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Profile

Emergency management professional with more than 15 years experience in onsite emergency operations and capacity development programs on emergency preparedness and response.

Summary of Technical Expertise and Experience

- Capacity Development Program in Emergency Management
- Curriculum Development and Training Management
- Instructor Development Training
- Simulation Exercise Management, Corrective Action Planning & After Action Review
- Hospital Disaster Risk Reduction and Emergency Management
- Emergency Response Planning
- Health Sector Risk Assessment / Hospital Risk Assessment
- Incident Management System and Emergency Operations Centre Management
- Damage Assessment and Needs Analysis (DANA)
- Business Continuity / Continuity of Operations Planning
- Emergency Response Management
 - Pre Hospital Emergency Care for communities and professional responders
 - Emergency Medical Service System (EMS)
 - Mass Gathering Emergency Planning and Medical Care
 - Mass Casualty Management (CBRN-IED, Transport Accidents, Natural Disasters, Disease Outbreak)
 - Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) / Collapsed Structure Search & Rescue

Professional Experience

Chief of Party - July 2016 2014 to June 2018

Strengthening Hospital Preparedness for Emergencies in South Asian Countries (HOPE-SA) - USAID Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC), Bangkok

- Manage the project implementation in 6 project countries in South Asia (India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka)
- Provide technical supervision of hospital preparedness for emergencies course ensuring delivery of standard and quality training activities.
- Strengthening of partnerships with national stakeholders in the project countries and donor relations.
- Implement project management activities like development of annual work program, regular donor reporting, budget management, monitoring and evaluation.

Program Manager - September 2014 to July 2016
Public Health in Emergencies Department
Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC), Bangkok

- Provide technical inputs on program development on health emergency risk management in developing the international disaster response capacity of Saudi Red Crescent Authority (SRCA) through the Saudi Humanitarian Emergency Aid and response team (Saudi-HEART) Program.
- Provide technical inputs in the implementation of the Strengthening Earthquake Resilience in Bangladesh (SERB) on hospital preparedness training, hospital risk assessment and emergency response.
- Lead the development of Emergency Preparedness and Planning Toolkit for Community Health Facilities in Vietnam supported by American Red Cross
- Lead the conduct of research on the use of First Aid Mobile Application in Myanmar Red Cross and Hong Kong Red Cross in partnership with Trilateral Research Group.
- Facilitator of ADPC project and international fee based training courses.
- Provide technical inputs on various subjects related to health emergency risk management like building health facility resilience, mass casualty management, emergency medical service systems (EMS), incident management and response systems.
- Development of technical publications, (guidelines documents, case studies, technical notes, concept notes etc) to promote technical competencies and to capture achievements under technical assignments.
- Resource Inputs for training & capacity building activities like curriculum development, course module development and course delivery.
- Communication/advocacy/ networking/ promotional interventions for building partnerships
- Development of concept notes and proposals for projects/programs.

Deputy Chief of Party - Apr 2009-Aug 2014

Regional Program for Enhancement of Emergency Response (PEER-3) - USAID-OFDA
Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), Bangkok

- Supervise the program technical implementation of community first responder and hospital preparedness activities in 10 project countries in Southeast (Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Cambodia, Lao PDR & Vietnam) and South Asia (India, Nepal, Bangladesh & Pakistan)
- Provide program administrative and operational management of country coordinators in 10 project countries
- Manage the implementation of hospital preparedness for emergencies component of the program providing ensuring delivery of standard and quality training activities.
- Provide technical guidance on hospital preparedness activities conducting hospital risk assessment, emergency response planning, simulation exercises, development of hospital command center and incident command system and after action reviews.
- Contribute in strengthening existing program partner relations with donors, regional partners and national partners from national disaster management agencies, Red Cross-Red Crescent National Societies, Training Institutes and Ministries of Health and develop new partners to promote program institutionalization and sustainability.
- Contribute in project management activities like development of annual work program, regular donor reporting, budget management, monitoring and evaluation.

- Key Programme Accomplishments:
 - ▶ Trained almost 2,000 healthcare facility staff and developed 400 national instructors on hospital preparedness for emergencies (HOPE)
 - ▶ Trained almost 1,500 community responders and developed 500 national instructors on Community Action for Disaster response (CADRE)
 - ▶ Provided technical support in 14 hospitals in conducting risk assessment, emergency planning, Setting up of Emergency Operations Centre and simulation exercises to enhance preparedness for emergencies.

