**Meeting Minutes (Draft)**

**Subject:** 24th Meeting of the Disaster Preparedness and Response Education (DPRE) Working

Group, Myanmar

**Date and Time:** 18th December 2013 (Wednesday), 14:00 hrs – 16:00 hrs

**Venue:** U Thant Conference Hall, Third Floor, UN Building, 6 Natmauk Road, Tamwe Township, Yangon

**Opening**

The meeting was chaired by UNESCO and began at 2:00 pm on 18th December 2013 with self-introduction by 11 participants (See Annex below), and four apologies received from UNICEF, Terre des hommes Italy, Myanmar Education Consortium and World Education. Before the meeting, UNESCO shared the agenda of the meeting, the 23rd DPRE WG meeting minutes and the draft of DPRE WG report (2013-2014). The purpose of the report is to demonstrate what DPRE WG had done in 2012 & 2013 in terms of DRR Education activities across the country as a collective approach.

**Updates & Discussion**

Each organization updated and discussed their DRR Education activities from October until December 2013. The drafts of the 23rd DPRE WG meeting minutes and the DPRE WG report (2013-2014) were sent to the members of DPRE WG and were updated by the feedbacks of DPRE WG. So, in the meeting, the attendants approved the 23rd DPRE WG meeting minutes and the DPRE WG report (2013-2014) to be used in future advocacy works of DPRE WG.

**Ministry of Eduation (MoE)**

MoE also briefly explained its experience in DRR education workshop in Manila. MoE emphasized on monitoring and evaluation mechanism of DRR education activities and also reminded participants to directly communicate with DEPT in terms of DRR Education activities. MoE also briefly explained its institutional structure based on DBE 1, 2, 3 & DEPT in terms of DRR education. MoE added its section into DPRE WG report (2013-2014). MoE wanted to see more follow-up activities to DRR education so Save the Children International is requested to work more on follow-up activities.

**Plan International**

Plan Myanmar has been working on the BMZ project (Child-centred) based on DRR since August 2013. The implementation partner of this project is Swanyee Development Foundation, one of the local non-governmental organizations in Myanmar. The project has covered 40 schools in 40 villages in Taung Kok and 30 schools in 30 villages in Kyauk Phyu townships. Five schools out of 40 in Taung Kok township will be selected to be implemented as safe school model. In addition, child-centred climate change project will be held in Rakhine state that will cover 10 schools in 10 villages. Naypyitaw-level meeting and township-level meeting on the project will also be held as part of awareness raising campaign. In 2014, Plan Myanmar will also work on school-based DRR activities with Swanyee Development Foundation.

**Save the Children**

Save the Children International provided DRR in Education & INEE workshop to 90 educational officials in Yangon in October 30-31 and November 01. In addition, Save the Children provided DRR in Education & INEE workshop to 43 educational officials in Kakhine state on November 2-4. Save the Children and MoE have also jointly published a report entitled “Myanmar Education Sector Snapshot for Comprehensive School Safety and Education in Emergency.”

**SEEDS Asia**

SEEDS Asia has begun new project on DRR education in 8 townships with Myanmar Engineering Society, RRD and JICA: Kungyangon, Labutta, Bogale, Myaungmya, Maubin, Pathein, Pyapon and Hinthada.

In order to strengthen resilience of communities that are at risk of disasters,

1) MKRC (Mobile Knowledge Resource Center) & WKRC (Water Knowledge Resource Center) will visit those areas to conduct DRR awareness training.

2) Establishment of Disaster Activity Centre which will be utilised existing building/rooms in Labutta, Bogale and Kungyangon in order to promote linkage between community and schools. Skill up training on DRR also to be provided to support continuous DRR activity through the center.

3) Making DRR learning tool kit (6 inch square cubic miniature models of  MKRC and stationery/IEC materials set for DRR class) to provide schools in Bogale, Labutta and Kungyangon.

This project benefits not only the community but also the schools by accessing DRR education materials from MKRC & WKRC.

SEEDS Asia inquired to MoE plan of participation from Myanmar to World Conference on ESD which will be scheduled to be held on 10th-11th November, 2014 (in Japan, Nagoya city), led by UNESCO and Government of Japan.

For more details on the conference:

<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco-world-conference-on-esd-2014/>

Promotion video:[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PTKG0m3-Hcs&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PTKG0m3-Hcs&feature=youtu.be" \t "_blank)

**UNESCO**

UNESCO updated the action points of the 23rd DPRE WG meeting minutes such as DPRE consolidated report and brief explained overall DRR education activities of DPRE WG based on the draft consolidated report done by the members of DPRE WG. Soft copies of the DRR glossaries of DRR WG & DPRE WG were forwarded to DPRE WG to be compared, but no comment received. UNESCO also shared its experience on INEE resource materials, teacher education and DRR education resource pack by citing the links of UNESCO and INEE.

**AOB**

Participants enjoyed a 4-minute MP4 video that contains the event of disaster risk reduction (Iza! Kaeru Caravan) held on 06 December 2013 at Basic Education High School No (1) in Lanmadaw township. This video was shared by Ms. Mitsuko SHIKADA from Seeds Asia on behalf of Mr. Nobuyuki ICHIHARA from JICA/ RRD, MoSWRR. Aung Aung from UNESCO who chaired the meeting will be leaving UNESCO in the end of this month so good-bye and farewell wishes were exchanged.

**Action Points**

Finally, the following action points were made:

* DPRE WG meeting should be held every two months (MoE).
* There are more than 340 townships in Myanmar but so far, DRR education activities only reach around 40 townships so more DRR education activities should be expanded to the rest of the townships. (MoE)
* Funds should be set up to establish an effective follow-up mechanism within DPRE WG in order to maintain the quality of DRR activities across the countries done by the members of the DPRE WG. (MoE)
* Save the Children will share the hard copies and soft copies of the report on “Myanmar Education Sector Snapshot for Comprehensive School Safety and Education in Emergency” via email and in next meeting.
* ACS wanted to offer some funding opportunities to those who work for DRR education. More information of ACS will be followed by Save the Children.
* The next meeting should be convened in the month of February.

**Closing**

The meeting ended in 4:00 pm.

**Annex: List of participants of 24th DPRE Working Group Meeting (18th December 2013)**

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| **No.** | **Name** | **Designation** | **Organization** |
| 1. | Dr. Htay Htay Win | Staff Officer | DEPT, MoE |
| 2. | Daw Aye Myint Oo | Deputy Staff Officer | DEPT, MoE |
| 3. | Daw Saw Shwe Pu | Assistant Director | DBE 1, MoE |
| 4. | U Khin Aung | Deputy Director (Engineer) | DBE 2, MoE |
| 5. | Daw Khine Hnin Yee | Staff Officer | DBE 3, MoE |
| 6. | Daw Aye Zar Myo Han | Project Manager | Plan International |
| 7. | Ms. Mitsuko SHIKADA | Program Manager | SEEDS Asia |
| 8. | Daw Thinn Hlaing Oo | Admin Officer | SEEDS Asia |
| 9. | Daw Naw Olive | Program Advisor (EiE) | Save the Children |
| 10. | Daw Kyu Kyu Shwe | Central Monitor | Myanmar Learning Resource Centre (MLRC) |
| 11. | U Aung Aung | Programme Officer | UNESCO |