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1.1 Compendium of Regional Policies (MX) (BR) (AR) (EC)	1.1.1 Compile a Regional Document based on national and sub-regional standards, protocols and procedures (including customs procedures) which should be followed by all countries, when humanitarian assistance is offered, received or coordinated in the wake of a disaster, to guarantee the appropriate assistance to affected population.(BR)	In progress	(V) (GT) Complete the exercise of filling out the matrix establishing the existing manual broken down by institution	MX (L) GT (S, I) IFRC (S) OCHA (S)	GT matrix studied, validated, completed	In 2 months MX will send the methodology manual
			(V) (PA) Updating Foreign Ministry manuals in the Caribbean	CDEMA (L) IFRC (S) CEPRENAC (S)		Consult on interest Dec.2012
			(V) (PA) Updating humanitarian aid coordination manuals (CAHA)	CEPRENAC (C)		
	1.1.2 Evaluate existing legal and institutional mechanisms, as needed, to facilitate and regulate international assistance. This should include, among others, sub-regional manuals and procedures and guidelines on national facilitation and regulations for international relief operations in the event of a disaster and assistance for initial recovery (BR)	In progress	(V) (SL) Establish mechanisms or agreements that will help to overcome inter-border obstacles and facilitate humanitarian assistance and aid among the Central American region and the rest of the regions of America.	CEPRENAC (L) IFRC (S) Ministries of Foreign Affairs (S) CDEMA (S) UNICEF (I)		June 2012 – June 2013
			(V) (CR) Central American procedures on transit of humanitarian assistance during emergencies approved by SICA	UNICEF (I)		
			(V) (GT) Identify and involve key actors to facilitate and expedite the entry of humanitarian assistance into countries so that the aid does not get stuck in customs warehouses.			

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			(V) (GT) Offices for tax administration, finance, legislation, planning, and other affairs.			
			(V) (IFRC) GT, CO, PE, MX, HT undertook the evaluation processes, and will continue to develop guides, protocols and standards for the facilitation and national regulation of international relief operations in cases of disaster and assistance for initial recovery.	Countries (L) IFRC (S)		Beginning 2012
			(V) (IFRC) JM, DO, AR are in the process of evaluation of the existing legal and institutional mechanisms to facilitate and regulate international assistance.	Countries (L) IFRC (S)		Begin in 2012
			(V) (IFRC) Hold a meeting in Panama to consult on a Model Law to facilitate and regulate international relief operations in the event of a disaster and assistance for early recovery.	IFRC (L) OCHA (S) MX (I) PY (I)		Between June and Dec 2012
		In progress	(V) (PA) Implement the immediate response component into the regional disaster mechanism in Central America.			June 2012 (Phase I) Dic. 2013 (Phase 2)
	1.1.3 Design a Regional Compendium of Standards (AR)	Completed				
	1.1.4 Organize a workshop to present the progress from the Fourth Meeting	Completed				
	1.1.5 Adopt the Regional Compendium of Standards (AR)	Completed				
	1.1.6 Continue drafting the Regional Legal Compendium (RLC) (to be presented at the Fifth Meeting) (EC)	In progress	(V) (IFRC) Define a methodology to gather information for the Compendium. (Including the role of national societies) and orient the validation process.	AR MX (L) IFRC (S) OCHA (S)		
			(V) (IFRC) Create a space in REDHUM for all of the sections of the RLC.	OCHA (L)		

