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INSARAG Asia-Pacific Regional Group Earthquake Response Exercise was successfully conducted by the INSARAG Sectt., (UNOCHA) in association with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) at Hotel Clarks Shiraz, Agra, Uttar Pradesh during the period May 03-06, 2011.

The exercise was designed to place participant under pressure to simulate, as far as possible, in a real-life earthquake response situation. The injects, delivered throughout the duration of the earthquake response exercise, were based on actual events and served to add an element of realness to the simulation exercise. Although the timelines was compressed, the exercise followed a well established pathway that is common to actual disasters.

Conducting this Earthquake Simulation Response Exercise was one way in which the INSARAG Secretariat UNOCHA aims to achieve the goals outlines in GA 57/150. Following completion of this exercise, it is hoped that all national and international participants will have greater level of awareness and understanding of international disaster response and will be better prepared during the times of a real disaster event.