**IM Network Meeting Minutes: 08 January 2014**

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Participants’ Organizations: MPC, UNOPS, UNHCR, MIMU, OCHA, (WASH, UNICEF M&E unable to attend)

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|  | **Issues discussed** | Action | Follow-up |
| **1.** | **MPC Early Warning System presentation by Dave Hale** *(presentation slides attached)*  The MPC was established to assist the Union Peace-making Central Committee and the Union Peace-making Work Committee in the peace process. It serves as the focal point for international partners and civil society organizations on issues related to the peace process, and facilitates dialogues between government and non-state actors. The Ceasefire Negotiation and Implementation section of the MPC is developing a ***Conflict Early Warning System*** which willsystematically monitor and report on conflict-related indicators; promote an understanding among decision-makers of the nature and impacts of violent conflict; and alert stakeholders of the potential outbreak, escalation and resurgence of violent conflict. It aims to enhance the effectiveness of stakeholders in peacebuilding and conflict prevention, and to limit the spread of rumours. The system is being developed with the possibility of a change in focus over time as needed (i.e. for longer term use). Much of the information would be made public but it will also include classified data, determined according to the source.  The CEWS is expected to include information on all conflict-related events, based on information received from a wide variety of sources. One model will be used for the whole country but with more attention to specific areas. Sources will be given reliability badges and weighted to account for the differences in reliability. There are a number of early warning systems in use in different countries but few good ones. Useful models include those in Afghanistan (for quantitative work), the Horn of Africa, the now defunct Swiss Peace activities, Timor and the South Sudan Crisis Mapping Recovery and Analysis (CRMA).  The outputs will include daily updates, regular sitreps, mapping made available through the MPC Early Warning website, workshops, research and assessment activities. It will be populated with information gathered from the Government, military, EAGs, MPC contacts, Joint Monitoring Committees, civil society organisations, MIMU etc  The lack of a mechanism to ensure accountability and avoid bias was discussed – possible approaches could include periodic stakeholder reviews and a broadly selected steering committee to provide oversight. |  |  |

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| **2.** | **GIS Working Group update:**  No further developments (no GIS WG meeting since the last IM meeting). | MIMU to convene next GISWG |  |
| **3.** | **Data disaggregation Task Group**  As discussed in the last meeting, the IM Network will gather information on the categories of disaggregation used across sectors/clusters to highlight the similarities and differences and suggest steps forward to better harmonise the various datasets. Luis/OCHA provided an update on the information received to-date from sectors/clusters (nutrition, CCCM, NFI, Shelter, Protection, WASH; missing Education and Early Recovery inputs) and will compile the data for a meeting next week of the Task Group (WFP, OCHA, UNHCR and MIMU) to explore possible categories that may work for all sectors/clusters. | OCHA to compile data and call the Task Group meeting |  |
| **4.** | **Update on relevant sector, cluster, UNCT/HCT and agency activities**  **OCHA:** OCHA’s data gathering on assistance delivery will be referred to as ***Assistance Tracking*** to avoid confusion with the MIMU 3W. There were (quality) issues with the Assistance Tracking data provided to OCHA by field-based agencies. Mapping of the MIMU camp-level 3W information from Oct ’13 is still in progress with OCHA and the models developed can be used in the next round. OCHA is also developing SoPs for data protection for the Humanitarian Access Incident Tracking.  **UNOPS:** Have published 3MDG data on the website, and will be Implementing a project in Chin soon. Data collection is now comprehensive at township level.  **UNHCR:** discussion on the issue of differing camp lists (i.e. government list/DSW includes all camps and sites whereas CCCM focuses only on designated camps). With staff departures, UNHCR will be short staffed in IM.  **MIMU**: mapping of schools and health facilities has been slowed because the ministry departments are too occupied with other activities to confirm specific info. Current listings from the ministries indicate over 9000 health facilities and 39,000 schools across the country. For Health, DHP has not yet come back on the data issues flagged by MIMU on the 5 S/R it has been allocated to work on (DHP is matching and mapping the other S/R). For Education, DEPT has no specific mapping capacity and is providing the info to MIMU for matching and mapping. So far only Sagaing has been completed – queries on other S/R are still with DEPT for clarification. MIMU staff will again visit NPT in the next 2 weeks to discuss how to unblock DEPT and DHPs delays in following up on the incomplete data.  Other:  Ceasefire townships: Group members were not aware of any publicly available data. It would be helpful to get a small group together to consolidate available info.  Poverty mapping: The next IHLCA has been delayed due to the Census taking place, after which the IHLCA will draw up its sampling frame based on the Census information. This means that the next IHLCA will not be directly comparable to the last ones. An interesting TS level poverty incidence map was included in a presentation provided through the Rural Devt Dept / MOLFRD in preparation for the Rural Development Strategy – this has apparently been drawn from the IHLCA data (usually provided only at S/R level). |  |  |
| **5** | **Future IM meetings**  The progress in IM Network meetings to-date was discussed. Meeting participants agreed that they are useful and that it has been interesting to have presentations. It was suggested to put a time limit on presentations so that there is adequate time for the group to discuss other issues in the meetings. The next meeting will focus on developing an IMN workplan so no external speaker. |  |  |
| **6.** | **Next scheduled meeting** will be held at **3pm Wednesday February 5th** in the ground floor meeting room of MIMU, No.(5) Kanbawza Street, Bahan (near Toyota Car Show Room) |  |  |

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