



Minutes of Myanmar Language Information Management Network Meeting

31st Jan 2024, 2PM MMT, online via Zoom

Agenda

1. Disability Inclusive Monitoring, Reporting, and Evaluation of the Women and Girls First Programme (*UNFPA Myanmar*)
2. Disability Data Recording in ACCESS (*Access to Health Fund, UNOPS*)
3. Updates on Sector/Cluster/Agency Initiatives
4. AOB and other discussions

Attendance

Chair: Ei Ei Thein (MIMU)

Participants: UNOPS, AMDA Myanmar, BS, BRAC Myanmar, CARE, CP AoR, COAR, CPI, FRC, GH, GNI, ILO, JOICF, MALSE, MI, MC, MSU, MHAA, MIMU, MNC, MRCS, NRC, PIM, SARA, SWISSAID, HALO, UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO, WVIM, WVM, WF (46 participants from 32 organisations)

1. Disability Inclusive Monitoring, Reporting, and Evaluation of the Women and Girls First Programme (*UNFPA Myanmar*)

Disability Inclusive Monitoring, Reporting, and Evaluation of the Women and Girls First Programme (WGF) from UNFPA Myanmar was presented with the following outline: Overview, Journey to Disability Inclusive MRE, Advancing Disability Inclusion Related Indicators under the WGF Programme, DI in Monitoring and Reporting, and DI in Evaluation. WGF started in 2015 and consists of phase 1 from 2015 to 2019, phase 2 from 2019 to 2023 April and phase 3 now ongoing. WGF is a humanitarian, development, and peace nexus program. The WGF aims that Women, girls and young people who are the furthest behind in conflict affected areas realise their sexual and reproductive health and rights and fulfill their potential through improved gender equality and prevention of gender-based violence and to provide mental health and social support. The results are established based on SOP guidelines, service delivery, and community resilience and social cohesion. Geographical areas covered under the 3 phases are presented. As of December 2023, there are 17 implementing partners (IP), 25 subgrantees in the phase 3 of the programme.

Disability Inclusion Monitoring has been integrated into the WGF programme starting with the capacity building since 2022. Trainings were provided to UNFPA staff and humanitarian partners. Current monitoring and reporting tools were then reviewed and revised as needed. In the last quarter of 2021, the disability data collection was piloted with IPs before rolling out in 2022. The improvements to tools and capacity building efforts were discussed in further detail. The monitoring, reporting, and evaluation processes relating to disability inclusion were then briefly discussed.

The implementation and targeting processes of UNFPA and WGF programme were also presented.

After the need assessment on disability inclusion, strategic and action plans were drafted and implemented. More details on the strategic plan were discussed, mentioning that targets have been properly considered and set since 2024.

Further details discussed on the M&E processes included how the tools were revised and ensured to be disability inclusive by benchmarking against the checklists.

The use of Washington Group of Questions in disability data collection was presented. The short set questions are being used, consisting of 6 short questions. It was worth noting that these are not diagnostic tools but rather tools that try to capture the functional abilities.

The presentation was concluded with the evaluation section on how to effectively implement these data collection practices against the objectives.

2. Disability Data Recording in ACCESS (*Access to Health Fund, UNOPS*)

The presentation started with a brief outline on Access to Health fund, and how indicators are determined and collected. Disability-Inclusion has been a part of the ACCESS Fund since the 3MDG Fund was in operation in 2018. These efforts have later been expanded into specific dedicated interventions in 2019. Disability-Specific health program was launched in 2021.

It adopts a "twin-track approach". The efforts ensured that persons with disabilities can access to grants even those without explicitly targeting them. Since 2021, specialized rehabilitation interventions were implemented through disability-specific grants.

Operational definition of disability was discussed along with using the 6 Washington Group questions for identification and how service delivery form works. Capacity building is provided to partners including a few tips on data collection.

The indicators were then discussed in more detail. Since there are many indicators, it is important to select which a few key indicators would be suitable especially concerning service delivery. These points were explained with a sample report form and breakdown in Excel.

UN Disability Inclusion Strategy - <https://www.un.org/en/content/disabilitystrategy>

Disability Analysis - <http://themimu.info/disability-analysis>

Assessments & Publications Tracking - <http://themimu.info/assessments-and-publications>

3. Updates on Sector/Cluster/Agency Initiatives

JOICFP: Projects recently finished last year in Wakema and Einme along with the endline assessment. The final result has been disseminated at the regional and township level. Those can be shared on MIMU pending approval from HQ.

ILO: Challenges with the field visit were discussed. There are plans to give child labour related trainings and now seeking new CSO partners that can join.

MIMU: Advanced Excel Training will be on Feb 7,8,9 and invitations have already been sent. Only those who completed IM Workshop and/or Basic Excel Training were invited and only 29 out of 100 applied were chosen based on the results of the pre-test. The online courses on Basic Excel and Advanced Excel are also available on [MIMU Training Resources](#) page for those who can't make it. Basic GIS Training is planned for the 1st week of March. It is also mentioned that IM network members can also request customised trainings. The next version of the Pcodes, v9.5, is planned to be released in mid-February. Some of the changes in this version were briefly presented. Assessment and Publication tracking is now also being updated with the updated dashboard to be released in mid-February as well. The next round of MIMU 5W is coming soon starting with the process of confirmation the focal persons. After that, 5W request email will be sent out with 3-week deadline to provide the inputs. The final products are expected to be released by April.

4. AOB and other discussions

The next meeting will be in last week of March on 26th March 2024.

Please contact ei.ei.thein@undp.org if you have anything to present or discuss.