## Roles for coordination meeting

**Red Cross Baruna NS representative**

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| Name | Neha Rahit |
| Sex | Female |
| Position | Emergency preparedness and response specialist |
| Background | She is from the region but was able to get a scholarship to study DRM abroad. She returned after her master’s and has been working for the Department for Emergency Situations and Disaster Management for 15 years. |
| Role in meeting | She is used to working in interdisciplinary teams and makes sure her voice is heard. She speaks up when she doesn’t agree and ensures that everyone gets to contribute to the discussion, even if she has to disrupt someone who is dominating the discussion. |
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**Local MHPSS NGO**

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| Name | Sujan Goutam |
| Sex | Female |
| Position | Director of the NGO |
| Background | She herself is from a small village that has frequently been impacted by natural hazards as she grew up. Her father was suffering from depression and took his live when she was young. It is her goal to help communities like hers to destigmatize poor mental health and create initiatives that promote MH and PS wellbeing. |
| Role in meeting | She is 23 and while she has a good understanding of the community needs she has little experience working with these large organizations. She s struggling to get a word in in the discussion. |
| Agenda | She wants to showcase the value and importance of the project and hopes for support of the larger organizations and/or the government in upscaling their work. |

**Regional governor of Calvacros region**

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| Name | Imran Ismat |
| Sex | Male |
| Position | Governor |
| Background | He is from the region; his father and grandfather have been governor before him. He is polite but strongminded. He does not see MHPSS as a priority. There is very little money available to fund projects and he wants to priorities communicable diseases and economic growth. He has been in the position for 5 years. |
| Role in meeting | He argues that by creating jobs there will be more money to improve people’s quality of live and better prepare for future disasters. He disregards any arguments against building large factories, such as that much of the revenue will go to the international investors, and that the project will be harmful to the environment. |
| Agenda | He wants the media to portray him and the region in a positive way and wants to showcase how their work is ensuring the best outcome for the population. |

**WHO regional office representative**

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| Name | Erwin Gusta |
| Sex | Male |
| Position | Emergencies focal point |
| Background | He is originally from the Netherlands but has worked and lived in Baruno and neighboring countries for 20 years. He has a degree in political science and in Economy. |
| Role in meeting | He is confident and sees himself as the main expert. He interrupts others and complains that the clear instructions by the WHO regional office are not followed. He acknowledges that the input by the red cross is useful but stresses that the WHO should be consulted when it comes to the actual responds, that they have the experts that best know how to respond to the floods. |
| Agenda | He is supposed to ensure that the various stakeholders collaborate effectively. However, from his perspective he knows best what is the right way foreword. |

**Nurse working in and from San Andreas**

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| Name | Pritha Aparna |
| Sex | Female |
| Position | Community nurse in San Andreas |
| Background | She is from San Andreas and only left her home to take the nursing education. She is 27 and always wanted to work in health care because she could see the suffering in her village caused by limited access to care. She has lost her mom in the flood and is completely overwhelmed with care she had to provide after the flood hit. She is unmarried and does not have children. |
| Role in meeting | She is angry with the governor and the large organizations. Her mom might not have died if sufficient steps had been taken to prepare for this years flood. After years and years of floods there hasn’t arrived much help in San Andreas. |
| Agenda | She wants the government and international organizations to send more supplies and support to the effected communities such as in San Andreas and generally wants to stress the poor accessibility to health care in rural communities. |

**Baruno migrant organization**

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| Name | Mohammed Brasu |
| Sex | Male |
| Position | Housing and health care coordinator |
| Background | He is from and works in the capital but supports migrants in the entire country. |
| Role in meeting | He makes good points on the impact on migrants and that they need to be considered as well, besides the local population. However, he keeps saying San Miguel instead of San Andreas. Mixing up the names because he works with many small towns at once. The mistake embarrasses him and he stops actively participating. |
| Agenda | He wants to ensure that the impact on the migrant communities is not forgotten. |

**Head of faith based organization**

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| Name | Bayani Anup |
| Sex | Male |
| Position | Director of local Catholic NGO St. Johns Foundation |
| Background | Bayani is the director of St. Johns Foundation that is the development branch of the archdiocese of Baruna. Their typical programming focuses on poverty relief, including soup kitchens, small livelihoods projects, and education support to underserved communities. Bayani has been working with SJF for 15 years and grew up in one of the poorest neighborhoods of Baruna. Bayani has a deep understanding of the local communities but is unfamiliar with coordination mechanisms and professionalized humanitarian systems. |
| Role in meeting | He is a kind and soft-spoken men who has a great understanding of community needs. He continuously asks what will be done in the immediate future to help those who are suffering now. While he understands that long-term planning is important he feels like the people who are impacted by the floods now are being left behind. |
| Agenda | He wants to ensure more supplies and recourses are given to St. Johns Foundation and local NGOs to provide the immediate help needed. |

**RO UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction**

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| Name | Meagan Greenwich |
| Sex | Female |
| Position | DRM and MHPSS focal point |
| Background | She is originally from Australia but has recently started working at the UNDRR regional office which covers Baruna. She is knowledgeable but nervous. She leaves to take an urgent phone call halfway through the meeting. The communication between her and the translator frequently disrupts the meeting. She frequently apologizes to the group. |
| Role in meeting | She does not speak the language and has to speak through a translator. Her interaction with the |
| Agenda | She is supposed to ensure effective collaboration between the stakeholders and wants to stress the importance for the government to invest in risk reduction and preparedness at nation, regional, and local level. |