Technical Manager – June 2003-March 2009

Public Health in Emergencies Department

Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), Bangkok

- Managed health emergency programs, short term projects, international fee based courses and consultancies of the Public Health in Emergencies Department of ADPC
 - ▶ Hospital Emergency Preparedness and Response (ADPC)
 - ▶ Cross Border Exercise Management Program for Communicable Disease Emergencies (ASEAN+3 EID, APEC, WHO Global Influenza Program, WHO-HQ, Keenan Institute Asia, Mass Casualty Management, Triage, Emergency Operations Center, Exercise Management, Emergency Response Planning, Response Coordination and After Action Review.

Training Manager - Jan 2001-Mar 2003

Program for Enhancement of Emergency Response (PEER-1) - USAID-OFDA

Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), Bangkok

- Manage the implementation PEER training courses on Medical First Responder, Collapsed Structure Search and Rescue.
- Coordination with local partners to plan and undertake promotional and awareness raising activities on behalf of the program, particularly in improving implementation, adaptation, integration an institutionalization of the training activities.
- Certified instructor of PEER training courses (MFR, TFI, MFRIW, CSSR and CSSRIW)

Training Head - June-Dec 2000

Directorate for Special Operations - Metro Rescue

Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, Metro Manila

- Organization of disaster control groups / emergency response teams of the different local government units, government institutions, private establishments, and volunteer groups in Metropolitan Manila.
- Conduct emergency response planning for local government units in Metro Manila including volunteers and private sector
- Manage implementation of emergency response capacity building activities MMDA such as Incident Command System, Urban Search and Rescue, Water Rescue, Earthquake Preparedness, Disaster Management and Fire Safety.
- Manage internal capacity building and continuing education of Metro Rescue personnel of MMDA

Special Projects Officer - June-1999-May 2000

Directorate for Special Operations - Metro Rescue

Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, Metro Manila

- Development of plans and projects of the Directorate for Special Operations – Metro Rescue.

- Acted as a liaison / representative of the agency in the inter agency projects with the government agencies and local government units regarding public safety concerns in Metropolitan Manila.
- Emergency medical and rescue operations of metro rescue in times of major disasters and calamities in the metropolis.

Paramedic Chief, Metro Rescue - Oct-1996-May 2000

Directorate for Special Operations - Metro Rescue

Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, Metro Manila

- Management of daily operations of Paramedic personnel of Metro rescue providing operational supervision during field deployment and administrative management
- On site management of disaster response operations and large-scale emergency response of Metro Rescue.
- Provide life saving pre hospital emergency care to patients and transport to appropriate health care facility for definitive care.

Mobile Intensive Care Unit Nurse - Sept-1995-Oct 1996

Quick Response Team

Lifeline Arrows Medical Specialist, Metro Manila

- Emergency medical transport of patients from scene to healthcare facility for definitive care
- Perform life saving procedures to stabilize condition of patient on site and during transport like IV therapy, administration of life saving drugs, airway management, cardiac monitoring and defibrillation
- Operate a Level III ambulance and member of medical air evacuation team.

Education & Related Trainings

UERM Medical Center, Quezon City Philippines – Bachelor of Science in Nursing, 1994

Centro Escolar University, Manila City, Philippines – Post Graduate Paramedical Course, 1996

Subic Bay Metropolitan, Olongapo City, Philippines – Emergency Medical Technician Intermediate, 1996

Pan American Health Organization, Lima, Peru – Management of the Dead in Disasters, 2005

US Forest Service, Bangkok, Thailand – Incident Command System (ICS), 2007

Asian Disaster Preparedness Center, Bangkok, Thailand – Public Health and Emergency Management in Asia and the Pacific (PHEMAP), 2007

Saudi Red Crescent Authority, Riyadh Saudi Arabia - Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers, 2015

Related Experiences & Accomplishments

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO)

- WHO-EMRO Technical Temporary Adviser on Incident Command System in Public Health Emergencies for the Eastern Mediterranean Region countries, Tunis, Tunisia- December 2016
- WHO-EMRO Technical Consultant in the development of Hospital Management Training Course for the Eastern Mediterranean Region countries, Cairo, Egypt - December 2015

