

Session 6 - Integrated approach to social protection as a tool for building resilience to disasters

Wednesday, 23 November, 13.00-14.30 (1 hour 30 minutes)

Moderator: *Mr Rex Del Rosario, ASEAN Confederation of Employers (ACE)*

Session Note:

This session will discuss the importance of considering the different aspects of resilience and social protection when designing and implementing disaster response intervention. It brings examples of programmes that are designed with complementary components including livelihood, social protection, disaster resilience, climate risk management etc. The session will highlight workers' rights and protection in view of disaster response/reconstruction works. Bringing examples from Pakistan, this session will also discuss the active role of workers organisations in disaster response interventions and in ensuring that interventions take into account workers' rights and protection.

Objective of the session:

- To discuss the different complementary aspects to consider for programmes aiming to improve social protection and disaster resilience
- To discuss workers' contributions and workers' rights in disaster response

Presentation 1 – Philippines' Integrated Livelihood and Emergency Employment Program (30 minutes)

Presenter: Ms Ahmma Charisma Satumba, Director, Department of Labor and Employment, Bureau of Workers with Special Concerns, Philippines

DOLE's Integrated Livelihood and Emergency Employment Program (DILEEP) links disaster and climate risk management with social security and active labour market policies. It aims to provide employment, improve livelihoods and social protection for vulnerable, unemployed, underemployed, and displaced workers, and survivors of calamities, while at the same time improve climate change risk management. Employment consists in short-term jobs in infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects involving the clearance of debris, rebuilding of infrastructure, reforestation, coastal resource management, and other work. Beneficiaries are paid at the prevailing regional minimum wage, registered with the social security system and social health insurance, and provided with equipment and trainings on occupational health and safety.

The presentation will emphasize on the rationale for designing the integrated programme and the process of its implementation. It will highlight, among others, issues of coordination and synchronisation of benefits (within DILEEP and with other relevant programmes).

Presentation 2 – Pakistan Trade Union active involvement in disaster preparedness and minimization of risks for workers (30 minutes)

Presenter: Dr Sabur Ghayur, Senior Adviser, Pakistan Workers Federation (PWF)

Following the earthquake that struck Northern areas of Pakistan in October 2005, PWF was actively involved in the relief and rehabilitation work for the persons affected by the disaster. With support from the International Trade Union Confederation, PWF assisted the government with post disaster needs assessment and implementation of disaster response programmes including cash transfers, cleaning of debris and reconstructions. The PWF also actively provides inputs to the government's

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disaster relief and rehabilitation operations for instance to making sure that relief activities pay attention to workers' rights and are in accordance with labour laws.

The presentation will bring forward the importance of workers' and unions' involvement in disaster response, by showing their possible contribution to the disaster response as well as by ensuring that any interventions involving employment are aligned with national labour laws and protect workers' rights.

Question & Answer (30 minutes)