

**DRR-WG Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
27th January, 2017**



Venue: U Thant Conference Room, UNDP

Chaired by: Daw Lat Lat Aye, UNDP

Time: 15:00 – 17:00

Sr.	Agenda	Discussions	Action Points
1	Introduction of the DRR WG members		
2	Sharing findings from a research study “Building Disaster and Climate Risk Informed Decentralized Planning in Myanmar” by BRACED Alliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The study presented by BRACED aims to assess existing decentralized local government planning procedures to understand the use of risk information in Myanmar and to make recommendations.</li> <li>Key findings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increasing climate and disaster risk is a major challenge</li> <li>Communities are exposed to several disturbances (armed conflict, rapidly changing socio-economic conditions, poorly planned development activities impacting health and environmental conditions)</li> <li>Since Cyclone Nargis Myanmar has made significant progress to plan and be better prepared</li> <li>There are many different projects and many risk planning frameworks that are not well coordinated and often overlap</li> <li>To sustain community resilience beyond project approaches, planning for risk needs to be embedded into formal planning systems and procedures designed and implemented by Government</li> <li>The lowest level planning in Myanmar is done at township level, there is a need to move to village track/village level.</li> <li>The existing planning does not assess how different shocks and stresses can impact on communities and does not sufficiently use participatory assessments.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Key recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>General recommendations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To increase knowledge and awareness of community members, volunteers, local government and service providers (including</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>For more information or related information about the study, please contact to Mr. Jeremy Stone, Plan International: <a href="mailto:jeremykieron.stone@plan-international.org">jeremykieron.stone@plan-international.org</a></p>

		<p>private sector)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To improve generation and consolidation of risk data and hazard information</li> <li>- To improve linkages and coordination between Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction sectors</li> <li>- Harmonization of risk assessment tools and methodologies and government ownership and leadership of the process</li> <li>- To increase knowledge and awareness of volunteers</li> </ul> <p><u>Development Partner recommendations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stock tacking and inventory of resilience activities and measures including technical specifications for infrastructure</li> <li>- To Increase knowledge management and learning from experiences</li> <li>- To improve coordination and sharing between development partners reducing duplication of activities and avoid overburden and confusion</li> </ul> <p><u>Government recommendations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Better Linkage between planning levels will contribute to meet community needs and requirements and to adequately channel local funds</li> <li>- Better integration and sharing of risk information in Township coordination committees and between departments</li> <li>- Assigning appropriate line agency responsibilities for risk informed development and supporting establishment of Village Development Committees for village plans</li> <li>- Strategic guidance for risk management into sector and thematic development strategies and programs should come with legislative mandates</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific issues related to inclusiveness have not been included because the study was not meant to cover that level of recommendations.</li> <li>• The methodology used included review of existing documents and findings from consultations (field, local and government consultations).</li> </ul>	
3	Status of new pamphlet development by ASDA/UN-Habitat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RRD requested MCCDDM to review and update pamphlets related to 8 hazards. Along with the Awareness TTF, UNDP led the process of reviewing and revising the pamphlets related to cyclone, fire, earthquake and flood that have been already finalized and disseminated. Along with the partners, Ashoka Social Development Association (ASDA) is leading the second bunch of pamphlets related to landslide, drought,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ DRR WG members who are interested to do the translation in different local languages should coordinate with RRD.</li> <li>▪ DRR WG members agreed to share the translated version among the agencies.</li> </ul>

