**Coordination Meeting**

**WFP Lashio Office, 8 May**

Participants: WFP, UNDSS, UNFPA, MHDO, MSF, CARE, NCV, KMSS, KBC, SCI, Metta, UNICEF, AHRN, OCHA, AMDA

**Agenda**

1. **Updates on Security and Access**
2. **Assessments in Nam Tit**
3. **Preparedness for potential response in Kokant**
4. **AOB**
5. **Updates on Security and Access**

***UNDSS:*** In general, the Tatmadw have control of the Kokant region and all routes to Laukkai Town, Security situation is calm recently. However, how firmly the Tatmadaw controls the area is questionable. For access, UNDSS team composed of national staff visited Nam Tit in Wa region from 10 to 11 April. UNDSS launched another mission consisted of international and national staff to Nam Tit from 29 to 30 April.

***MHDO:*** The security situation around Kutkai(Kutkai-Muse road) is neither stable nor unstable. Anytime, fighting can be taken place on Muse-Kuitai Road particularly when Tatmadaw trucks passing by. Commercial and cargo trucks are making their efforts to stay away from military trucks when travelling on this road session. TNLA troops are moving/ stationing on Mong See-Tar Moe Nyae road and sometimes request water and snacks and sometimes collect money from the passing vehicles. There were sporadic fighting in Mong Baw and Hpaung Seng areas in Muse Township on 6 May.

***AMDA:*** Fighting between TNLA and Tatmadaw also took place in Nam Tu Township on 6 May which resulted in some unconfirmed causalities from both sides.

***KBC***: Travelling UN/INGOs can contact KBC Muse who will provide them with some security information in the area.

***MSF***: In the beginning of April, MSF conducted an assessment mission to Nam Tit.

1. **Assessments in Nam Tit**

***UNDSS:*** UNDSS launched two missions to Nam Tit in April. Security situation along the road from Lashio to Nan Tit was calm. Since Nan Tit is under the control of Wa, TA from Wa authorities for travelling staff members is needed. Wa TA is easy to obtain within one day. There are 631 IDP population staying in 9 different locations in Nam Tit. Vehicle travelling to Nam Tit is to be a MOSS compliant one with high visibility. For submitting of Security Clearance, travelling UN staff members must use not only the online application but the manual submission. The mission found normal movements of vehicles on the road to Nam Tit. However, the road is prone to landslides. In Nam Tit, almost all people speak Chinese and use Chinese currency, Yuan and Chinese SIM cards. Myanmar phone (SIM) coverage is very poor in Nam Tit. A Chinese translator would be useful for the mission. UNDSS have submitted a request to the government for travel authorization (including international staffs) to travel to Laukkai in the last week of May (25 May). During their trip, the IDPs in Nam Tit mentioned to UNDSS that NFIs such as kitchen utensils, mosquito nets and clothing are the current needs.

***WFP:*** Provided food assistance to the IDPs in Nam Tit for two months starting from April (143 HHs with 631 population). HPA also distributed some NFI. However, the needs for NFI is still a gap to fill.

***MSF:*** conducted two assessment missions in April to Nam Tit with a particular objective of opening up mobile clinics. Basic finding are: Shelters are crowded; roofing are not proper for upcoming rainy season; latrines are not sufficient; the IDPs have access to clinics run by Wa medical staffs, however, the quality and capacity of those clinics are questionable.

1. **Preparedness for potential response in Kokant**

***OCHA:*** OCHA Head of Office had a meeting with Deputy Minister of MoSWRR (Secretary of Kokant Region Rehabilitation Committee) on 6 May in Lashio. During the meeting, Dy Minister discussed that he finished drafting of emergency response and rehabilitation plan for Kokant region and will submit it to the President Office Minister (Chairman of Kokant Region Rehabilitation Committee) on 8 May for his approval. Upon his approval, the plan is finalized and will be submitted to the President. When the President approves the final plan, the Committee will seek recommendation from the local military commander in Kokant for the security guarantee for the government officials and key members of international community to visit for assessments in Laukkai. The draft plan includes 3 geographical divisions of the whole Kokant region such as Tar Shwe Htan and villages around it as AREA 1; Laukkai Town as AREA 2 and Kon Kyan and the rest of the villages as AREA 3. The plan also aims for provision of food, NFI, shelter and cash grants. Education, health and water supply are also highlighted as emergency and long term development responses.

Dy Minister also mentioned that INGOs who had presence in Kokant region before the conflict can submit request letters to him (Secretary of Rehabilitation Committee) for reopening of their offices (only national staff for the time being) rather than submitting to their counterpart ministries. He will further submit them to the Chairman for quick decision.

***Agencies***: Agencies discussed their interest in a potential humanitarian response in Kokant if access is granted. Draft stockpiles of relief items are as follows:

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| **Agencies** | **Items in Stock** | **Quantity** | **Location** | **Remark** |
| WFP | Food | Will provide the detail later | Yangon/Lashio |  |
| UNICEF | Education supplies, NFIs (family kits and WASH items) | Will provide the detail later | Lashio |  |
| SCI | Basic hygiene kits | 500 sets | Lashio |  |
| KBC | Emergency tents (from UNHCR) |  | Lashio | To negotiate with UNHCR |
| Care | family kits and mosquito nets | 350 kits | Lashio |  |
| MSF | Medical resources and expertise |  | Lashio | Depending on the condition of Laukkai Response |
| UNFPA | Dignity kits and RH kits | 500 kits | Yangon |  |

**AOB**

MSF officially acknowledged the cooperation of WFP Lashio for the assessment mission to Nam Tit.

WFP informed the partners (national staff who wish to go to Laukkai) that there are 3 Tatmadaw Checkpoints between Chin Shwe Haw, checking the NRC of all travellers.

**Next meeting**

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled to be at 10 AM on 22 May at WFP Lashio Office.

However, if it is necessary, an ad hoc meeting will be organized before the scheduled date.