TRIPLEX 2016

What is TRIPLEX?
TRIPLEX is a 5-day event that includes a 2-day pre-exercise workshop and a 3-day full-scale, civilian-led (by IHP) humanitarian field exercise with the aim to practice the international humanitarian response in a simulated sudden-onset emergency scenario. The main focus is on exercising the cooperation, humanitarian coordination and joint response planning of humanitarian, civil protection, military and other actors, as well as the provision of support to humanitarian operations. TRIPLEX 2016 will take place in the southern most part of Norway in the period Saturday 24 September 2016 (day of arrival) until Friday 30 September (day of departures). The exercise is organized by the International Humanitarian Partnership (IHP).

What do you get out of TRIPLEX 2016?
Since TRIPLEX is one of the largest humanitarian field exercises led and managed by civilian organisations you will experience an exercise that can cater for your organisations’ exercise needs according to your mandate within a humanitarian scenario. You have an opportunity to work in assessment and coordination and start your initial planning through a realistic scenario and with relevant partners. A rare opportunity is to be able to work with many different organisations (UN, Red Cross/Crescent, NGOs, military, privates and others) in a “neutral” situation (the exercise and training environment), networking with these and learning a bit more about each others’ mandates, roles, modes of work, resources etc. TRIPLEX starts with a two-day workshop where many of the latest topics and processes in the humanitarian environment will be addressed which is a clear opportunity to learn and use this learning in the following exercise scenario.

What is the scenario of TRIPLEX 2016?
The main scenario revolves around a natural disaster in a developing country. The scenario requires a humanitarian response in rural and urban areas. Your organization will, within the framework of the main scenario, have the opportunity to exercise with individual objectives in mind, as well as develop skills learnt from the main events in the exercise. Primary tasks will be to assess the situation and needs, provide and participate in/with good coordination.
and information, and plan the necessary relief response. Within this scenario your teams and staff will exercise coordination, information management, needs assessment, safety and security procedures, cultural awareness, communications/media management, logistics, personal preparedness and self-sufficiency, as well as your individual organisation’s tasks and mandates.

What are the main objectives; TRIPLEX 2016?

- Provide a training environment for humanitarian actors to exercise coordination, information management, assessment and other mission-related issues
- Train and exercise the cooperation between humanitarian and civil protection actors, hereunder EU CP mechanism and UNDAC/cluster coordination
- Train and exercise the use of IHP support capacities and services (cooperation, interoperability, compatibility)
- Exercise the cooperation and procedures between IHP and its partners and identify further needs of IHP customers

What is expected from participating organisations?
Participation in TRIPLEX requires that you are actively engaged. Participating organisations are asked to clearly formulate training objectives and nominate at least one focal point to the TRIPLEX planning process who will be asked to contribute to the planning and execution of the exercise. As the planning progresses you may also be asked to contribute with role players, evaluators and mentors.

What is IHP?
The IHP, created in 1994, is an informal cooperation consisting of the;
- Crisis Management Centre, Finland (CMC),
- Danish Emergency Management Agency (DEMA),
- UK Department for International Development (DFID),
- Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection (DSB),
- Estonian Rescue Board (ERB),
- Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB), and
- German Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW).
- Luxembourg (ASS LUX)
The IHP’s main objective is to provide support – equipment and staff – to international humanitarian organizations in sudden-onset response operations. The UN OCHA acts as IHP Secretariat.

Joint training, exercises and operations are today a central mode of operation. The IHP concept is tested in TRIPLEX to which UN agencies, NGOs, RC/RC movement and technical partner organisations are also invited.

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