**Journalist from the Baruna times**

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| Name | Gureya Sherilo |
| Sex | Male |
| Position | Emergency Correspondent |
| Background | He is from Calvacros region and has been reporting on floods and other natural hazards in the region for years. He has been to many of these meetings and knows most of the key stakeholders who tend to be involved. While he is often critical of the poor preparedness and responds he is able to maintain good relations with the key actors. |
| Role in meeting | He is very polite but knows how to get the answers that he wants. Everyone knows and likes him. He asks questions during the presentation as well as during the breaks. |
| Agenda | He wants to find out if the importance of MHPSS is finally acknowledged by the key country actors and report what steps will be taken to address the mental health crisis in the country. |

**Journalist from the BBC**

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| Name | Jenna Smith |
| Sex | Female |
| Position | Correspondent for the East West Keragera Region (including Baruna) |
| Background | She has been working in the region for ½ a year and knows little about the culture and the local context. She has a basic understanding of the disaster vulnerability of the country and the MHPSS gap, but she has never been to the region. |
| Role in meeting | Her translator is only translating a summary of what is said which makes it difficult for her to follow the discussion. In the breaks she tries to talk to many of the participants as possible to ask the hard-hitting questions. She is very direct and confident, many of the participants view her as rude and prefer speaking with the local journalist (except for the governor who wants to ensure he will be portrayed in a positive light). |
| Agenda | She wants to know what specific actions will be taken by which entity. She is trying to understand how effective the different organizations are collaborating with the local NGOs who know the community needs the best |

**Local women’s shelter**

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| Name | Jubta Lerona |
| Sex | Female |
| Position | Spokesperson and advocacy lead |
| Background | She has been the spokesperson for women’s shelter for 8 years. The shelter is 20km from San Andreas. They have a car and a helpline women can call when they need support. Since the recent flood hit the shelter is overwhelmed with the masses of women who have experienced inter partner violence and sought shelter with them. |
| Role in meeting | She is diplomatic but internally enraged. She feels like MHPSS is still not viewed as a priority while the shelter has to support the many women who have experienced traumatic events. She acknowledges the important work the different organization and the government is doing but stresses that if they don’t receive more funding and resources they will have to send more and more women away because they simply cannot meet the demand. She argues that they are trusted by the affected women and play a crucial role in ensuring their safety. |
| Agenda | She wants the key decision makers to acknowledge that MHPSS is essential in preventing alcohol and drug addiction and especially violence against women. Besides, she wants better MHPSS for the women who experienced violence and sexual assault. |

**Community housing service**

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| Name | Kana Jonibty |
| Sex | Female |
| Position | Social worker |
| Background | She has been a social worker at the community housing for 5 years. They closely collaborate with the women’s shelter. She has some basic MHPSS training and has worked with many people severely impacted by various disasters. |
| Role in meeting | She strongly supports Jubta Lerona’s points but also demands investment in resilient housing that can withstand natural hazards. She gets frustrated when the governor and others do not pledge to set sustainable infrastructure and housing development as a priority and becomes agitated. She is be asked to sit down and lower her voice. |
| Agenda | She wants the governor to acknowledge that investments in resilient infrastructure and housing are essential to reduce future disaster risk. |

**MoH person**

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| Name | Perit Geromotola |
| Sex | Male |
| Position | Head of the NCD team |
| Background | He is a medical doctor and a mental health advocate. He has been trying to establish a department specifically focusing on MH but has received a lot of backlashes. He has worked as a clinician for 10 years and at the ministry for 7. When disasters hit in the region he works in he takes over shifts in the regional hospital whenever needed. |
| Role in meeting | He is calm and collected, he has been in many such meetings. He knows that the governor does not think MHPSS is a priority. He focuses on how overwhelmed the health work force is and demands more support. |
| Agenda | He wants to connect with the local organizations that directly or indirectly work with MHPSS. It is his goal to create a national network that can improve MHPSS bottom up. |

**Local council person**

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| Name | Flima Sernimes |
| Sex | Female |
| Position | Chair at the local council and in charge of community health |
| Background | She has a public health background and has been visiting San Andreas and its neighboring towns on a weekly basis for years. She knows the community well and has herself grown up in a close by village. She knows and has collaborated with all the local organizations. |
| Role in meeting | She is very supportive of the small organizations and ensures that they are heard in the discussion. She promises that she will do everything she can to allocate more resources to disaster preparedness and risk reduction and better supporting the local organizations. |
| Agenda | She wants to acknowledge the important work of the local organizations and ensure they feel valued and seen. She hopes the governor will see the immense value of the local knowledge of these organizations and engage with them more closely. |

**Department of emergency management**

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| Name | Hermal Gratela |
| Sex | Male |
| Position | Senior Consultant |
| Background | He has been a consultant for the ministry for 12 years and is an expert on emergency responds and recovery. He is trying to push for a focus on emergency preparedness and disaster risk reduction but the financial resources are scarce and the breaks between different disasters occurring becoming shorter and shorter which makes development challenging. |
| Role in meeting | He dominates the conversation and ignores the local NGOs. |
| Agenda | He wants all participants to be assured that the government knows that preparedness needs to be a priority but that it will take time to develop the infrastructure that can prevent disasters. |

**Translator A** 

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| Name | Julia Terprate |
| Sex | Female |
| Position | Freelancer |
| Background | She has been working as a freelance translator for some years for various newspapers as well as INGOs. She is from Calvacros region and has family members who have been impacted by the recent flood. |
| Role in meeting | She translates for Jenna Smith but just summarizes what is said because she gets distracted by the ongoing discussion which concerns her region. Instead of focusing on translating she partially just listeners to the discussion. |

**Translator B**

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| Name | Matio Praples |
| Sex | Male |
| Position | Employed by UNDRR |
| Background | Speaks the language fluently and has worked as a translator for years and is highly professional. She is not from Baruna and has not personally been impacted. |
| Role in meeting | He translate for Meagan Greenwich |