- WHO-EMRO Technical Consultant in implementing Hospital Emergency Preparedness and Response Program to Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Countries and other EMRO member states (Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Iran, Sudan)
- Temporary Adviser and Consultant for WHO/HQ Global Influenza Program in developing Pandemic Influenza Exercise Management Training Package
- Technical Consultant for WHO/HQ Health Action in Crisis in developing Exercise Management Guide for Health Facility Managers in Validating Emergency Operations Plan
- Temporary Adviser for WHO/HQ Epidemic Pandemic Alert and Response on Hospital Preparedness for Epidemic and Pandemic prone Acute Respiratory Disease
- ADPC Technical Consultant for the development and implementation of PHEMAP National Courses and workshop in Mongolia and Lao PDR
- WHO-EMRO Facilitator in the 1st National Course on Management of Public Health Risk in Complex Emergencies and Disasters for Iraq MOH, Amman Jordan - June 2005
- WHO-EMRO consultant in Developing Emergency Medical Services Guidelines and Protocols for Punjab Emergency Services Rescue 1122 Lahore, Pakistan - September 2005

INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE MISSIONS

Joint Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) and Telecoms Sans Frontiers (TSF) Disaster Response

- Landslide- Leyte, Philippines - March 2006
- Indian Ocean Tsunami - Aceh, Indonesia - January 2005
- Indian Ocean Tsunami - Phuket, Thailand - December 2004

GUEST SPEAKER:

- ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Workshop for First Response Support for Victims of Terrorism and Other Mass Casualty Events, Manila, Philippines - 22-23 October 2015
- Philippine Nurses Association (PNA) National Convention, Topic: Filipino Nurses Leading Healthcare in the Global Workplace (South East Asia), Manila, Philippines - 22 Oct. 2014
- Executive Training Programme for Senior Officials and Corporate Managers, Bangkok Metropolitan Authority (BMA), Topic: Mass Casualty Management and Incident Command System, Bangkok, Thailand - 19 July 2014
- Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Annual Conference, Topic: Integrating EMS in the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), Sirindhorn Hospital, Bangkok Thailand - 4-5 Sept. 2013
- Asia Pacific Housing Forum 3, Sustainable Shelter in the Age of Climate Change and Disasters, Topic: Enhancing Emergency Response through Incident Command System - Challenges and Opportunities in Asia, Bangkok, Thailand - 7-9 Sept. 2011

Commendation & Awards

Armed Forces of the Philippine (AFP) Reserve Command Achievements /Awards

- Armed Force of the Philippines Reserve Officer
- Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation Ribbon Award: Disaster Relief Operation in the National Capital Region (NCR) during Typhoon Gading and Loleng, November 27, 1998

- Award of the Military Merit Medal without Bronze Anahaw Leaf. Disaster Relief and Rescue Unit demonstration at GHQ Camp Aguinaldo during the AFP Reservist Anniversary celebration, September 5, 1998
- Award of Military Commendation Medal without Bronze Equilateral. Member of the training directorate of three (3) courses on disaster management and preparedness. September 30, 1998

MMDA Metro Rescue Commendation Merit Certificate

- Search and recovery operation at Cherry Hills collapsed structure / landslide incident, Antipolo City, Philippines, August 20, 1999
- Search and Rescue operation during August 2-5, 1999 flooding - Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), Makati City, Philippines, August 16, 1999

Publications & Documents

- Exercise Management Guide for Healthcare Facility Managers in Validating Emergency Operations Plan, F.J.Abo, ADPC and WHO, April 2009
- Strategy and Recommendations in Organizing and Managing Emergency Medical Service System (EMSS) in Developing Countries in managing Emergencies and Disasters. M. Dubouloz and F. Abo, ADPC, July 2003
- The Role of ICT in Risk Communication in Asia Pacific, Digital Review for Asia Pacific 2007-2008. Krishnamurthy Sriramesh, Chanuka Wattedgama and Frederick John Abo
- Exercise Management: A Tool for Capacity Development. John Abo, ADPC, January 2008
- Cross Border Simulation Exercise Planning Guideline for Health Authorities
- Technical Contributor in WHO Tools & Guidelines
 - ▶ Hospital Safety Index (HSI) Assessment Tool, 2nd Edition (March 2015)
 - ▶ Guideline on Hospital Preparedness for Epidemics (2014)

References

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2. Dr. Marcel Dubouloz, Senior Medical Consultant, M: 41 79 218 22 64, Email: hdca@bluewin.ch
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