		<p>Tsunami and lightening.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The drafts have been revised several times by RRD and at the moment ASDA is waiting for the final approval.</li> <li>• The reason why erosion was not included among the hazards covered is that it has been considered too wide and vague.</li> <li>• Concerning the translation in different languages, it will be done by different agencies. However, RRD is responsible for the coordination, dissemination and to avoid overlaps.</li> </ul>	
4	Stories of Change and Good practices in DRR and CCA by Malteser International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study supported by the German Cooperation and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.</li> <li>• Methodology: the study is the result of two-week field work, involving more than 100 interviews, using open questions. Among 100, 11 stories and 7 good practices have been included in their original wording.</li> <li>• Good practices identified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Planting mangroves for DRR and CCA</li> <li>- Respect for communities and building trust</li> <li>- Mixing of tangible and intangibles results</li> <li>- Strengthening connections between authorities and villages</li> <li>- Promoting fuel-efficient stoves</li> <li>- Including vulnerable groups</li> <li>- Empowering women as key actors in DRR</li> </ul> </li> <li>• It has been suggested to include the study in RRD magazine.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Malteser will inform RRD about the study in order to include it in RRD magazine.</li> <li>▪ For more information or related information about the study, please contact to Mr. Serge Birtel, Maltesar International: <a href="mailto:serge.birtel@malteser.international.org">serge.birtel@malteser.international.org</a></li> </ul>
5	Update on the Status of Disaster Management Handbook by UNDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the beginning of 2016 the Government asked support to update the 2009 Standing Order. Before defining roles and responsibilities of each department, it was considered important to define the functions.</li> <li>• The handbook was thought to support the update of the Standing Order. It is divided in 4 sections: Prevention/Mitigation (UN-HABITAT), Preparedness (UNICEF), Response (UN-OCHA), and Recovery (UNDP).</li> <li>• At the moment among the 4 sections only Response is at a more advanced stage.</li> <li>• During the meeting with RRD on 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 17, RRD defined better their idea about the handbook: a short, specific, practical document contextualized to Myanmar.</li> <li>• There has been unclear communication in the process, confusing the functions with the procedures. The issue of who is the audience of the DM handbook remains to be better defined.</li> <li>• The issue about who will be responsible for the coordination, mostly at</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ One function (evacuation) will be developed by OCHA following RRD instructions as model and sent by 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb to RRD for the approval.</li> <li>▪ Once the model will be settled, the other agencies will develop/revise their respective section accordingly</li> <li>▪ RRD will revise the functions</li> </ul>

		local level, is still to be clarified. The handbook is not meant to define role/responsibilities of offices and departments, but to identify necessary steps to improve the system.	
6	Update on status of processing the new MAPDRR by UNDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The second Task Force meeting on the new MAPDRR was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2017.</li> <li>Vision has been defined. 6 targets to be reached in 2030 have been formulated with respective indicators: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Substantially reduce disaster mortality</li> <li>Substantially reduce the number of people directly affected by a disaster</li> <li>Reduce direct disaster economic loss in relation to GDP of Myanmar</li> <li>Substantially reduce disaster damage to critical infrastructure and basic services including health and education facilities</li> <li>Substantially increase access to multi-hazard early warning systems and improve local disaster preparedness</li> <li>Substantially increased investment (Government, Private sector and Development Partners) on DRR</li> </ol> </li> <li>Indicators for targets 1,2,3,4 are mostly linked to response related aspects, while indicators for targets 5 and 6 are more focused on the preparedness and investments in DRR.</li> <li>Data are available for the majority of indicators, but it is hard to get data related to past events.</li> <li>There have been 4 technical consultations (1) assessing disaster and extreme events risk in Myanmar 2) strengthening DR governance to reduce &amp; manage disaster risk 3) mainstreaming DRR for resilient development in Myanmar 4) creating public awareness and enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response and resilient rehabilitation and reconstruction in Myanmar), one regional consultation in Delta region and one consultation with the private sector. A first list projects has been drafted.</li> <li>It has been suggested to promote sectorial plans. It will be done in the following phase.</li> <li>DRR working group members expressed their concern about the fact that climate change has not been sufficiently considered.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FAO will share its new methodology for DRR data collection</li> <li>Regional Consultation on the new MAPDRR in Mandalay, 2-3 February</li> <li>UNICEF will hold a pre-meeting in Mandalay about inclusiveness</li> <li>By the end of February, the list of project will be reviewed.</li> <li>Zero draft of new MAPDRR is expected to be done by the end of March-beginning of April.</li> </ul>
7	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BBC media action developed a video to be used by facilitators and community leaders as guidelines on community preparedness. It includes 4 real stories from 77 people interviewed. The video will be</li> </ul>	

		<p>available on Youtube.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school construction guide from the school construction sub-working group has been drafted. It will be finalized by the second week of February.</li> </ul>	
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