WASH Cluster Kachin & North Shan, Myanmar

Minutes of WASH Cluster meeting - Bhamo

**Date:** Friday, **26th Feb 15**; **Venue:** UNHCR Office, Bhamo

**Time:** 08:45 h – 10h30h; **Duration:** 1 hour and 45 minutes

**No. of participants**– 13

Number of Agencies: 9

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**Agenda:**

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| Time | Item |
| 08h45- 09h00 | Introduction |
| 09h00 -90h40 | Update on TWGs |
| 09h40 – 10h00 | Update onHost families assessment – CESVI |
| 10h00-10h30 | AOB |

**Minutes:**

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| **Topic 1: Shared on TWG** |
| Summary of discussions | The WCC reminded the background of TWG in Kachin There are currently three active TWGs in Kachin:1. Household Water Treatment System - lead by SI in Bhamo
2. Technical Standard - lead by CESVI in Bhamo
3. Desludging – Lead by Oxfam in Myitkyina

**HWTS-TWG -SI**SI explained that draft ToRs of this TWG have been developed and will be shared with WASH cluster team and TWG participants for inputs. These ToRs include objectives, expected participants, meeting frequency This TWG will be the opportunity to recommend about the best appropriate HWTS in Kachin including CWF, Bio sand filter and other several treatment system. SI WASH staff received ToT training for Bio Sand filter from UN-Habitat who has also handover its Bio Sand equipment to SI and Metta (mold). SI has already implemented some Bio-sand filter pilot project in some IDP camps. |
| Action points | * Follow up HWTS TWG ToRs development
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| **Topic 2:** Host families assessment  |
| Summary of discussions | **Cesvi**A multi sectoral assessment within Host families is currently carried out in Bhamo and Momauk township by CESVI team. This assessment targets quarter 9 in Bhamo and quarter 3 in Momauk. This assessment is an opportunity to assess the WASH needs with regards to the IDPs situation.WASH activities and plans will be set up accordingly to the findings of this assessment that will be shared with the WASH cluster**The WASH cluster team**The WCC shared about a rapid assessment in host family’s assessment done by the cluster team conducted in some villages from Momauk, Bahmo and Shwe Ku town. This rapid assessment has been an opportunity to meet with local authorities, school headmaster, health staffs and host families. This rapid assessment shows that the presence of IDPs in the villages didn’t induce specific additional WASH needs at village community level  |
| Action points | * CESVI will share the host families assessment report when finalized
* The WASH cluster to share the rapid assessment report for host families before end of April
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| **Topic 4:** AOB |
| Summary of discussions | **O&M**Participants mentioned the issue of water facilities running cost (fuel) notably to operate the generators / compressors in the IDP locations. Within the context of decreasing emergency funds, the participants mentioned the necessity to find alternative water solutions such solar or manual Hand pumps.**Disposal waste management**The IDPs usually collect their solid waste and either burn them in a pit or are removed through the municipality service. Metta shared that they have plan to install incinerators mainly in their locations based on the IDPs needs**CESVI discussed with SI for latrines decommission** Based on CESVI field visiting, there are some latrines were full and those need to decommission. CESVI would like to know the latrine decommission plan from agencies and also they will discuss with bilateral meeting with SI and Metta for it.  |
| Action points | * The technical standard TWG provide some recommendations about the appropriate technical and materials for water pumping.
* Metta to share their technical design with the participants of technical standards TWG
* CESVI to contact bilaterally SI to follow up on latrine decommission plan and needs in Bhamo
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