

CAPACITY BUILDINGS OF INSARAG RECOGNIZED NATIONAL ACCREDITATION PROCESS (IRNAP) IN HIGH DISASTER RISK COUNTRIES

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Abstract

Since 2005, INSARAG has an external classification process for international USAR teams (IEC process), which establishes verifiable operational standards and is an example of how a peer evaluation mechanism can provide added value in disaster preparedness and response. Up to now, there are about 60 USAR teams from the world passed INSARAG External Certification (IEC) and INSARAG External Recertification (IER) by INSARAG of UNOCHA.

In the end of 2015, expert of USARs from China Earthquake Administration (CEA) supposed that national level USARs of China need to certificate under the INSARAG, and then experts of USARs of China Earthquake Administration guided the provincial USARs to passed heavy USARs certification and issued national level standard of USARs in 2016.

In 2017, the INSARAG Steering Group approved the INSARAG External Support and Recognition proposal (PAREI) for national accreditation processes, and encouraged Regional Groups to put it into practice and report on its implementation at the annual meetings of the Steering Group.

In 2018, during the 10 years Memory Conference of Wenchuan Earthquake Disaster, INSARAG Secretariat hold workshop on National Accreditation Process (NAP) with experts of USARs of CEA and made some roadmap on developing NAP in demonstrated countries, China was one of them.

Overview all the locations of USARs in the world, most of them located in the developed countries and less risks such as the western and northern EU countries. But in the belt and road regional area, most high natural disaster countries where located surrounding India Ocean, from Tibet to middle east and north Africa region there are no more international USARs and also no more national level USARs. Since 2015, the INSARAG Guidelines explicitly encourage countries to establish national accreditation processes that are developed, adapted and framed in the country's own reality and recommends using the national INSARAG Guidelines and standards as reference. So it is necessary for the high risks region and countries of natural disasters need to have the capacity buildings of INSARAG Recognized National Accreditation Process (IRNAP) to establish one platform to response the huge disasters.

In 23, Oct. 2019, China have two heavy USARs teams passed IERR (China International Search and Rescue Team (CISAR)) and IEC (China Search and Rescue Team (CSAR)), and also there were two national level heavy USARs were passed NER by CEA in 2016 and 2017. It is possible to transfer Chinese experience of capacity buildings of international and national level USARs to whole of the world to response the catastrophes.

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