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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the past two decades, we have witnessed an increasing number of natural disasters and increasing number of people affected by natural disasters in Asia [1]. The keep rising casualties and growing international attention on this region piles up substantial pressure on all parties in humanitarian supply chain in Asia. HROs, with their expertise on humanitarian works, face unprecedented challenges as well as opportunities to fulfill their primary duty on relief operations and help people in need. There is an urgent call of action on HROs to improve their performance in this region.

In Asia, HROs often have to face lack of government support and basic infrastructure. There is also coordination and communication problem both between HROs and other parties such as the local government and the private sector as well as among HROs. This paper provides an overview of the humanitarian logistics structure in Asia and pinpoints the main challenges involved to draw attention of the public and to stimulate discussion on the issues in humanitarian logistics in Asia.

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