



Minutes

Myanmar EiE Sector Coordination Meeting

Tuesday 20th November 2018

- **Venue:** UNICEF office, meeting room 2
- **Time:** 3 pm – 5 pm
- **Chaired by:** Elisa Radisone, EiE Sector Coordinator
- **Participants:** Action Aid, Community and Family Services International, European Union, Finn Church Aid, Global Family, Norwegian Refugee Council, Save the Children, UNICEF, PLAN, Terre des Hommes Italy, Triangle, People in Need, Altoglobal Consultants

Item	Action
<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Literature review on Education in Emergencies in Myanmar commissioned by Porticus (philanthropic organization) followed by Q&A session with partners:</p> <p>Andrea Costa and Catherine Johnston (Altoglobal Consulting) are undertaking a study for Porticus, a philanthropic foundation. The study aims to identify unmet needs and opportunities of displaced learners in priority countries in Asia, including Myanmar. A future funding commitment to education for displaced learners is expected to follow. Andrea and Catherine presented some initial findings of their initial literature review and engaged with partners in a Q&A session to better understand current EIE programmes, needs and opportunities that exist for support in the near future. Following the finalization of a country analysis, based on the desk review as well as on the findings of field visits and interviews with partners, the consultants will provide recommendations aimed at informing Porticus strategy for possible EiE investments in Myanmar. The external facing version of the country profile will be shared with EiE Sector partners, while the internal facing report is meant to serve to Porticus board for decision making. Timeline for the country profile report is December/January.</p>	<p>Elisa to share the country profile report developed by Altoglobal consulting with EIE Sector partners when received (by mid January)</p> <p>Altoglobal to keep EiE Sector partners informed on any decision made by Porticus that may be relevant to EiE programming in Myanmar</p>
<p>EiE Updates National level – Elisa</p> <p>Closure of Camps: No common position from HCT. The protection cluster alerted us that Education officials have conducted assessments in Myebon Camp (one of the camps set for closure) and have started the construction of 2 permanent schools in areas that communities deem unfit for education facilities as prone to flooding. As a sector, we need to identify a common position as MoE/SED may request partners' support as part of relocation or permanent structures construction in camp-like settings and we need to be pro-active at agreeing on red lines for the Sector. We also need to identify avenues for advocacy to ensure that communities are consulted upon, prior any decision that relates to Education service provision in camps or camp-like settings.</p>	<p>Meeting on EiE Sector Camp closure position on Tuesday 12^h December from 2 to 5 pm – Yangon, venue TBC</p>

WASH and Protection Clusters are drafting their sector-specific position paper on this. Back in June we developed a brief document 'EiE Sector position on Camps closure', ahead of the first Camp Closure workshop on 2nd June. The paper mostly laid its foundations on the EIE Sector Advocacy strategy and the Sector focus on facilitating MoE ownership of any EIE response. Given recent developments, the document could possibly be revised and further elaborated.

Sector partners agreed that, despite organization may have divergent opinions, this discussion should take place before the end of the year.

- **Alignment with Education Development Partners:** the Sector is working with Education Development Partners to finalize a draft list of Common Messages focusing on Education in Rakhine to ensure that EiE partners, Donors and UN agencies use common messages in our engagement with MoE at all levels. The draft messages will be further discussed during the next EiE sector meeting.
- **Verification, Coordination and Planning exercise:** During the EIE Sector meeting in September, hosted by MoE in NPT, the DG of Basic Education expressed MoE intention to conduct a verification exercise of all the names of volunteer teachers supported by partners versus the ones supported by MoE/SED across Rakhine, to ensure no overlap existed. EIE Sector partners in Rakhine agreed that the Sector needed to take a pro active role in this process and we have moved forward conversations on this exercise. We are aiming at using this opportunity to broaden the discussion to coordination and joint planning, including advocacy for next steps in MoE take-over of running costs of TLSs. Draft Terms of Reference and an agenda for the exercise will be discussed with the DG in NPT during the week of 26th November.
- **Increase of volunteer teachers incentives:** The sudden increase of the incentives paid to volunteer teachers recruited by MoE/SED has had serious repercussions and disappointment for the volunteer teachers paid by NGOs. The partners affected by this are LWF, SC and PLAN plus UNICEF as a programme partner. We have led discussions on this both at Sittwe and Yangon level and agreed that a phased approach will be taken forward. Partners are currently exploring internal and external resources to assess the feasibility of an increase to start from Dec or during Q1 of 2019. Partners interested in applying for MHF funding and those affected by the increase had a side meeting that followed the EIE Sector meeting.
- **Repatriation process update:** On 15 November, the Government of Bangladesh announced that the repatriation would commence at 14.00 hrs on 15 November. An estimated 200 people, including authorities, media entities as well as refugees were assembled in Camp 22 (Unchiprang). A series of buses, with drivers onboard were present, as well as food packages, with all indications that the GoB was prepared to proceed with the return. An impromptu statement was made by the Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner (RRRC), noting that buses are present, Bangladesh is ready, but that no forcible returns would take place. A small peaceful demonstration took place within the camp, with the group expressing their concerns. There were no indications of any forced repatriation, with all six buses departing at 17.00 hrs without any refugees on board. Situation had returned to calm in the camp in the evening. According to the latest information from Bangladesh, the return is reportedly put on hold and GoB is awaiting new suggestions for ways forward.