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	1.1.7 Appoint national focal points to follow up on the drafting of the Compendium (to be presented at the Fifth Meeting) (EC)	In progress	(V) (IFRC) Encourage countries that have not yet appointed the focal point that will elaborate the Compendium, to do so.	Countries (C)		
			Establish a network and a directory of country focal points, as well as a guide, to keep them informed about topics related to the facilitation and regulation of international assistance. With the collaboration of sub-regional and international organizations	MX and AR (C) IFRC (S) OCHA (S)		
			(V) (JA) Coordinate 2 workshops between ministries and local governments, and the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management to gather data to complete the compendium			
	1.1.8 Promote a regional workshop to train focal points in technical and logistical issues (to be presented at the Fifth meeting) (EC)	Completed				
1.2 Transparency and Accountability(MX) (AR) (EC)	1.2.1 Ensure that national, regional, sub-regional mechanisms have appropriate methods for transparency and accountability (MX)	Completed - REHU's Adoption of LSS/SUMA				
	1.2.3 Support the "know how to donate" campaign (AR) (EC)	In progress		UNICEF (I)		
		No Action	(V) (IFRC) Increase distribution of the guide and promote a virtual discussion using IFRC's Platform for information sharing (Unlearn) and REDHUM.	PAHO (C) IFRC (S) AR (I)		

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1.3 Standardization of Procedures (AR) (EC)	1.3.1 Analyse the LSS/SUMA supply handling model as a regional tool for future development (AR)	Completed				
	1.3.2 Establish a unified mechanism within MERCOSUR to manage humanitarian supplies in the event of a disaster (to be presented at the Fifth meeting) (EC)	Completed				
1.4 CERF (MX)	1.4.1 Strengthen the CERF through voluntary contributions (MX)	In progress (check with CERF Secretariat)	(V) Propose at the next Regional Technical Donors Group (RTDG) meeting, to develop a strategy to promote the CERF	RTGD (L) OCHA (S) UNICEF (I)		VI MIAH
1.5 LOGISTICS (PA)	1.5.1 Strengthen logistics organization to improve efficiency in humanitarian supply management and control	In progress	(V) (IFRC) Exchange knowledge with the Government of Panama on experiences from international organizations (e.g., UNHRD, IFRC in the creation of global logistics bases).	PA (L) UNICEF (I) MSF (I) BR (I)		
			(V) (CDEMA) Since the Relief Supplies Tracking System (RSTS) is in place and operative in the Caribbean, which and provides web-based interface for tracking supplies throughout the needs-requests-donor pledges-delivery process, CDEMA proposes to build a sub-regional Logistics Training Centre in the Caribbean, which would be linked to the regional Centre in Panama.	CDEMA (L) PA (S)		
			(V) (BR) At the national level, the creation of three humanitarian warehouses for intermediate humanitarian actions is being organized			

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			<p>(V) (IFRC) Offer training and consultation services from organizations that have experience and knowledge in this topic.- Specifically (WFP). As leader of the logistics and communications cluster, the following can be offered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pre-positioning of food and humanitarian equipment. 2. Assistance in the handling of the humanitarian supply chain. 3. Communications during emergencies. 4. Emergencies simulation. 5. Logistics and emergencies. 6. Support to the Regional Logistics Centre in Panama 	<p>WFP tentative (C) Panama (S) IFRC (S) Brazil (I)</p>		

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2.1 Private Sector (MX)	2.1.1 Encourage strategic alliances with private sector (MX) (MX)	In Progress No Action Taken				
		Background: refer to SELA-ISDR initiatives developed, and supported by OFDA, and MEX, PER in the regional ISDR platform	(V) Regional seminar "Public and private sector alliances in disaster risk management: government, business and operations continuity in disaster situations in Latin America and the Caribbean (7-8 June 2012, Lima, PE)	SELA (C) ISDR OFDA PE (S) BR (I)		
			(V) Document experiences and specific interventions/attention; compile and share lessons learned	CEPRENAC (C) CONRED (A, I)		
	No action taken	(V) Work in this issue, and the EHIP process will collect the results	SELA(C) IFRC(S)			
2.2 Civil Society (BR)	2.2.1 Ensure that the agenda for the V Regional MIAH Meeting includes the development of all processes, methodologies and training in prevention, preparedness, response and recovery of natural disasters and other emergencies take into account inputs from the civil society. (BR)	complete	(V) Offer internships to governments, inter-governmental organizations, and civil society organizations – and three IFRC's reference centers that work these issues and offer concrete products.	IFRC(C) BR (S)		

