="https://seasonparadise.mv/">https://seasonparadise.mv/</a> |                                             |
| 7:00 PM onwards          | Welcome Dinner<br>(whoever is available)                                                                                                                                                                | Season Paradise Hotel                                                                                                                                                                               |                                             |
| Day 1: November 13, 2018 |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                             |
| Time                     | Session                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Facilitation Process                                                                                                                                                                                | Facilitator                                 |
| 9:00 – 9:30              | Introduction, welcome remarks and setting of agenda                                                                                                                                                     | Ice breaker (Truths & Tale),<br>Expectation & Contribution                                                                                                                                          | Secretariat (RDC)                           |
| 9:30 – 10:15             | Knowing about the country and issues: from the host                                                                                                                                                     | Presentation, Q+A                                                                                                                                                                                   | Huvadoo Aid                                 |
| 10:15 – 10:30            | Refreshment                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                             |
| 10:30 – 11:00            | Country Coordination Meeting by NFPs – What, Why and how did it go?                                                                                                                                     | Presentation, Q+A                                                                                                                                                                                   | Secretariat (RDC)                           |
| 11:00 – 13:00            | Presentation of the findings from National Coordination meeting:<br>Bangladesh, Nepal, Maldives, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan (will present their plan)                                      | Presentation of MoU<br>Plenary Discussion                                                                                                                                                           | Secretariat (RDC)<br>NFPs                   |
| 13:00-14:00              | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                             |
| 14:00-17:00              | Field Trip<br>Visiting few islands to understand the detrimental effect of climate change and disaster: disaster risk profile and climate outlook for Maldives.<br>Exchange of ideas with MRC, Maldives | Boat Trip                                                                                                                                                                                           | Huvadoo Aid<br>Maldivian Red Crescent (MRC) |
| 17:00 – 18:00            | Returning back to hotel, Freshening up                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                             |
| 18:30 – 20:30            | Social/Networking Dinner                                                                                                                                                                                | Venue, to be confirmed                                                                                                                                                                              |                                             |
| Day2: November 14, 2018  |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                             |
| Time                     | Session                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Facilitation Process                                                                                                                                                                                | Facilitator                                 |
| 9 :00 – 9 :15            | Welcome Remarks from the RAG Chair                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Board Representative                        |
| 9 :15 – 9 :45            | Reflection on Field Trip                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                     | RAG Vice Chair (Pattan)                     |
| 9 :45 – 10 :30           | Secretariat Update – Programs, Projects, Priorities<br>- Frontline<br>- CBDRM<br>- VFL 2017                                                                                                             | Presentation<br>Group Discussion                                                                                                                                                                    | Secretariat (RDC)                           |

|                 | - Membership Mapping                                                                           |                                   |                                               |
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| 10:30-10:45     | Coffee                                                                                         |                                   |                                               |
| 10:45-11:15     | Change of focus of RAG – Adoption of new RAG ToR.<br>Accountability towards the membership     | Plenary<br>Video/Skype<br>Message | Board<br>Representative<br>Executive Director |
| 11:15-12:30     | Introduction to Community platform and exploring the features together                         | Video, Facilitated<br>Discussion  | Secretariat (RDC)                             |
| 12 :30 – 13 :00 | Hands on exercise – making post, initiate discussion, forming groups in the community platform | Plenary                           | Secretariat (RDC)                             |
| 13 :00 – 14 :00 | Lunch                                                                                          |                                   |                                               |
| 14 :00 – 14 :30 | Team Building Exercise                                                                         | Defend the Egg                    | Secretariat (RDC)                             |
| 14 :30 – 15 :00 | Country Level Planning: Plan for 2018 – 2019                                                   | Group work by<br>countries        | All NFPs                                      |
| 15 :00 – 15 :30 | Presentation of country action plan 2018 - 2019                                                | Presentation by<br>countries      | All NFPs                                      |
| 15 :30 – 15 :45 | Refreshment                                                                                    |                                   |                                               |
| 15 :45 – 16 :30 | Regional Level Planning: Plan for 2018 – 2019                                                  | Facilitated<br>discussion         | RAG Vice Chair<br>(Pattan)                    |
| 16 :30 – 17 :00 | Checking on expectation, Evaluation of the workshop, and closing                               |                                   | Board<br>Representative<br>Secretariat (RDC)  |
| 18 :30 – 20 :30 | Farewell Dinner                                                                                | Venue, to be confirmed            |                                               |

<sup>1</sup> For the morning session, all participants are requested to bring their laptop. Pls make sure, you have working access to community platform before coming to the workshop on that day.