Elisa to present the Common Messages in the next Sector meeting

Elisa and UNICEF colleagues to follow up the conversations with DG DBE and finalize the draft TOR and Agenda, plus setting up a date for the verification exercise

Briefing on volunteer teachers incentives circulated to key partners and EDPCG Rakhine Task Force (donors and UN agencies supporting Education)

EiE Updates – Rakhine (Access/security / key meetings / key programmatic highlights) – SC

- **Overall Programmatic updates:** Approximately 120 TLC with 22,000 students continue to function with EiE sector partners’ assistance in Rakhine. As of Q3 2018, average % of children in TLC in IDP camps (and some host community as per CCCM list) who attend more than 75% of school days per month was 83%. TLC in 15 out of 20 locations are reported to have pupil teacher ratio of below 1:40. This was not in the case in 5 IDP locations (KNP and NC2 in Pauktaw - 1:52 and 1:42, TKP Host 1:42, and in Maw Ti Ngar and Ohn Taw Chay, EiE sector partner reported very high PTR (1:114 and 1:61).
- **EiE sector partner reported the progress against the camp improvement document as follows:** Rehabilitation - retrofitting against adverse weather conditions and refurbishing of existing Temporary Learning Classrooms (TLCs) in IDP camps – in coordination with WASH Cluster partners to improve WASH facilities in TLCs Total Funding Need by sector - Education (IDP Camp Only): Est. 320,000 USD
 - 11 TLC have been rehabilitated and reconstructed in 3 IDP camps in Sittwe (USD 10,468): 5 TLC rehabilitated incl. some retrofitting and 5 TLC reconstructed in Ohn Taw Gyi South and North IDP camps. 1 TLC in Say Tha Ma Gyi camp has been rehabilitated. Retrofitting of 2 TLC in Sin Gyi Pyin village in Minbya has also been conducted (USD 1,200).
 - Small scale retrofitting of 52 TLC is planned in 8 IDP camps (Khaung Doke Khar 2, Ohn Taw Chay, Set Roe Kya 1, Phwe Yar Kone, Thet Kae Pyin, Maw Thi Nyar, Baw Du Pha 1 and 2) and 4 host villages (Basare, Pa Lin Pyin, Thet Kae Pyin, Baw Du Pha, 2 IDP camps (Kyein Ni Pyin, Sin Tet Maw) and 1 host village (Sin Tet Maw) in Pauktaw during the period of November 2018 – January 2019 (Est. USD 12,500)
- **Learning Lab on quality** postponed to Q1 2019, explore the opportunity to tap in organizations’ quality-focused capacity building programmes.
- **Quality benchmarks/Standard** finalization will take place on 29th November in Sittwe during the EiE Sector meeting 1-3 pm
- National level request made to MoE to appoint **EiE focal point at SED** in Rakhine after the retirement of SED focal person in 2017 – to be followed up

EiE Updates – Kachin (Access/security / key meetings / key programmatic highlights) – UNICEF

See attached EiE Kachin Sector meeting minutes.

EiE Updates – Shan (Access/security / key meetings / key programmatic highlights) – NRC

Access

Access for project interventions in Norther-Shan State is stable, no serious issues identified.

Security

-On 13th November, 2018, the civilian people from three villages in Kut Khai township fled to Na Gi village because of the presence of MMDAA and Myanmar Military in those villages.
 -On 15th November 2018, armed conflict in Bin Nai Village, around 30 miles from Lashio. Over 200 civilians have been displaced by the conflict and accommodated at Bin Nai Buddhist monastery;

<p>Key programmatic highlights – NRC: Ongoing activities including TLS construction/ school rehabilitation, Mobile Life Skills Training/ Emergency school supplies distribution / School in a box distribution / Cash grants to students</p> <p>Key Programmatic updates from Metta: 45 paid volunteer teachers are assigned in camps as children’s study guides and 20 ECCD teachers appointed; School kits distributed in 23 camps; 2 camps were supported with furniture; one KG building fenced with bamboo was constructed for KG at Zup Aung camp; 17 camps were supported with Game boxes. DRR training planned to be provided at schools that are hosting IDPs.</p>	
<p>EiE Updates - Flood response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kayin State Education Office received almost all the requested budget for flood response (around 75,000 USD) from DBE, Nataka (DBA) and from State Government. • Organizations continue implementing projects relating to school renovations and learning equipments (NRC, Malteser, SC) • An increased focus is being addressed to Disaster Risk Reduction (ADRA/UNICEF) • An EiE update will be included in the ESCG meeting in Kayin planned during the second week of December 	
<p>AOB, date of the next EiE sector meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sittwe EiE Sector meeting will take place tomorrow, Thursday 29th November, at UNICEF office from 1 to 3 pm - Discussion on EiE position on camp Closure, Wednesday 12th December 2-5 pm, Yangon, venue TBC. Kindly confirm your attendance – discussion for the first hour 2-3 is open to those donors that are interested in participating. - Co-chaired EiE National level Sector meeting in December date TBC – pending verification, coordination and planning workshop in Sittwe. If the verification exercise in Sittwe is confirmed for December, Daw Cho Cho Win will be invited to attend the exercise therefore the quarterly co-chaired EiE sector meeting will likely be postponed to January or February. More information on this to follow. - Note that the Kachin and Northern Shan Learning Labs on standardization are postponed to January/February due to clashes in schedules of sub-national coordinators. Dates will be confirmed. - Shan and Kachin EiE Sector meeting will take place in January and February, dates to be confirmed. You will receive exact dates from KMT for Kachin and NRC/Metta colleagues for Shan. 	