

COORDINATION OF INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE AT THE EARTHQUAKES IN TURKEY

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COORDINATION

Combining various different things and make them work effectively as a whole

Coordination at the Emergencies:

- Volunteering
- Added value of the coordination
- Information sharing
- Quality
- Dynamism

At the emergencies, “**coordination**” is needed more than “**cooperation**”.

LACK OF COORDINATION

- Duplication of efforts
- Unawareness of what the others are doing
- Unpleased outcomes
- Inefficient use of resources
- Lack of time
- Lack of adaptation to the changing environment
- Bottlenecks
- Unproper humanitarian assistance

COORDINATION DIFFICULTIES

- Lack of ability
- Lack of experience
- Lack of wish to coordinate or to be coordinated
- Individuals
- Political and financial constraints
- Lack of vision

COORDINATION TOOLS AT EMERGENCIES

- Information sharing
- Meetings
- Planning
- Responsibility and task allocations
- Field Coordination Centers
- Central Coordination Centers-HQs

1999 EARTHQUAKES IN TURKEY

- August and November 1999
- More than 17000 people died (unofficial numbers are up to 40000)
- Affected 40000 km² (equivalent to Denmark)
- The worst earthquake at the modern history of Turkey
- 41 countries, 150 SAR teams, 2500 members reponding

COORDINATION IN 1999

- Coordination centers of Turkish authorities
- UN-OCHA implemented the coordination of international responders
- OSOCC (On-Site Operations Coordination Center) - Istanbul
- Sub-OSOCCs
- Reception/Departure Center

DIFFICULTIES IN 1999

- Absence of proper damage and immediate needs assessment
- Ineffectiveness of some local coordination centers
- Little quality of information exchange
- The first time experience of such a disaster
- Loss of time
- Slow reaction
- Lack of understanding of international responders and coordination bodies

FUTURE STEPS

- A more efficient central coordination body
- Increased awareness of international coordination bodies
- More qualified human resources
- General trainings to be a part at and understand the international coordination bodies
- Training of local governmental bodies and first responders
- More involvement with UN and EU
- Strengthened TEMA

THANK YOU...