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2.3 Beneficiaries (EC)	2.3.1 Encourage beneficiaries to participate in risk management processes and contribute to management and accountability processes (EC)	In Progress In V EHIP, presentation of participative approach implemented in Haiti	(V) Systematize and document experiences	CEPREDENAC (C) UNICEF (S)		
			(V) Present the work model implemented in Haiti to countries in all sub regions	AR (I)		
			(V) Create a work group to develop this issue.	IFRC (C) ACNUR(S) UNFPA(I)	# of virtual or regular meetings. Level of progress in the development of the guide	
			(V) Prepare a guide for government and inter-governmental organizations and civil society, and create a quick-reference Decalogue for decision-makers	IFRC (C)		
			(V) Organize a visit (e.g., Haiti) to improve the understanding of the outreach and potential of this issue.	IFRC (S)		
			(V) Promote the establishment of resilient communities	CDEMA(C)		
	2.3.2 Attend the specific needs of women, girls, boys, and men in a broad and systematic manner (EC)	In Progress No Action Taken	(V) SPRINT training of trainers on reproductive health in emergency situations in Central and South America and the Caribbean.	UNFPA(C) CDEMA(I) BR (S)		
			(V) Workshops in countries expressing interest to ensure presence of disaggregated	OCHA (C)		

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			data in the use of humanitarian coordination tools	Countries (I)		
			(V) Share work experiences in Grenada through a Youth Championship program.	CDEMA(C)		
	2.3.3 Mainstream the gender perspective in humanitarian assistance (EC)	In Progress No Action Taken	(V) (UNFPA) A workshop on IASC guidelines on gender and prevention of gender-based violence for South America (date TBD).	UNFPA (C) BR (I)		
			(V) Organize a workshop on cross-cutting issue of gender in disasters.	REHU (C)	1st Semester 2012	
2.4 Volunteers (EC)	2.4 Promote the strengthening of volunteers systems (EC)	In Progress V EHIP Ecuador (i) presentation	(V) Distribute existing models of humanitarian volunteer programs specialized in risk management, and broaden the dissemination of existing guidances with the governments of BO, EC, PE, CO, CAPRADE, ECHO and other organizations where the IFRC lead the process.	AR (C) IFRC (C) BR (S)		
			(V) Create a working group to study and learn about the process used in the Andean region and present a proposal in the next MIAH.	IFRC (C)		
			(V) Organize visits to national societies or internships to SNs or to PA.	IFRC (C)		
			(V) Develop a model that includes legislation to incorporate volunteers in comprehensive risk management strategies.	CDEMA (C) BR (S)		

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2.5 Indigenous populations and other ethnic groups (EC)	2.5.1 Encourage proposals that contribute to the recovery, reevaluation, application and strengthening of ancestral and contemporary knowledge and practices, which have cultural relevance and include the community participation of indigenous populations and other ethnic groups. These proposals will serve as input for the development of public policies linked to disaster risk management and humanitarian assistance, (to be presented at IV MIAH Meeting) (AR)	complete	(V) Identify Red Cross' good practices on these issues and share them on the MIAH.	IFRC (C) AR (S)		
	2.5.2 Present a compilation of experiences and projects (EC)	In Progress V EHIP Brasil's presentation	(V) Systematization of initialized processes. (e.g., commission, harmonization of knowledge and knowledge of peoples)	CONRED (S) CEPRENAC (C) Countries (I)		
2.6 Participation in UNDAC (MX)	2.6.1 Increase participation of national experts in United Nations mechanisms such as the UN Disaster Assessment and Coordination UNDAC (MX)	In Progress	(V) Develop modules for on distance learning with UNDAC training components for UNDAC members	OCHA (C) AR (S)	11/2012	
			(V) Hold a Familiarization UNDAC Course in the Caribbean	OCHA (C) CDEMA(S)		06/12
			(V) Hold an assessment methodology course in Argentina	OCHA (C) REHU (S) AR		
2.7 Participation in INSARAG (MX) (AR) (EC)	2.7.1 Improve the quality of intervention from search and rescue teams in the region through the naming of INSARAG focal points (MX) (AR) (EC)	In Progress designation of new presidents of the Americas group	(V) INSARAG annual meeting in Costa Rica (October 2012)	MX (C), CR (C) PE (S) OCHA (S)		09/12

