WASH Cluster Kachin & State, Myanmar

Minutes of Bhamo WASH Cluster Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, 19th March 2015; **Venue:** Metta Office, Bahmo

**Time:** 14:00 h – 16h00; **Duration:** 2:00 hours

No. of participants – 14

Number of Organizations: 7

**Participants:**

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Agenda:

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| Time | Item | Organization |
| 02h00-02h10 | Self-introduction by WASH agencies | All agencies |
| 02h10-02h40 | Update of DRD district current activities | DRD district |
| 02h40-03h00 | One focal agency | All agencies |
| 03h00-03h30 | Updating on TWG | SI |
| 03h30-04h00 | Running cost | All agencies |
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| **Topic 1: DRD update** | |
| Summary of discussions | An update has been provided by the DRD District Director on the main current DRD activities including road infrastructures and electricity. |
| Action points | * NA |

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| **Topic 1: WASH Focal agency** | |
| Summary of discussions | Participants mentioned that they were identifying some unaddressed WASH need sometimes in some IDPs locations where they were not the WASH focal agency. Besides, they stressed on the fact that WASH focal agencies need to better communicate with IDPs, CCCM and WASH committee about WASH focal agency approach.  The WCC reminded the principle of WASH focal agency validated by the WASH cluster as well as the role and commitment of WASH focal agencies including the 100% coverage and holistic approach.  SI informed the participants that they have developed an information board to be posted in IDP Camp office. This board aims at  providing information for WASH agency wishing to intervene in the camp and to inform IDPs community about period of coverage and current WASH activities planned in the location. |
| Action points | * In case of unaddressed critical WASH needs identified by a WASH agency in a location where she is not the WASH focal point in the location, this one informs the WASH focal agency and WASH cluster team to explore possible solutions to fill the gap * Whenever possible, the WASH agencies to develop a similar approach than SI for the WASH foal agency board * The WASH cluster team to share SI board example with the WASH cluster * The WASH cluster team to share again the WASH Focal agency note developed by the WASH cluster and translated in Myanmar |

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| **Topic 2:** Updating on TWG | |
| Summary of discussions | A quick update has been provided by SI and Cesvi about the current progress of TWG  **HWTS - SI**  A TWG has been held on 27 February 2015. The TORs has been finalized and validated by the group members during this TWG.  SI informed that a minute of the last TWG has been produced and shared with the WASH cluster team.  Next TWG : 26th March 2015  **Technical standards (Cesvi)**  CESVI reminded that technical standardsof latrine and bathing facilities have been already designed and shared. The WCC mentioned that the produced technical designs were not reflecting enough the collective approach and requested to the participants to share with the WASH cluster team their technical design. Then the WASH cluster team will consolidate and carry out a synthesis of technical design for bathing and latrines technical designs  **Both led TWG agencies**  The TWG led agencies mentioned their difficulties for organizing TWGs. mobilizing the participants, fixing the date of TWG, turnover of participants, inappropriate technical skills of participants were the main challenges tackled. The WCC informed the audience that the WASH cluster team will be strengthened again in April with the comeback of one WASH Cluster monitor based in Bhamo and who will support the preparation of TWG jointly with the TWG led agency |
| Action points | * The wash cluster team to consolidate and finalize technical design for latrines and bathing spaces * WASH cluster team to support the TWG led agency for the preparation of the TWGs in Bhamo * The WASH members to share their technical design for latrines and bathing spaces with the WASH cluster team |

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| **Topic 3:** Running cost | |
| Summary of discussions | Participants shared the challenges of running cost for water facilities.  The WCC explained that running costs of air lift pump systems used in Kachin are very high in energy terms and requires an overall reflexion within the Standards TWG. The running cost issues have been discussed during the annual WASH cluster strategy review in January 2015 and that there was a need to better document and plan the running cost of water facilities.  Cesvi and Si informed that they had already developed a basic tool to estimate the running cost. The WCC suggest to collect these tools, and to propose a basic template for the estimation of these Water running cost.  Besides, the participant discussed about the possibility to change the generator / compressor  **DRD and participants**  DRD informed that there was a possibility to borrow the drilling machine from DRD Nay Pi Daw if needed in order to install boreholes equipped with submersible pumps. DRD district Officers was asked whether DRD could install electricity network in the IDPs locations. DRD informed that electricity network can be installed only in permanent locations. |
| Action points | * Cesvi and SI to share their Running cost estimation templates with WASH cluster team * The WASH cluster team to and propose one template based on these developed * The TWG led by CESVI on technical standard to do recommendations on Water facility technical design for Kachin * The WASH cluster to enquire about the practical modalities to borrow drilling machine from DRD |

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| **Topic 3:** AOB | |
| Summary of discussions | No WASH cluster meeting in April due to Thingyan festival |