With forced displacement on the rise due to rapid-onset natural disasters, and with increasing requests from national authorities for CCCM capacity building, three training of trainer (ToT)’s events were organized in 2013. The first took place in Bandung, Indonesia from 18 to 23, August; the second took place in Bogota, Colombia from 17 to 23, November; and the third was held in Dakar, Senegal from 9 to 13, December.

The aim of the trainings was to prepare IOM project officers and partners to take on capacity building activities in CCCM during emergency and preparedness scenarios with national authorities. Further the training also stood as a forum to introduce participants to the results accomplished so far in capacity building projects for national authorities initiated since 2011 and built upon the different lessons learned and innovative training materials that have thus far been developed.

These events were planned as part of the Global CCCM Cluster DG ECHO proposal for 2013 where capacity to respond in level 3 emergencies was planned to be strengthened through the training of national authorities and partners in disaster-prone countries.

Ultimately these events inspire participant’s knowledge in both CCCM technical issues and trainings methodologies. In turn this increases the rate of satisfaction of national authorities and partners regarding the CCCM guidance provided, and leads to improved and consistent management of camps and camp-like settings through enhanced preparedness for emergency response.

Of the 70 people trained at the ToT events the participants were from international, national, and regional levels and included national authorities from Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Liberia, Mali, Mozambique, Peru, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Thailand and Zimbabwe. Humanitarian agencies staff was represented by staff from IOM, UNHCR, NRC, IFRC, and Red Cross chapters and NGOs. During the training in Senegal, a representative from the Economic Community of Central African States was also present.

ToT events have already had a visible impact, as many participants have already conducted national-level trainings. In the Philippines, for example, trainers who participated in the Bandung ToT for national authorities went on to conduct CCCM trainings for two thousand people following Typhoon Yolanda. Participants from Thailand applied their skills to a new national roll-out training package and in 2013 trained 189 people. Similarly, in the Republic of Korea, 19 people were trained in a training emerging on the basis of skills developed during the ToT, and the Camp Management Toolkit was translated into Korean. In Pakistan, awareness raised during the Bandung ToT event lead to a recommendation by the project coordinator to provide a further adaptation to the training materials previously used there to better fit the specific country context.

Even trainings held later in the year showed an immediate impact, with participants from the ToT is going on to conducted trainings in their home countries.
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