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			(V) Organize a regional simulation in MX	MX (C), OCHA (S)		09/12
			(V) Organize a regional simulation (PE)	PE OCHA		
			(V) Present results of regional simulation in GT	GT (C)		
			(V) Search and rescue training facilities are being built with the support of USAID. US SOUTHCOM and EU are discussing on the logistics training center.	CDEMA (C)		
			(V) Develop a national mechanism to register and receive international medical teams and equipment during emergencies	PAHO (C) AR (S)		
2.8 Hyogo Framework of Action (MX) (EC)	2.8.1 Encourage the adoption of the Hyogo framework as a benchmark for the work being done by the existing mechanisms in the region (MX)	In progress National platform Regional Platform (Ricardo)	(V) IFRC: Support the working group led by ISDR	ISDR (L) IFRC (I) UNICEF (S)		
	2.8.2 Support the global campaign "Making Cities Resilient: My City is Getting Ready" (EC)	(Ricardo)		ISDR (L)		
			(V) IFRC will continue coordinating with ISDR its work on urban risk issues.	ISDR (L) IFRC (S)	Share IFRC's urban risk awareness document, which includes study cases of different countries in America	

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			(V) IFRC will continue to develop focal points on this issue with different organizations, as a follow up to the progress made in 2011	IFRC (I)		
			(V) IFRC: Organize a meeting on urban risk.	IFRC (S) BR (I)		
			(V) CDEMA: Programme launched in the Caribbean with ISDR support. Work initiated on Safe Schools and Agriculture with support from the Government of Brazil.	ISDR (L) CDEMA (S)		
2.9 Comprehensive Care (AR) (EC)	2.9.1 Analyse and consider integrated actions for socio natural disaster risk reduction, humanitarian assistance, and socio-economic development through participatory mechanisms aimed at strengthening local communities' resilience and ability to respond. An example is school feeding programs to guarantee basic human rights, such as the right to an education during emergency situations, and the right to food - highlighting the importance of local purchases to provide sustainable humanitarian assistance. (AR) -(EC)	In progress No concrete action for follow-up	(V) Make the Unlearn knowledge sharing platform available to Governments, intergovernmental organizations and civil society to strengthen the exchange of knowledge on this theme.	IFRC (L) UNICEF (S)	Reduce the cost of the carbon foot print and increase knowledge sharing among governments, inter-governmental organizations, and civil society	
			(V) Train government institutions in participative methodologies such as the Vulnerability and Capacities Analysis.	IFRC (I)	# of initiatives carried out and led by institutions that use the Unlearn platform.	



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			<p>(V) Undertake a study of government at regional level, as well as two (2) country studies on legislation and Disaster Risk Reduction, aimed to identify how the legislation allows communities to reduce their own risk of disaster, identify strengths and gaps and contribute to the development of a global study with recommendations for decision-makers at the moment of adopting DRR legislations.</p>	<p>IFRC (C) ISDR (S)</p>		

