

**DRR-WG Meeting
Meeting Minutes
30th November 2018**



Venue: U Thant Conference Room, UNDP

Chaired by: Martin Cosier, UNDP

Time: 15:00 – 17:00

Sr.	Agenda	Discussions	Action Points
1	Introduction of the DRR WG members		
2	Reflections on IDDR activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Naypyitaw outreach event was organized with a very short notice and the time is limited for the agencies to have a proper preparation. Logistic arrangements were unclear till the very end. It has been highlighted how to reach communities in an effective way, it is important to have more local events. The outreach event in Naypyitaw didn't attract a lot of NGOs. While for the outreach event organized last year, there were more organizations' participating, this year there were only around 9 or 10. <p><u>Key recommendations for next year event from DRRWG members:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Adequate notice and clarity on the logistic arrangements for the outreach event is needed to allow proper preparations to participating agencies It is important to organize more local events to reach out communities in a more effective way, including high-level state/regional event with some organizations taking the lead in single states/regions Customize the IEC materials to make them more relevant to local contexts, considering different local disaster risks Associate the main event with other activities would attract people and make the messaging more effective (for ex: UNICEF organized in Rakhine a mangroves replantation) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNDP will circulate the minutes to collect the feedback of other agencies.

3	UNDP early recovery work in Mon State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNDP received a small grant following the recent flood in the country from the Crisis Response Unit, that is a UNDP internal mechanism in response to crises and disasters, to undertake early recovery interventions in the country. • One township has been identified in Mon State, Kyakmaraw. The selected township was among the most affected ones and it was not reached by many organizations in the aftermath of the flood. • After consultations with local authorities (at state and township level), the main interventions that were identified as priorities were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dredging work in canals and rivers. The flood has caused strong sedimentation. The local government already started the dredging for 15 rivers (in total in the township there are 45 rivers and canals). UNDP will complement the work initiated by the government with additional 5 rivers to be dredged associating this activities with cash for work programme, benefiting around 1000 people. 2. Fuel voucher distribution. To recover the damaged rice paddy the government has distributed seeds to be replanted. To assure enough water will be available to sustain the harvesting cycle of the replanted paddy, UNDP will distribute fuel vouchers to affected farmers who had replanted the rice paddy to complement government intervention. A total of 1500 farmer will be targeted. • The early recovery interventions are linked with the current project “Building Capacities for Resilient Recovery”. A training on recovery, which includes a PDNA simulation exercise and a recovery planning workshop is planned in the end of January 2019. During the recovery planning workshop, the main goal is to develop a recovery plan for Mon State that will help in identifying recovery priorities and mobilize resources. • It is important to collect and provide feedback to the government to implement better and more effective recovery interventions (e.g.: consider appropriate time for replanting seeds) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
4	Discussion on DRR WG in 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DRRWG members highlighted how there is a need to rethink the structure of the DRRWG. The DRRWG strategy will end in 2018 and there has been no meeting of the Steering Committee (SC) for long time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Aa validation of active members of the DRRWG will be

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Even the Task Force have not been some much active. For example, the Policy Task Force was mostly active on an ad hoc basis, while the Awareness raising task force was not very involved in the IDDR. • It is important to get clarity on the government intentions to create a DRR platform in the country in order not to create parallel mechanisms • An important step to do is to map the current members of the DRRWG as many members are not very active. • It is important to re-organize the structure to make it less heavy and aligned to MAPDRR, clarifying the relation with the MAPDRR SC and the DACU. • Members highlighted the importance of keeping the DRRWG independent and not integrated into government mechanisms. • Climate Change should be an integral part of the DRRWG. 	<p>undertaken by the chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meeting of the Steering Committee will be organized in January ▪ After that meeting, a whole DRRWG meeting will be organized to brainstorm about the future of the group.
5	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCHA Asia and Pacific Office is launching the disaster response and preparedness guidebook. It is meant for government officials and other partners involved in DRM to provide assistance to affected communities. This is the second edition, the first one was launched in 2013. • The Myanmar Climate Change Alliance it is a five years programme implemented by UN-HABITAT and UNEP. The programme ended last month and 6 policy papers have been produced. • Under Action Aid consortium the business community will be to experiment their disaster readiness. Discussion will be organized next week. • IOM recently finished camp management training in Rakhine state for monasteries, since they function as gathering points for people. In few months they are expecting to come up with recommendations 	

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