

# Minutes of Myanmar Language Information Management Network Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 2PM MMT, online via Zoom

#### Agenda

- 1. Upgraded MIMU Pcoder Presented by MIMU
- 2. MIMU 5W Updates Presented by MIMU
- 3. Updates on Sector/Cluster/Agency Initiatives
- 4. AOB and other discussions

#### **Attendance**

Chair: Ei Ei Thein (MIMU)

Participants: ACF, ARC, AMDA, CARE, CSI, Cesvi, DRremiC, EC, GEN, Ipas, Jhpiego, LWF, MAG, MEDG, MIMU, NAG,

UN-Habitat, UNRCO, WFP, WV, WF (26 participants from 21 organisations)

## 1. Upgraded MIMU Pcoder – Presented by MIMU

MIMU's Pcoder was upgraded to a newer version with the addition of more location coordinates at the town and village levels. Pcoder is a tool using with Microsoft Excel which can help you for matching place names (Township/Village Tract/Village) and inserting Place codes automatically according to the MIMU's Place Names and Codes. Pcoder is designed to be used in English and Myanmar languages. Pcoder was initially developed by an UNOCHA staff member from Nepal and MIMU has further developed it to work with MIMU Pcodes.

Background and technicalities before using Pcoder were presented and discussed, starting with the installation of the Pcoder. (More details on this step-by-step process can be found in the power point slides)

Further details on the changes in the latest version were discussed. Myanmar language can now be used to match the place names and for that, the user may also choose the preferred version of Pcodes. Another major feature is the ability to export the coordinates output from Pcoder into a compatible format for use in Google My Map.

## 2. MIMU 5W Updates – Presented by MIMU

Latest MIMU 5W Round was collected in August 2022 and some highlights from that were presented and discussed.

This round of MIMU 5W has 16 more reporting organisations compared to the previous round of March 2022. In the total of 225 reporting organisations, the most notable increases were found with INGOs (11 more) and MNGOs (5 more).

Since 2021, publicly available MIMU 5W data files do not contain organisational names and any other identifiable information. The reported data are also classified as either open or restricted and only those data with open tag are shared, exclusively with partners (organisations that reported 5W, coordination groups, and donors). In the previous rounds, restricted entries only consist about 10% but in this round, it was about 35%, mainly in the Agriculture sector, followed by Protection sector and Nutrition sector.

Products include usual products such as sector/cluster maps, 5W township dashboard and Village Tract Dashboard. This round introduces the Overview dashboard, replacing the overview narrative reports from previous rounds. Comparison Analysis Report will also be released as usual, featuring the comparison between August 2020, October 2021 and August 2022.

If your organisation would like to participate in MIMU's 5W exercise, please review the 5W guideline and use the data entry form on the MIMU 5W page. If you wish to request 5W data, you may use MIMU's Map and Data Request form using your organisational email. (if your organisational email happens to be a Gmail, please contact MIMU's Data Manager, Ei Ei Thein directly at <a href="mailto:ei.ei.thein@undp.org">ei.ei.thein@undp.org</a>) MIMU Dashboards (including the Overview Dashboards) were presented in further details, highlighting their features.

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

**MAG:** Mine Risk Education activities in Kachin, Shan (North), Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Rakhine and Tanintharyi. Baseline Survey is underway.

Care Myanmar: Humanitarian and development assistance activities in some camps and for host communities in Lashio, Shan (North), Rakhine, and Kayah. Some development projects as well as humanitarian assistance and emergency response activities also in Thanbyuzayat, and Mawlamyine townships in Mon State. Gender projects in Yangon and Mandalay particularly concerning GBV and Protection.

**WFP**: As IM activity of Food Security Cluster, quarterly 5W data has been collected for Q2 2022. Starting from July, monthly data collection also started. Monthly reports have been compiled as of August and data cleaning is now being done. Target setting is being done for 2023 Project Response Plan for Food Security Cluster.

**LWF**: Current project concerns with Livelihood, DRR, Shelter, and Social Cohesion, and will be concluded by the end of October. New project will deal with WASH and NFI.

**CSI**: Main activities are in Rakhine State with Buthidaung, and Rathedaung in Northern Rakhine State, and Sittwe, Kyauktaw, Maungdaw in Central Rakhine State. The main areas of implementation are WASH, Livelihood, Education, Nutrition, and Food Distribution.

MIMU: MIMU 5W products are being released gradually. After 5W releases, there are tentative plans for Advanced Excel and/or IM Workshop trainings in November. For IM Workshop, only members of the IM Network ENG and MMR groups will be invited. For Advanced Excel, only those who have completed either MIMU's Excel Distance Learning or IM Workshop will be invited. QGIS training has recently finished. MIMU Village Mapping exercise is currently underway with the support of field staff from partner agencies. The newly reported village coordinates will be updated in the Pcodes. Since only 78% of the villages have known coordinates, this exercise will improve the accuracy of the existing location coordinates and will add new coordinates for the previously unknown locations of villages.

#### 6. AOB and other discussions

The next meeting will be on November 26<sup>th</sup>. The main topic to discuss will be on Good Practices in Data Checking and Data Cleaning. **Participants are encouraged to prepare topics and materials to contribute to this discussion**. Please contact Ei Ei Thein (MIMU) if you have anything further to present or discuss.