

International (National) Assignments

Lessons Learned from Thailand and Lebanon



Swedish Rescue Services Agency



Our Commitment

Swedish Rescue Services Agency

We work for a safer society by reducing accident risks and the consequences of accidents in times of peace and war.



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As Tasked by the Government

Preparedness for rescue and relief operations.

Capacity to assist in reconstruction work in countries affected by war and disasters.

Security and environmental protection in neighbouring areas.

Acquire experience from major accidents and disasters in Sweden and other countries.

Partnership for peace within rescue services and humanitarian relief operations.

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Thailand

Tsunami



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Thailand

The Team Composition

- Different organisations
 - SRSA, Red Cross, Save the Children, Swedish Church, Swedish Army, Swedish Undertakers Society, National Board of Health and Welfare, Ministry for Foreign Affairs
- HQ / Staff
- 3 “Mobile” Teams
- “Back Office” (Sweden)



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Thailand

Lessons Learned

- Quick Response
- Information Flow
- Prepared and trained personnel in Embassy's
- Prepared and trained personnel in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs
- Prepared and trained personnel in “Stand By” Support Teams



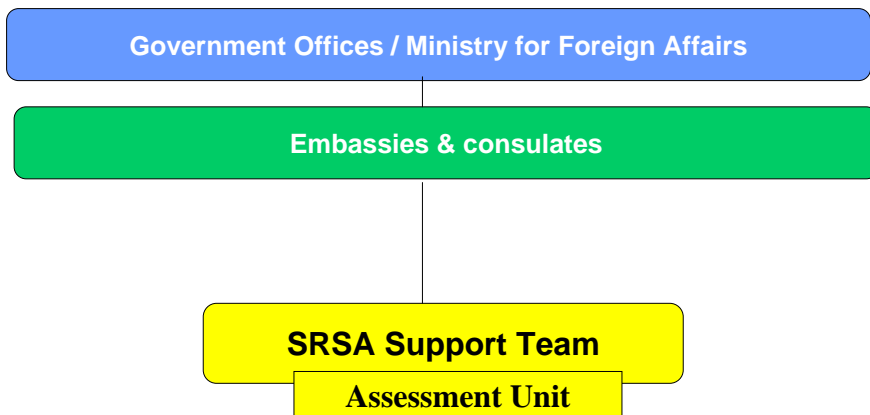
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Government decision 17.2.2005

The Swedish Government tasked the SRSA, in collaboration with the relevant authorities and organisations to make preparations to enable, at short notice, support to embassies and consulates and people in distress in the initial stages of situations involving many people resident in Sweden affected as a result of a serious overseas emergency or disaster.

SRSA Support Team Structure



SRSA Assessment Unit – depart within 6 hours after decision

Command

1 person

Medical coordination

x 2

Information

x 1

Police

x 1

Logistics

x 1

Communications

X 1

An Assessment Unit can depart within 6 hours after a decision has been made in order to perform a rapid assessment of a situation, a needs assessment and provide feedback. The Assessment Unit, which is part of the Support Team, should be assembled in such a way so as to enable it to begin setting up a Coordination Staff as support for embassies & consulates in the operational area.

Total 7 people

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SRSA Support Team – depart within 12 hours after decision

Command - 2 people: 1 Operations Commander (SRSA) and 1 Deputy Operations Commander (SRSA)

Coordination Staff - 20 people:

- 1 Chief of Staff (SRSA)
- 1 Deputy CoS (SRSA)
- 2 Operational command / monitoring /analysis (SRSA)
- 1 Police officer (RPS)
- 1 Administrator/Economist (SRSA)
- 1 Press officer (SRSA)
- 2 Information officer (SRSA)
- 2 Logistics/materiel officer (SRSA)
- 1 Communications manager / technician (SRSA)
- 2 Communications technicians (SRSA)
- 2 Medical coordinators (SoS)
- 2 Crisis support coordinator (SoS/RK)
- 1 Coordinator for volunteers (RK)
- 1 Logistics coordinator (SRSA)

Support Unit 1 - 11 people:

- 1 Coordinator/Commander (SRSA)
- 3 Medics (1 Dr & 2 nurses) (SoS)
- 2 Crisis support personnel (RK/RB)
- 2 Priests (SvK)
- 1 Communications technician (SRSA)
- 1 Logistician (SRSA)
- 1 Information officer (SRSA)

Support Unit 2 - 11 people

Support Unit 3 - 11 people

Totalt 55 persons

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Lebanon

The Team Composition

- 1 Assessment team
 - (Cyprus/Lebanon)
- HQ / Coordination Staff on Cyprus
- 1 Support Unit Turkey
- 1 Support Unit in Cyprus/Lebanon
 - (Divided in Larnaca and Beirut)
- 1 Support Unit in Syria
 - (Divided in Alepo and Damaskus)



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Lebanon

Lessons Learned

- Quick response
- Prepared Embassy's
- The Team structure works even when groups are divided
- “Back office” / important part
- Work closer to other countries



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Lebanon

Lessons Learned

- Continue to build up 3 Support Teams
- Could the Team or part of it also work in Sweden
- Continues training and development of the Support Teams
 - Training and exercises in staff work during 2006-2008
- Continues training and development of the Embassy's
 - Training and exercises on 21 Embassy's during 2006-2008

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Questions ?

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