Multinational Planning
Augmentation Team
(MPAT)

World-Wide Personnel Recovery Conference
09-12 January 2007
• What is MPAT?
• Multinational Force Standing Operating Procedures (MNF SOP)
• Major Crisis Response: Operation UNIFIED ASSISTANCE
• Personnel Recovery Procedures
A *cadre of military planners ...*

- From nations with Asia-Pacific interests
- Capable of rapidly augmenting a multinational force (MNF) headquarters (HQ)
- Established *to plan and execute coalition operations*
- In response to military operations other than war (MOOTW) / small scale contingencies (SSC)
A Multinational Program

- Multinational venue to share MNF CTF HQ procedures
- Maintains a cadre of MNF planners
- Develops habitual relationships among MPAT cadre
- Includes interested nations, International Organizations (IOs), Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs), & United Nations (UN) agencies / funds / programmes

MPAT PROGRAM BELONGS TO ALL INTERESTED NATIONS
Objectives & Methods

- Improve Speed of Multinational Crisis Response
- Improve Multinational Force Interoperability
- Increase CTF Mission Effectiveness
- Unity of Effort

- Strengthen & Practice Common Crisis Action Planning Procedures
- Develop and become familiar with common Standing Operating Procedures (SOP) for MNF CTF HQ
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(33 countries)
• **Multinational Document:**
  - Ownership by MPAT nations is critical
  - Foundation reference for multinational crisis response

• **Not prescriptive, binding or directive:**
  - Serves as a “guide” (start point) for multinational operations
  - Based on “Lead-Nation” Concept (one nation in lead)
  - Living, unsigned, web-based document (refinement institutionalized)

• **Focus is Operational Level – Coalition / Combined Task Force (CTF):**
  - Primary focus: Military Operations Other Than War (MOOTW)
  - Support full range of small scale contingencies (SSCs)
MULTINATIONAL FORCE STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURES (MNF SOP)

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December 2006

Event Links

SOP Workshop

Develop Procedures

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Test Procedures

Exercises

Validate Procedures
Unified Effort is the Goal

- Workshops & Seminar
- Education & Training
- Exercises

Information-Sharing
Learning
Knowing

How Do We Coordinate, Cooperate, Synchronize Efforts?
CONFLICT - almost exclusively in developing nations

DISASTERS - affect developing nations disproportionately
- Requirements exceed capacity more easily thus requiring international help
- Usually a large area, often remote, with constrained access and limited resources
- Often inadequately developed infrastructure (air, land, sea) and communications networks
- Limited health and education systems
- Inadequate, failing or failed governments (if functioning, usually highly bureaucratic & often corrupt)
- Language, cultural and religious differences
- Security concerns due to conflict or criminal influence
Multinational Operations

• Rule of Three:
  – 3 times more difficult
  – 3 times longer
  – Say everything 3 times

• But – unilateral operations are the exception rather than the rule!
Operation UNIFIED ASSISTANCE

Indian Ocean Earthquake & Tsunami Disaster Relief Operations
Shoreline Before
Shoreline After

QuickBird Natural Color Image
28 December 2004

Heavily Eroded Shoreline

Completely Destroyed Buildings

Missing Shoreline
Banda Aceh Before

QuickBird Natural Color Image
23 June 2004
Banda Aceh After

Massive Piles of Debris

Flooded Areas

Flooded Areas
Participating Nation Military Operations

**Countries Present:**
- AUS
- AUT
- BGD
- CAN
- CHE
- DEU
- FRA
- GBR
- IDA
- IND
- IDN
- KOR
- NOR
- SGP
- THA
- USA

**Operations:**
- **Hospitals:**
  - Khao Lak: C-130 x 1
  - Darlington: C-130 x 6
  - Darwin: 2 x C-130

- **Other Medical Teams:**
  - Male: Eng Team
  - Darwin: Field Hospital
  - Enroute: 2 x Helos

**Transport:**
- Ships: x 30
- Helos: x 30
- Fixed Wing: x 22

**Logistics:**
- C-130 x 2
- Ships x 2
- Helos x 3
- Med Team

**Additional:**
- C-130 x 1
- AN-12 x 7
- MI-8/17 x 6
- Helos x 3
- Fixed Wing x 2
- Medical Team x 2

**Engagement Sites:**
- Meulaboh
- Khao Lak
- U-tapao
Significant Challenges

- Limited Infrastructure - airfields
- Many aircraft - mostly civilian
- Inadequate communications
- Operations were mostly bilateral with no central coordinating regime
- Only one aircraft mishap (H-60 rollover at Banda Aceh)

Joint, Multinational & Interagency
Personnel Recovery Procedures

- Developed during MNF SOP Workshops in 2004 & 2005
- Based on JP 3-50 Personnel Recovery & J TF HQ SOP PR Procedures
- Updated to reflect character of PR operations in multinational environment
  - Terminology
  - Simplified Concept, Functions, C2, Planning & Reporting
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