The Norwegian Emergency Preparedness System

The Norwegian Emergency Preparedness System, NOREPS, is mandated by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) to foster innovation by supporting product development, new ideas, sustainable solutions and to strengthen international emergency preparedness.

NOREPS administers funds from the Ministry to the UN and Norwegian NGOs supporting humanitarian innovation and preparedness initiatives. The goal of the scheme is to stimulate innovation projects and to strengthen humanitarian emergency preparedness focusing on the Sustainable Development Goals.

NOREPS is established as a network between the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Norwegian Red Cross, major Norwegian NGOs, the Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection and Emergency Planning and selected Norwegian suppliers of relief goods and services.

Innovation Norway, the Norwegian Government’s most important instrument for innovation and development of the Norwegian private sector is responsible for administrating the network.

The NOREPS network includes suppliers that have long experience in serving the humanitarian market. These suppliers are important partners in developing innovative and sustainable solutions for the humanitarian and development sector.

UN agencies and humanitarian organisations utilize the NOREPS network to identify private sector partners and to develop new technology to overcome challenges and increase effectiveness development projects and humanitarian operations.
The Norwegian owned preparedness stock

In 2017 Innovation Norway/NOREPS was given a new mandate by the MFA to pilot a Norwegian owned emergency preparedness stock. The pilot project is intended to fill identified qualitative gaps in global prepositioning. A technical agreement was entered with UNHRD which as a humanitarian procurement centre can do procurement on behalf of the government of Norway. The composition of the stock will be based on requests and recommendations from the humanitarian community and products with an innovative impact and expected high rotational frequency will be prioritized. Innovation Norway does not have implementing partners, meaning that the stock will be made available for the humanitarian community on request. The stock is intended to be revolving and accessing the stock will be on a cost recovery basis using UNHRD’s loans and borrowing mechanism.

The goals of the project are to:
- Mitigate the risk for humanitarian organisations in prepositioning new types of equipment
- Increase the use of shared stocks across organisations
- Ease scaling of new, proven solutions

As a first step in building up the stock, after consultations with WFP, UNHRD, UNDP and UNHCR, it was decided to preposition three rapid deployable emergency base camps/first flight kits. Two of these will be placed with UNHRD in Dubai and one in Brindisi. Details regarding the camps are listed in separate attachments. The camps are expected to be available from mid. June 2018.
NOREPS / Innovation Norway
Akersgaten 13, P.O.Box 448 Sentrum
N-0104 Oslo – Norway
Tel: +47 22 00 25 00
Fax: +47 22 00 25 01
E-mail: contact@noreps.no
Website: www.noreps.no
Website: www.innovationnorway.no

Contacts
Mr. Vidar Ellingsen
Mobile: +47 928 98 078
E-mail: vidar.ellingsen@innovationnorway.no

Mr. Jonas Bergmann-Paulsen
Mobile: +47 958 76 629
E-mail: jonas.bergmann-paulsen@innovationnorway.no