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3.1 Guide for Governments (AR) (EC)	3.1.1 Create an international humanitarian architecture guidance for governments, and a directory of organizations and resources (AR)	Completed		OCHA (L) REDLAC (S) UNICEF (S)		08/12VI MIAH
			(V) (CDEMA) In context of the CDM Strategy, CDEMA has established a CDM Harmonization Council (CHC) in the Caribbean. The CDM CHC brings together countries, development partners, sectoral partners including civil society to guide implementation of the CDM Strategy which is linked to the HFA.	CDEMA (S). REDLAC (S)		
			(V) (CDEMA) Confirm whether the other sub regions have adopted this.	Countries CEPRENAC		
			(V) (CDEMA) CDEMA system reviewed and being enhanced.	Collaboration of the Follow-Up Group and WHO CDEMA (S).		
	3.1.2 Update the Guide for Governments for a second edition (EC)	In progress		OCHA (L) REDLAC (S)		
			(V) Create a work group for updating	OCHA (L) REDLAC (S)		08/12
			(V) Disseminate the second edition of the Guide (NOTE: OPPORTUNITY FOR THE GOVERNMENTS TO PROVIDE INPUTS FOR THE SECOND EDITION)	OCHA (L) REDLAC (S)		VI EHIP
			(V) Guide the government to the second	OCHA and REDLAC (L, A, I)		

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			edition of the guide			
3.2 Foreign Affairs Manual (AR) (EC)	3.2.1 Establish formal procedures elaborated by countries or entities in charge of international humanitarian assistance. (AR) (EC)	Completed Central America CEPREDENA C (C)				
			(V) Adopt the methodology of this guide	Countries CEPREDENA Collaboration from the Follow-Up Group, WHO		
			(V) (AR) Make available to interested countries the model developer in the framework of the Follow-Up Group, with support from PAHO.	Countries		
			(V) (IFRC) Support in simulations (at all levels – ex: local) Collaborate with the Follow-Up Group	AR (S)		
3.3 Operational guidance for humanitarian assistance (AR) (EC)	3.3.1 Draft a proposal to discuss an operations guidance based on the existing ones (AR)	Completed (IV MIAH)		CAPRADE		
	3.3.2 Undertake a diagnostic and analysis of sub-regional mechanisms regarding operational aspects of international humanitarian assistance already in place in CAPRADE and CEPREDENAC (to be presented in the V meeting) (EC)	In progress		Cooperation and sub-regional coordination forum		



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3.4 MIAH Meetings (MX) (BR) (AR) (EC)	3.4.1 Establish the Follow-Up Group (Mexico, Brazil, Argentina and Ecuador) (AR)	Completed	(V) (IFRC) Interest to belong to the Follow-Up Group and support the action planning representation of the Movement of the RC.	IFRC (I)		
	3.4.2 Encourage the participation and continuity of efforts to strengthen MIAH Meetings (EC)	In progress		Follow-Up Group SELA (I)		
			(V) (AR) Re-define the role of the Follow-Up Group and the host country for greater involvement in the organization and follow-up of all MIAHs.	Follow-Up Group AR (S) BR (S)		
			(V) (IFRC) Interest to become part of the Follow-Up Group and support the action plan in representation of the Movement of the RC.	Follow-Up Group IFRC (I)		
	3.4.3 Expand the Follow-Up Group (EC)	Completed				
			(V) Integrate Panama into the group	Follow-Up Group		
			(V) (IFRC) Interest to become a part of the Follow-Up Group and support the action plan in representation of the Movement of the RC.	Follow-Up Group IFRC (I)		

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3.5 National, sub-regional, regional institutional strengthening (MX) (AR) (EC)	3.5.1 Strengthen sub-regional organizations and mechanisms - starting with a mutual exchange of experiences and best practices- allowing for a convergence into various scenarios with shared positions (AR)	In progress	(V) Strengthen the sub regional organizations forum	CEPREDENAC CAPRADE REHU CDEMA OCHA (A) UNICEF (I) FICR (i) SINAPROC PANAMA (I) SELA (i) (A)		
			(V) Strengthen the coordination and cooperation of sub regional risk management mechanisms forum	(CA) (I) SELA		
			(V) (AR) REHU will continue to support efforts to consolidate the Forum of Sub-Regional Mechanisms.	REHU (S)		
			(V) Hold Forum meetings prior to the various meetings in which sub-regional organizations participate.			
			(V) (CDEMA) Annual briefing with Officials and Operators being systematized in CDEMA	CDEMA (S)		

