



Myanmar EiE Sector Coordination

Meeting Minutes

Date: 28th February 2018

Venue: Plan Myanmar Office

Time: 3 pm – 5 pm EiE Sector Coordination meeting

Chaired by: EiE Sector Coordinator Elisa Radisone

Agenda:

Item	Lead	Duration
Welcome and Introductions	Sector Coordinator	5 min
Review of previous meeting minutes and action points	Sector Coordinator	15 min
Humanitarian Updates – Rakhine (Access/security / key meetings / key programmatic highlights)	All	5 min
Humanitarian Updates – Kachin (Access/security / key meetings / key programmatic highlights)	All	5 min
Humanitarian Updates – Shan Access/security / key meetings / key programmatic highlights)	All	5 min
Education Sector Management Tool roll-out process - Q&A	Sector Coordinator / All	10 min
Adolescent Workshop 19 th and 20 th February: key highlights and next steps	Sector Coordinator	20 min
Discussion on post-primary opportunities linked to adolescent programming	All	
EiE Sector Strategy process - Update	Sector Coordinator	40 min
Presentation, discussion and validation of Strategy Objectives, Workplan 2018 and EiE Sector Terms of Reference		
AOB	All	10 min
Closure and confirmation of March EiE Sector meeting date	Sector Coordinator	5 min

Minutes and Action Points:

Action points of the previous meeting reviewed – outstanding action points have been included in the notes below:

- Final adjustment to the ESMT tool was done and the final version has been circulated to Sector partners. A number of ESMT training sessions were organized in Yangon, Kachin and Rakhine. A walkthrough document has been developed and a u-tube video to guide partners in compilation. A working session has been organized on 5th of March at SC office. The first round of completion is due by 10th of April; ESMT data directly links with HRP reporting. HRP reporting will be between June and July.

ACTION Point 1 (outstanding) Sector Coordinator to follow up with ADRA and Plan on cash based intervention in EiE programming.

- EiE Sector Coordinator initiated engagement with Protection, SGBV and WASH sector/cluster coordinators.
- EiE Sector coordinator attended an Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) meeting on 23rd February. HCT-ICCG coordination issues have been discussed and OCHA will engage with HCT co-chairs to discuss options around more ICCG representation at HCT meetings. The ICCG brainstormed on some possible themes/sub-themes that could be prioritized action streams for 2018, including: gender mainstreaming in humanitarian action, operationalization of the Centrality of Protection, community engagement and accountability, HCT level decision to support sectors' strategy and consistency, young people (adolescent and youth programming), cash and market based programming, information management, early recovery and Kachin – NSS as priority areas of focus.
- The development of the EiE library of resources is in progress. Key documents will be sent to MIMU and uploaded on a google drive doc.
- The possibility of including EiE sector partners contact list and compiled ESMT on MIMU was discussed. Some partners may not be willing to share this level of details. Information sharing issues will be further discussed.

ACTION Point 2: EiE Sector Coordinator to develop an information sharing document to be shared with partners for discussion

- EiE Sector Coordinator contacted Myanmar Education Consortium to schedule a meeting and discuss engagement in Kachin (linkages with KED around specific on EiE provision for displaced populations) – a meeting will be scheduled during the week of 12th March

ACTION Point 3 (outstanding): EiE Sector Coordinator to schedule appointment with Lene Andresen (MEC Director of Partnership) during the week of 12th March

ACTION Point 4 (outstanding): EiE Sector Coordinator will schedule a meeting with the DRR and Cash WGs in March

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

- Exams are ongoing, supported by operational partners and TEOs;
- Some partners are planning to keep TLCs open during Summer Break;
- Sector has received reports (unconfirmed) about Muslim children being separated from Rakhine children during examinations;
- Children studying in Sittwe but coming from Pauktaw IDP camps are facing challenges to return back to Pauktaw during school break due to tightened security control
- Northern Rakhine: UNICEF is requesting updates from SED on the number of schools that are operational.
- New EiE operational partners in Rakhine: MAUK and Kintha, will be encouraged to attend EiE Sector meetings (national and sub-national level) to ensure alignment and coordination

- Unconfirmed report by at least one implementing partner about fees being requested to partners by local authorities to cover for their support in the examination process (on top of the already agreed costs such as transport)
Action Point 5: EiE Sector Coordinator to discuss this with Sub-National level coordinators (UNICEF and SC) for further discussion in Rakhine
- Plan reported that DRR WG has developed a standard kit for emergency preparedness
Action Point 6: Plan to share the emergency preparedness kit developed by DRR WG
- Recruitment of volunteer teachers in IDP camps was also discussed. Last year, SED provided recruitment application forms to all teachers but they maintained the teachers previously recruited. As for this year, the expectation is that GoM will continue paying the same teachers though the officials said that they will do a recruitment.
- Differences in salaries of volunteer teachers paid by partners and those paid by Gvt is also an issue and creates tensions (monthly rate is different, although those teachers that are paid by the Government receive incentives once per year only).
- The issue of textbook and uniforms discussed. Last year 20-30% of students received textbooks and it was limited to English and Myanmar, not to other subjects.
- It is important to harmonize the response with the education sector annual planning and budgeting processes. Our colleagues in Sittwe have been doing this for the past years, but this also needs to be supported from Union level. Challenges in understanding accountability and decision-making levels continue to persist (SED level versus MOE level)
Action Point 7: These issues (recruitment of teachers, salaries and textbooks) will be further discussed at the sub-national level in Sittwe.
Action Point 8: EiE sector coordinator will request an official meeting with the EiE focal point within MoE. Realistically the first meeting will be a courtesy call to strengthen the engagement with MoE and an offer from the EiE Sector to support MoE efforts to support EiE programming, including emergency preparedness and response.

