

DRR-WG Meeting
20th November, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Venue: Conference Hall, UNICEF
Chaired by: Daw Lat Lat Aye, UNDP

Time: 15:00 – 17:00 pm

Sr.	Agenda	Discussions	Action Points
1	Introduction of the participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting was started with a brief introduction of the participants. 28 participants from 22 organizations were in the meeting. ▪ UNDP introduced the agenda. 	
2	Review of last Meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UNDP shared and reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. ▪ U Aung Min from Share Mercy suggested to add the point that Permanent Secretary requested DRR WG collaboration in Township Disaster Preparedness Plan at Hinthada and some local agencies agreed to collaborate. ▪ Meeting minutes is endorsed. 	Upload previous meeting minutes has on MIMU website.
3	Brainstorming: how to improve Early Warning Communication to village communities. Feedbacks from Lesson Learnt Workshop on flood (24 Sept).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ OCHA organized lessons learned workshop in late Sept 2015. One suggestion is DRR WG should support for improving early warning communications to the villages and communities. ▪ DRR WG members agreed to start with compiling the available research on EWS and the recommendations, aiming to share to the focal departments and to support for implementation. ▪ Hind (UNDP/UNV) volunteered for compiling the existing EW related research and recommendations and will present it to DRR WG. 	UNDP will collect information from other members on EW systems. This information could be studies, assessment, etc. This will be compiled and recommendations will be presented and discussed in the next DRR WG meeting. The recommendations, once agreed, will be proposed to DMH office.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The discussions on EWS in the DRR WG meeting cover the followings; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Malteser and JICA have already done an assessment on EWS and will share it with the Group. ▪ One important question is related to the effectivity of social media in the dissemination of EW messages. How this could be improved for communities? What could be suggested by the Group? ▪ At local level, messages are difficult to understand. How can we improve this? ▪ Suggestions were made that audiovisual materials such as photos, movie and map could help communities to understand EW messages. ▪ Improvements of the message should include information on the speed of the storms and hurricanes. ▪ Need to engage with service providers for instance; Ooredoo, Telenor and MPT to improve early warning message. ▪ Use of advance technology in the daily weather forecast should also be considered (more visualization). ▪ Need to study other way than social media for people that are not connect to them – and mostly in the vulnerable areas. ▪ Very important for the EWS, a public awareness strategy will be shared soon by UNDP for a review by the Group members. 	
4	Update on Myanmar Disaster Loss and Damage Database.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UNDP shared update on Disaster Loss and Damage database. This database covers past 15 to 20-year disasters. ▪ Small scale disaster are more difficult to include as data are less available in government archives. ▪ RRD already introduced information on last floods in the database. 	
5	Updating Standing Order (2009)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UNDP shared the status about update on Standing Order (2009). Two consultants (national and international) will be hired for the review. ▪ This review is needed as the Standing Order is not specific about the 	To review DRR law

		<p>actions to be undertaken in disaster management. So there is a need for more clarity on roles and functions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The DRRWG would support the RRD in this review, in collaboration with the consultants. ▪ The setting of the new government should not put this work on the side because the new monsoon season is coming. It is important to be ready and get a document to propose to the government. ▪ Participants pointed out that DM law are weak for EWS. ▪ 5 townships institutional assessments were conducted. A report on the findings should be done by UNICEF. 	
6	Update on Social Innovation weekend on DRR by UNICEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UNICEF will be launching Social Innovation at MICT Park. Mostly youth and IT technicians will be involved in the event. DRR WG members are very much welcome to the events. ▪ This event is being supported by a strong motivation coming from youth people and their interest in natural disaster, especially since last floods. 	
7	Organizing pilot coordination consultant workshop of National NGOs/CSOs at NPT.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participants suggested to use National Non-Governmental Organization (NNGO) rather than Local Non-Governmental Organization (LNGO). ▪ LNGOs/NNGOs had a meeting on World humanitarian Summit on 14th November at Local Resource Centre, Yangon. ▪ Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC) is collecting information and assessments from LNGOs and CSOs for their database system. ▪ CDA requested assistance for the organization of a meeting in Nay Pyi Taw that will help to bring NGOs/CSOs from other parts and focused on disaster preparedness. This meeting will help these organizations to link with the government. 	<p>DRR WG members who joined the meeting will share the minutes with other WG members.</p> <p>To update and finalize TTF</p>
8	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One DRR WG member based in Palewa (Chin) has presented their floods response activities to the meeting. ▪ 142 houses were damaged during last floods in Palewa Township. ▪ Only 20 out of 142 were renovated due to funds available. They requested DRR WG members to support funds for recovery or 	

		<p>reconstruction the rest damaged houses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Workshop on Disaster Management will be held in Bangkok next week. AAM will be attending the workshop requested the members to share DRR related documents for the presentation to the workshop in Bangkok. ▪ DTMC will be launched on 4th of December. Invitation to the DRR WG will be sent very soon. ▪ Meeting on CBDRR in Nay Pyi Taw on 27th of November. 	
9	Next DRR WG meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Next DRR WG meeting will take place on 15th December and focused on the compilation of EWS information. 	Venue will be notified soon.

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