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	3.5.2 Encourage training for staff of all levels who are involved in decisions regarding a request for or receiving international assistance in emergencies. (MX)	In progress	(V) Provide trainings on the Guide for Governments	OCHA / REDLAC CDEMA (I)		
			(V) (IFRC) Make available to governments, intergovernmental organizations and civil society IFRC's Learning Platform to register for virtual training courses.	IFRC (C) BR (I)		
	3.5.3 Provide assistance to implement programs and projects, as well as training (AR) (EC)	In progress OCHA/REDLAC with trainings and Guide for Governments		International Organizations (S) REDLAC (S) OCHA (??)		
			(V) (PA) Training in countries	UNICEF (S)		
	3.5.4 Seek consensus to develop and optimize coordination tools that include existing initiatives as well as adopt and implement appropriate measures - taking into consideration the resolutions adopted in the UN framework (AR) (EC)	In progress No concrete action for follow-up		Countries International Regional, Sub-Regional International organizations United Nations		

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			<p>(V) (MINREX CL) Recommends a study of a “regional public policy for cooperation and integration for the prevention and combat of forest fires”, among members of the communities of the Latin American and Caribbean.</p> <p>(V) PY: can provide inputs to this recommendation due to previous experiences on this.</p>	CL (C) CELAC PY (S)		
			(V) (PAHO) Develop minimal standards for field hospitals and medical equipment	WHO (C) IFRC (S)		
			(V) CDEMA RECOMMENDATION ON 3.5.4: INVITE THE GROUP FOLLOW-UP TO STREAMLINE AND IDENTIFY KEY ACTIONS THAT ALLOW TO MEET EXPECTATIONS (BE ESPECIFIC).	Request AR EC to lead CDEMA (S)		
	3.5.5 Examine how official national and regional structures can strengthen the coordination of humanitarian assistance and support global, regional and national structures (PA)	In progress	(V) Undertake a diagnosis of the inter-governmental organizations	OCHA (L) UNICEF (S) CDEMA (S)		
			(V) (CDEMA) CDEMA has articulated an initial interface based on the pillars of humanitarian reform. This is to be advanced through current dialogue with OCHA	CDEMA (L)		
			(V) The creation of a working group formed by intergovernmental organizations and other entities as appropriate to follow-up on diagnosis and the recommendation coming out of panel	OCHA (S) CDEMA (S) INTER- GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (S)		

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			3.	PERU (I)		
3.6 Civil-Military Coordination (MX)	3.6.1 Take advantage of the benefits and opportunities of coordinated work with the armed forces in disaster management and attention (MX)	In progress No concrete action for follow-up	<p>(V) (IFRC) Create a working group on this theme and develop initiatives on lessons learned.</p> <p>Paraguay can provide inputs for local actions</p> <p>(V) (CDEMA) CDEMA participating in the Hope For initiative involving Turkey, Dominican Republic, Qatar.</p>	IFRC (S) CDEMA (S) PE (S) PY (S)		
3.7 Sector Approach (AR) (EC)	3.7.1 Develop and apply the sector approach in the area of humanitarian assistance as well as in national, regional and sub-regional policies on managing humanitarian assistance (AR) (EC)	In progress OCHA/ REDLAC creation national and regional sector groups		Countries (L) OCHA (S) REDLAC (S) Inter-governmental organizations (S) UNICEF (S)		
			<p>(V) (IFRC) Create a working group on this theme and develop initiatives on lessons learned.</p> <p>(V) (PA) Organize national humanitarian assistance mechanisms (BASED ON WHAT?)</p> <p>NOTE: THIS RECOMMENDATION SHOULD BE CLARIFIED; MAYBE "ORGANIZE NATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE MECHANISMS BASED ON INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS"</p>	IFRC (S) CDEMA (S)		
				OCHA (S)		

