



# Minutes of Myanmar Language Information Management Network Meeting

26<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 2PM MMT, online via Zoom

## Agenda

1. Mainstreaming Gender into Data Collection and Analysis – *Presented by MDO (UNDP)*
2. MIMU Pcode Version 9.4 – *Presented by MIMU*
3. Updates on Sector/Cluster/Agency Initiatives
4. AOB and other discussions

## Attendance

Chair: Ei Ei Thein (MIMU)

Participants: BRAC MM, Cesvi, CAM, DRC, FRC, HAI, ICRC, ILO, JOICFP, KMSS, MC, MSU, MA-UK, MIMU, NRC, PUI, SMDO, SHCDO, HALO, UN Women, UNDP, UN-Habitat, UNICEF, UNODC, WV, YFS (38 participants from 25 organisations)

### 1. Mainstreaming Gender into Data Collection and Analysis – *Presented by MDO (UNDP)*

The Myanmar Development Observatory (MDO) operates under the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to conduct research aimed at Myanmar's development. It focuses on three main pillars: Socio-economics, SDGs, and Conflict, while also cross-examining Environment, Gender, and Human Rights.

In terms of gender mainstreaming, MDO employs a range of methodologies including gender disaggregated data, gender-specific data, and women-focused studies. In the category of gender-disaggregated data, only Male and Female categories are analyzed due to low response rates for other gender identities. Several reports have been published in this context:

The People Pulse Survey and the Impact of the Twin Crises on Human Welfare in Myanmar: These reports delve into the effects of Myanmar's political coup on household livelihoods, poverty, and gender disparities at urban, rural, and national levels.

A Survey of Garment Workers and Firms and Past Trends of Human Well-being and a Future Outlook: These studies focus on the living conditions of garment factory employees and make projections for future living conditions in Myanmar based on historical data.

A separate section of the questionnaire is dedicated to women-specific issues such as barriers to work due to caregiving responsibilities, gender-based violence, and access to health services. Notable reports include the Urban Resilience Survey, a joint initiative by UNDP and UN Women.

The report "Regressing Gender Equality in Myanmar", another collaborative effort between UNDP and UN Women, is solely focused on women's issues. More than 2,200 women aged 18 and over were interviewed for this study, which sheds light on the hardships faced by women during the twin crisis period in Myanmar.

Beginning in 2021, 15 other UN agencies, including UNDP, have been working on indicators for 17 SDGs. Currently, data collection for nine goals has been implemented. Gender-related indicators have been particularly emphasized.

### 2. MIMU Pcode Version 9.4 – *Presented by MIMU*

MIMU Pcode is a unique location identifier system that has been in use since 2008. It serves as a comprehensive index system that allows for the easy exchange, combination, and comparison of locale-specific information. The (MMR Group) IM Network Meeting Minutes

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administrative structure of Myanmar can be mapped in detail through Pcodes. This includes various levels like State, Region, Union Territory, and Self-Administrative Division/Zone. The system has codes defined for the Country, State, Region, and so on. A detailed map was presented which helps to understand this hierarchical structuring.

The main application of MIMU Pcodes involves spelling standardization for local place names. Changes at different admin levels are regularly updated from Pcodes version to version. The updating process and the criteria for these changes are presented.

The key information updates in the new version of Pcodes includes Status and Change Type. It's noteworthy that 79% of more than 66,000 villages in database can be been mapped, a fact which is visually represented. Agencies can provide their observations to update the PCode through the PCode Request Form, which contains specific fields that need to be filled out. Understanding how to use and interpret PCode products is presented through the resources available on the website.

### 3. Updates on Sector/Cluster/Agency Initiatives

**WASH:** The Mid-Year Report will be finalized and submitted to OCHA by the 31st of the month. In addition to the standard indicators, Mocha-specific indicators are also prepared. Activity Info is in place for a common reporting system across the entire cluster. A new coordinator for Nutrition will be taking on the role soon, and the HRP report is currently being prepared.

**MIMU:** Data collection for 5W will commence on August 8, and there are impending changes in the Sub-sectors of the Nutrition Sector. The interpretation and definitions of 292 indicators from the Baseline Dataset are being put together into a Meta data file, including details about the source and year of data collection, will be released shortly. Assessment / Publication Tracking data is in the process of being gathered with a deadline set for August 2nd, after which the Dashboard will be updated. Concurrently, village-level maps are being updated in accordance with PCode version 9.4. GIS Basic Mapping Training was conducted last week, and Intermediate QGIS Training is being planned. Next week, application for that training will open for individuals who have completed the basic course.

### 4. AOB and other discussions

The next meeting will be on September 27<sup>th</sup> 2023.

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