Minutes of Myanmar Language Information Management Network Meeting
29th November 2022, 2PM MMT, online via Zoom

Agenda

1. A trend analysis on the status of Women Civil Society Organisations in Myanmar 2022 – *Presented by UNWomen*
2. MIMU 5W Data Checking Template – *Presented by MIMU*
3. Updates on Sector/Cluster/Agency Initiatives
4. AOB and other discussions

Attendance

Chair: Ei Ei Thein (MIMU)
Participants: Aliance, ARC, Bestshelter, BIMM, CARE, CESVI, Edu Cluster, GNI, ILO, Ipas, JOICFP, MI, MSU, MAG, MHAA, MIMU, MRCS, NAG, Nyein, SDF, SWISSAID, HALO, ILF, UNWomen, UNICEF, UNOPS, UNODC, USAID, WFP, WV, YFS (40 participants from 31 organisations)

1. A trend analysis on the status of Women Civil Society Organisations in Myanmar – *Presented by MIMU*

UNWomen conducted a small-scale survey on the safety and security of the operations of women-led and/or women rights organisations and gender organisations in April 2021. Following up on that after a year, a new survey has been conducted and the results from the two surveys will be compared. The findings will be available soon and will also be launched through MIMU website.

Research involved 35 questions on info about organisations, current challenges on operations, finances and general matters, expectations from development partners and donors. It was responded by 84 organisations. The findings are presented in four categories: safety and security, funding challenges, partnerships, required support. Recommendations based on findings are also presented. After the survey, a consultation workshop was arranged between 15 organisations from respondents and United Nations Human Right Team Group Myanmar. Implementation is underway by UNWomen to support 20 small Women CSOs based on the survey findings.

2. MIMU 5W Data Checking Template – *Presented by MIMU*

MIMU 5W is conducted every 6 months and around 200 organisations participate in each round. Even though organisations provide inputs using standard data entry form, the process of cleaning over 150,000 rows of data is a 3-week long process. Extra attention is paid on place names. Sectors/sub-sectors, project timelines, project focuses are also checked carefully and need to be verified with organisations as necessary. To streamline the process, a data checking/cleaning template was created and the step-by-step process was demonstrated in details using sample data. The same results from this process can also be achieved with other tools such as Python but Excel is chosen for familiarity and accessibility. The attendees also shared their experiences regarding data cleaning.

3. Updates on Sector/Cluster/Agency Initiatives

The HALO Trust: Focusing on mine and explosive remnants of war (ERW) clearance. There are other projects and overall, projects are in Shan, Kachin, Kayin, and Yangon. After COVID-19, provide Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) and first aid support to NGOs and INGOs.

WASH Cluster: From 18th to 22nd November in Taunggyi, a 5-day training was conducted on WASH in Emergency along with Information Management, for WASH partners from Shan (South) and Kayah. Regarding IM, topics included assessments, data entry, reporting, and excel. MIMU was credited for the latter.

MIMU: Basic GIS Training will be delivered in December. Advanced Excel Training has been completed and Basic Excel training will be provided in the form of distance learning, focusing on organisations in Rakhine. Basic Excel training will also be delivered using Zoom, focusing on National NGOs through MNGO network. In 2023, IM Network meetings will return to monthly format. Some planned topics for next year include data protection policy, MIMU Map Maker, and Baseline dataset dashboard.

6. AOB and other discussions

The next meeting will be on January 25th 2023.
Please contact Ei Ei Thein (MIMU) ei.ei.thein@undp.org if you have anything to present or discuss.