

Information Management Network Meeting - Myanmar Language Group – 26 May 2021

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Participants - NRC, MHAA, World Vision Myanmar, UNOPS, INGO Forum, Ipas, Burnet Institute Myanmar, UNICEF, VNG International, Peace Corps/Myanmar, The Union, Samaritan's Purse, UNODC, The Leprosy Mission Myanmar, Myanmar Health Assistant Association, Peace Corps Myanmar, GRET Myanmar, CARE International Myanmar, The Lutheran World Federation, DRC/DDG, Community Partners International, AFXB Myanmar, American Refugee Committee@ALIGHT, UNFPA, Karen Women Empowerment Group (KWE), Malteser International, UN-Habitat, Community Partners International, UNHCR, UNOCHA, Michigan State University, MIMU (32 agencies)

1 Introducing the IM Network Meeting in Myanmar Language – *Ei Ei Thein, MIMU*

The purpose of the Information Management Network is to strengthen the quality of information for evidence-based and effective development and humanitarian policy, planning and managerial decisions through a coordinated approach that builds on relevant existing information systems. This is the Myanmar Inter-agency Information Management (Myanmar IM Network) meeting first ever done in Myanmar Language. MIMU has been facilitating IM Network meetings since 2013 but has only been able to do so in English language until now. These meetings in Myanmar language are conducted in order to discuss technical matters in a manner that is clearer and more open as well as to promote the better engagement of national staff from various organisations, CBOs and NGOs.

2 Changing source of drinking water in Myanmar (2014-2019) – *Moe Thinzar Hline, MIMU*

(Resources relating to this analytical brief such as reports, infographics, dashboard and datasets can be found on [MIMU Analysis – Drinking Water 2014-2019](#) page.)

MIMU developed an analytical brief on the subject of changing source of drinking water between 2014 and 2019 in Myanmar: the very first analytical brief. The importance of access to safe drinking water for everyone was explained as it was deemed a basic human right by the international community, unsafe drinking water is the cause of infectious diseases such as dysentery, diarrhea and cholera, malnutrition and has a long-term impact on health – estimated 842,000 people dying annually due to unsafe water. United Nations is also focusing on solving this issue and it is included in the Sustainable Development Goal as SDG Goal 6 Target 6.1.

This analytical brief was compiled based on 2014 Population and Housing Census, 2015-16 Myanmar Demographic and Health Survey, 2017 Myanmar Living Conditions Survey, and 2019 Intercensal Survey but only the 2019 Intercensal Survey has the wide-reaching data on safe drinking water. Because of the difference in methodologies between the four sources, the brief was developed based on the methodology from 2019 survey as the standard reference. Classifications of water sources as improved and unimproved water sources as well as further sub-categorisations were explained along with a brief overview of methodology. One important point is that improved water source does not necessarily means it is safe to drink. (Refer to the presentation for more details on this)

As for the tools, Microsoft Excel was used for data analysis and Tableau was used for data visualisation.

Some of the difficulties and limitations include the difference in level between four sources: some at states and regions level, some at district and some at township, and the inconsistent indicators across sources that made some indicators impossible to be included. Noteworthy findings include 82% of households now using

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| | <p>improved water sources, differences between rural and urban and across townships, comparison with international data, significant changes through 2014 to 2019, concerning high usage of unimproved water sources in Rakhine and Ayeyarwaddy, and unknown factors such as chemical contaminants.</p> <p>This MIMU analytical brief is highlighting the fact that a targeted approach that considers the wide diversity of drinking water sources will be needed to allow all of Myanmar's people access safer drinking water.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Emergency Preparedness Dashboard – Ei Ei Thein, MIMU</p> <p>(This dashboard can be found under the tab “Emergencies” as Emergency Response Dashboard)</p> <p>Recently released emergency preparedness dashboard aims to provide information to prepare for various natural disasters in Myanmar. It includes data down to the township level. The dashboard includes main sections concerning demographics and population, vulnerability, education, health, DRR, WASH (based on MIMU drinking water analysis), and 3W (Who/What/Where).</p> <p>The population numbers for 2021 are extrapolated based on data from the 2014 Housing and Population Census and the same numbers are also used throughout the whole dashboard for relevant sections requiring demographics data such as age groups and gender.</p> <p>The vulnerability dashboard is based on 2016 MIMU-HARP Vulnerability analysis and data on IDPs is drawn from the 2021 Humanitarian Response Programme (HRP) developed in last 2020.</p> <p>INFORM index data is also included for township level, providing a quantitative indicator for disaster risk level. (Get the INFORM data for Myanmar here.) Also, INFORM methodology was briefly discussed. Please take a look at this pdf for more details on INFORM methodology.</p> <p>Tableau was used to create the dashboard and there is a plan to conduct a training for Tableau.</p> |
| 4 | <p>Endorsement of IM Network Terms of Reference (Myanmar Language)</p> <p>The ToR of the Information Management Network was presented point-by-point.</p> <p>This ToR in Myanmar Language is a rough translation of the already endorsed IM Network ToR in English. Because of the nature of ToRs, this dynamic document will be adjusted on a regular basis to reflect the changing situations and this process will be made in the main IM Network meeting. It was suggested that the time interval to review and revise the ToR regularly must be properly defined in the document itself (e.g., 6 months, a year)</p> <p>There was also a suggestion from the audience to change the translation of the word “ToR”. It was suggested that agencies need some time to deliberate internally and inter-agency in order to endorse the Myanmar translation.</p> |
| 5 | <p>Updates on Sector/Cluster/Agency Initiatives</p> <p>The Lutheran World Federation Myanmar is currently doing an evaluation of its projects and the country program as a whole. There is also an ongoing rapid assessment of IDP situation in Chin state in cooperation with other organisations. Interested agencies are welcome to contact LWF for collaboration on that matter.</p> |

6 AOB and other discussions

This IM Network Meeting in Myanmar Language will initially be conducted at the last Wednesday of every month. Next meeting will be on June 30th 2021. MIMU webmapping MapX platform and MIMU Pcoder will be presented at the next meeting. Agencies are encouraged to present useful and relevant presentations to the IM Network and please contact ei.ei.thein@undp.org. MIMU is also planning a product calendar where products of agencies can be placed in a chronological format.

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