

WORLDWIDE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EXPERTS POOL (WEME)

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Abstract:

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Introduction:

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Idea of Creating and Implementing the Pool:

Unique proposition we will be offering in the pool is that we will create a centralized pool of resources, which will not only include the resources from current TIEMS members, but also from partner organizations and other social welfare and support groups like UN, RedR, Red Cross and others.

WEME will be focusing on making sure that the database of all experts worldwide are available without any duplication, if the same resource is a member of different organization would be shown on his profile and from there everyone will have exact idea of the total resources available around the globe and their utilization during any event.

The last level would be development of ultimate membership and database tool which will be deployed within all organizations, so when they are inducting new member, the member information will go to two places one is the local database of that organization and 2nd place is WEME database of Experts.

So in the last stage the WEME would be the resources for everyone to track the expert resources as the interface and the database will be available to all organizations. All organizations will fund WEME for the management and administration and development of such database, tool, website and related technologies

Later on that database can be plugged into GPS and different MAPs so people can track and know the experts available in a single geographical location. And ultimate availability would be through mobiles during a crises as if mobile communication is available, if one can get internet connectivity they can get the information about resources.

WEME is not limited to only emergency management expert, we will extend it to all areas of specialization which can be utilized during preparation phase, response phase, resumption phase, recovery phase and restoration phase of any disaster or catastrophic situation.

Strategic Approach - Bottom up:

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Professional Resource Directory (PRD):

This would be the key of WEME. Acentralized database with a Web Portal available to the worldwide associations and organizations, where all members are required to register themselves, regularly update their information, supervised by their respective organization, for TIEMS it can be their Country/ Regional Coordinator. This PRD will be available online. In case of any emergency, the required domain experts can be pulled from anywhere in the world to the desired place.

Know Your WEME:

WEME will conduct activities i.e. workshops, seminars, symposiums, training session for their members at Country, Region and International level to

- Enhance their knowledge
- Share ideas
- Develop relationships

- Gather Experts – Motivate people and organizations to join WEME

Advantages & Benefit

Expert related to not only Disaster Recovery or Emergency Management but professionals of all other areas can be contacted and hired from single place & point

- Experts database development first time worldwide
- Cross domain knowledge of experts
- Cross domain trainings and experience – Transfer of technology to have a lot of resources and backup resources
- All working for the same cause – save the world and make the world a better place.

WEME Working Model

WEME will be a part of TIEMS where they have working relationships with other such organizations worldwide, at regional level and at country level.

WEME would have detailed profile of each expert on business continuity, disaster recovery, and emergency management available in any country through themselves or through member or sister organizations. (Sister an organization means UN, Red Cross, RedR, NATO and others).

The domain experts would be provided for commercial or non commercial projects, depending on the nature of emergency e.g. support in earth quake, terrorist attack, hurricane, tornados, bomb blast, country wide technology failure etc. etc.

Selection of Resources / Registration of Resources

For the WEME Pool, the team of people will be selected to analyze members skills and will provide them the level of expertise depending upon their experience, skills and other factors.

After registration the resources would be given a level of expertise like WEME Level 1, WEME Level 2, WEME Level 3, and would be rate accordingly. This would help in future when there is a requirement for the resource for emergency use or support then we would be able to provide the right type of resources depending upon the required level of expertise, as all the time you don't need high level experts, people can request the resources depending upon their technical expertise level.

Registration Requirement

Each resource need to register in PRD and they will keep their record updated, which will also available online, they can update regularly so they can get promoted to the right level of expertise. The resources need to work to keep their expertise level with WEME. There would be process of Continuing Professional Education (CPE), and experience update sort of a thing for experts, which will help them to maintain their level of expertise as well grow to next level.

Collaboration with other NGOs emergencies response divisions & like UN - NATO

There would be collaboration of WEME with other local and regional NGOs, UN Disaster recovery and emergency response division, NATO and the experts of WEME would be providing the services to and with these organizations team in different situations.

Outsourcing of Experts

WEME pool would be available to all organizations, where they can request for experts depending on the requirement which can be a disaster or training the team or working with them for any other organization or the country in difficult situation.

Discussion:

From my point of view, the concept of WEME is missing point for all the organizations associated with the emergency relief work. Every organization has their own members database but missing the link to utilize the resources in a better way by sharing. This will increase their area of service as well allow them to provide services by the best available resources. This will also help them to minimizing the expenses at the same time by selecting the closest available resource. This will help to mobilize more resource with less expense.

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