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

- Access continued to be an issue, having severe impact on quality of education.
- In 2017-18, even access to GCA such as Ta Naing and Hpakant areas became restricted due to the escalation of armed conflict around the area. This has impacted also the provision of education in Government schools, including the delivery of learning materials and text books provided by government for the 2017-18 academic year.
- Recent armed conflict has resulted in mining of roads and bridges around Sum Pra Bum area. This has severely impacted market prices, with an increase in food and goods prices. If this situation continues to worsen, it will impact education-related access and costs (both for IDPs and non-IDP children) in Putao and Sum Pra Bum area, as they are both in the hard-to-reach criteria.
Action point 9: EiE Sector Coordinator will be in MYT on 5th, 6th and 7th March to facilitate the EiE Kachin Strategic planning workshop.

Humanitarian Updates – Shan Access/security / key meetings / key programmatic highlights)

- There is no sub-national coordinator for Northern Shan. So far, FCA has been providing HRP-related information (through their partner Metta) but they are looking at reducing their geographical focus. ADRA and NRC are also operational in NSS - if organizations have representatives in Yangon, we can explore the possibility of having Shan-focused meetings in Yangon.
Action Point 10: EiE Sector Coordinator to liaise with Shan-focused NGOs and identify potential opportunities to strengthen EiE coordination for NSS

Education Sector Management Tool (ESMT) roll-out process - Q&A

- On 5th of March another training session on ESMT will be provided at SC office, partners are encouraged to attend and bring their laptops with them as this is meant to be a practical session.

Adolescent Workshop 19th and 20th February: key highlights and next steps

- On 19th and 20th February, an inter-sectoral adolescent workshop was organized in Yangon and some EiE-partners participated and presented their youth/adolescent programming.
- Adolescent programming and access to EiE opportunities for this age group remains a big gap in the response. Last year the reach for this age group was extremely low.
- Innovative post-primary opportunities linked to adolescent programming were discussed. Some related to the discussions facilitated by Jane last year during the design of a possible second round of ECW project proposal.
- Some of the opportunities discussed included strengthening vocational training opportunities through increased linkages with the Food/livelihood working group, introducing bursary schemes/grants for IDP children to attend post-primary opportunities in formal schools, possibility of contextualizing the UNICEF up-shift programme.
- During the adolescent workshop the idea of developing Tablet applications that can support access to post-primary non formal opportunities (ie. Myanmar or English language classes) was also suggested as one of the main challenges is to identify strong facilitators that can support non-formal training opportunities for young people.
- Workshop participants agreed to advocate with ICCG to ensure that more focus is given to adolescent programming.

Action point 11: EiE Sector Coordinator to continue the engagement with CP sector and move forward the discussion on strengthening adolescent programming with the EiE Sector partners

Action point 12: CP Sector Coordinator and EiE Sector Coordinator to discuss with ICCG options to strengthen the focus on adolescent programming (cross-sectoral)

EiE Sector Strategy process - Update

- The EiE Sector Coordinator presented the draft Strategy Objectives, Workplan 2018 and EiE Sector Terms of Reference to participants. Inputs well noted
- The wording 'crisis affected' discussed and agreed that it includes both man-made and natural disasters – a definition will be included. Conflict-sensitivity also needs to be included among objectives.
Action Point 13: EiE sector coordinator to incorporate partners' comments in the draft documents for discussion at the Kachin EiE Strategic Planning Meeting and subsequent finalization
- Engagement with donors (included in workplan) - can be quarterly but not in the form of a working group. EiE Sector coordinator had discussed the option of having an EiE discussion over breakfast as to update them on Sector challenges and advocacy messaging.
Action Point 14: EiE Sector coordinator to meet with other donors possibly interested in EiE (incl. EU, WV, Scandinavian donors) and organize the first EiE breakfast meeting (after water festival)
- CP and EiE Sector Coordinators have been discussing the possibility to combine the next EiE/CP working group meetings for March, as to discuss alignment between the two sectors, also in the framework of emergency preparedness.
Action Point 15: EiE Sector coordinator to discuss with CP Sector coordinator and identify date
- EiE Sector Coordinator presented the Sector Terms of Reference to partners. These will be amended based on the discussion, incorporated in the strategy and shared for further comments.

AOB

- Repatriation from Bangladesh was discussed – GoM has set-up repatriation/transition camps but no refugee has so far filled in return forms.
- A half-day retreat will be organized with the partners to discuss quality (prior Water Festival, if feasible), as discussed at the Yangon EiE Sector Strategic Planning Workshop. EiE sector is looking at developing a one pager on minimum quality standards for EiE in the current context Myanmar. Plan mentioned that a tool on 'school inspection' is being used by SED/TEOs.

Action point 16: EiE sector coordinator to request for a copy of the school inspection form from partners working in Education (development)