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4.1 Information Exchange (MX) (BR) (AR) EC	4.1.1 Encourage the compilation and sharing of experiences and best practices (MX)	In Progress		OCHA (S)		
			(V) Compilation of information from MIAH	OCHA (S)		VI EHIP
			(V) (AR) Continue supporting Redhum, through the working team Redhum Argentina in the White Helmets Commission	AR (C)		2do. Semester 2012
			(V) Develop a guide to establish Redhum in countries	OCHA (C) AR (S)		
			(V) (AR) Promote the creation of a registry of humanitarian supply providers in MERCOSUR.	REHU (S) AR (C)		2do. Semester 2012
			(V) Promote the creation of a registry of humanitarian organizations – governmental and civil society			2do. Semester 2012
	4.1.2 Incorporate information systems compatible to existing ones to facilitate an understanding of the magnitude of affectations and the needs of the affected population (MX)	In Progress OCHA and Redhum				
			(V) (CR) Strengthen the information platform in Central America (National Meteorology Institute and others)	CEPREDENAC (C)		
			(V) (GT) Establish sectoral observatories that allow information sharing to establish the magnitude of affectation and needs (damages and losses)	Countries (I) CEPREDENAC (C) EC (I)		12/12

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			(V) (GT) Contact ECLAC for its training methodology to assess damage and loss available to all interested countries	GT (C)		
			(V) (IFRC) Is developing a training module in its training platform for social media in preparedness and early warning in case of a disaster or crisis, sharing case studies of lessons learned using social media	IFRC (C)		1st 2013
			(V) (PA) Develop a course of information management and recovery in emergencies	UNFPA (C)		2nd Semester 2012
4.2 Virtual information in disasters tool (BR) (AR) EC	4.2.1 Identify gaps and needs in current information collecting and sharing tools and processes to improve efficiency and effectiveness through a regional virtual tool (BR)	Completed		BR		
	4.2.2 Encourage each country to provide information (broad, detailed) regarding assistance requested/offered for the virtual tool (BR)	Completed		BR		
	4.2.3 Each country should provide information on the virtual tool used by their national coordination authority. Information on authorities and institutions responsible for receiving, providing and coordinating international humanitarian assistance should be updated regularly. (BR)	In Progress		Each country		
	4.2.4 Follow-up of the virtual tool (AR) EC	In Progress		Follow-Up Group		

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			(V) (BR) Technical assessment tools meeting	EC (C)		Jul 2012
			(V) (EC) Start utilizing the tool.	ECU (C)		Julio 2012
			(EC) Execute a pilot plan with Bolivia, Brazil	EC (C) BO(S) BR (S)		Agosto 2012
	4.2.5 Transfer the management of the Regional Information tool from Brazil to Ecuador (EC)	Transfer Completed		BO, BR, EC OCHA and OPS		
	4.2.6 Ecuador will be in charge of developing a pilot version of the tool (to be presented in the V meeting)	In Progress				
4.3 Regional emergency situation room (EC)	4.3.1 Undertake a feasibility and sustainability analysis for the creation of a regional situation room (to be presented in the V meeting) (EC)	In Progress (ref Ecuador)	(V) (EC) Disseminate the tool amongst all the countries of the region.	EC (C)		2012
			(V) Foster Exchange of experiences and good practices on information management amongst disaster risk management sub-regional organizations	EC (C) CDEMA (I) CEPREDENAC (I) REHU (I) OCHA (S)		
			(V) (PA) Consider our experiences as sub-regional organizations (CEPREDENAC)			
	4.3.2 Design a proposal to establish a regional situation room (present to V meeting) (EC)	In Progress (ref Ecuador)		EC in coordination with the Follow-Up Group		