



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

**The Fourth CBRN Reference group meeting
7 – 11 September 2015
Berlin, Germany**

ACTION POINTS FOR IFRC AND RG MEMBERS

For IFRC (Geneva & Regions)

1. Operational guidelines (in close collaboration with American RC)

Future focus on dissemination and implementation of the Guidelines. IFRC is asked to work on decision making tools, provide separate checklist and Quick references which shall allow the user easier handling of the tool.

Additional work on different language versions and providing an online training version is suggested. Regional workshops with a link of guidelines and practical experiences was put up for consideration.

2. Link to DM / DRR activities

Specific issues on CBRN emergency preparedness shall be further integrated with other ongoing activities in the areas of DCM and CPRR. As examples were mentioned the integration of CBRN in common messages for community preparedness and for Safety guides. Further work should be done in the areas related to Risk & Beneficiary communication and specific tools for Psycho-social support in CBRN scenarios. Eventual trainings and exercises especially for RDRTs in these fields could also include CBRN related scenarios.

3. Disaster Law follow up

Following results of a survey on legal obligations of National societies in relation to CBRN preparedness and response plans further work shall be devoted to raising awareness of the specific roles of National societies in this context. The work in this area shall be complementary to the other activities done on CBRN capacity building.

4. Resource mobilisation

As highlighted in the meeting the programme has a suggested budget for 2016 of 381.000 CHF. In order to roll out the discussed activities relevant resources will be needed to achieve the suggested results in 2016. IFRC (with the support of National Societies) will give a priority to submit applications to a number of open calls from donors in order to be able to continue its work.

6. Tools / pool of experts

IFRC shall continue to work on several tools which will assist IFRC and NS to increase their knowledge and expertise to deal with CBRN hazards. Activities like decision making tools, factsheets, draft contingency plans, knowledge base for NS tools and similar shall be made available for interested NS. In close collaboration with ICRC, a “Pool of Experts” as presented during the RG meeting shall be further developed and rolled out.

7. Regional Meetings / workshops

IFRC shall elaborate the continuous dissemination of the programme in regional workshops and trainings where possible in 2016, following the finalisation of the operational guidelines. Those workshops should where possible be organised back to back with other related DM / DRR workshops but also shall taken up through the regional disaster preparedness and response plans.



For National Societies

1. Information about National Nuclear emergency plans / System

In order to be able to address in the national context the specific topic of nuclear emergency preparedness, NSs need to make themselves knowledgeable about the national nuclear / CBRN emergency plans in their countries.

2. Elaborate possible Role of NS in response to CBRN / technological hazards

Based on the national context and the services a NS is currently performing within the national disaster response plans, the role of a NS should be discussed with the respective national authorities and other IFRC representatives and NS in the region

3. Participation in regional working groups / trainings on (CB)RN

In order to raise the knowledge and awareness of the specific topic, NS programme and operations staff shall actively participate in relevant workshop / trainings on CBRN

NS are also invited to propose further venues for regional meetings and co-host them with IFRC.

4. Promoting Nuclear preparedness in different Working Groups and Statutory meetings

As a follow up to the issues raised in the RG meeting, NS together with IFRC shall use the occasions of different working groups (like DM, DRR, Health, Legal.....) to present the ongoing activities and also to organise if possible a workshop at the statutory meetings.

5. Support and ensure appropriate resources available for the IFRC programme

The CBRN emergency preparedness programme at the IFRC is currently based fully on voluntary contributions. Activities to support the programme are currently made through financial support, technical support or joint applications to donor programmes. In order to make this programme sustainable for the long term these efforts need to be strengthened.