

Minutes of WASH Technical working group meeting – Liaza

**Date:** Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 17

**Venue:** Kachin Women Association office, Liaza

**Time:** 9:00 am – 5:00pm

**No. of participants:** 20

**Number of Agencies:** 10

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**Agenda:**

Time	Item
9:00 am-5:00 pm	Welcome & introduction
	Water quality monitoring and management
	Introduction water safety plan approach especially on existing IDP camp water supply system

	Fecal sludge management in IDP camps
	Diarrhoea control and preventive measure in IDP camps
	Hygiene practices improvement by using hygiene promotion activities in IDP camps
	Others <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WASH 4W Matrix and regularly update information sharing</li> <li>• GHD events in October 2017</li> <li>• WASH training</li> <li>• Way forward to improve WASH services</li> </ul>

**Minutes:** Initially, Kachin WASH Cluster coordinator explained overarching view of WASH situation in Kachin IDP camps including gaps (activities, geographical, funding) based on Quarter 3 (July-September) 4W Matrix. After that IRRC explained overall WASH situation in KCA IDP camps except Mai Ja Yung corridor which are full meet or partial meet with WASH minimum requirement among the IDP camps.

<b>Topic 1: Water quality monitoring and management</b>	
Summary of discussions	In KCA, only SI/KBC-Bhamo shared water quality test result to cluster regularly. In 2016, KBC-Myitkyina WASH team tested water quality in 6 IDP camps in KCA. Therefore, 7 of 18 IDP camps in KCA covered water quality monitoring activities, however other 11 IDP camps are still left behind to monitor the water quality so far. Kachin WASH Cluster coordinator encouraged to WASH actors who are working in KCA to monitor water quality regularly at least by quarterly. At the moment, Liaza based Metta Development Foundation WASH team did not have Water quality test kit and will discuss with SI/KBC-Bhamo WASH team to request WQT activities to cover for Hpone Lum Yung and Wai Choi IDP camps.
Action points	All WASH actors in KCA agreed to share Water quality test results to CHD regularly after testing. CHD and WASH Cluster will analyse the results and share summarized report to respective WASH actors to manage and improve water services among IDP camps.
<b>Topic 2: Introduction of Water Safety Plan</b>	
Summary of discussions	Kachin WASH Cluster Coordinator presented Water Safety Plan approach to KCA-WASH actors to manage and improve Water services chain from source to end users. Only water quality test action cannot improve water services chain and need to add water safety plan approach on existing IDP camps water supply system. Cluster Coordinator said that a water contamination event can occur anytime and anywhere. Therefore, all WASH actors need to aware on Water Safety Plan approach and improve quality of Water supply services among IDP camps as an action.
Action points	All WASH actors in KCA agreed to add water safety plan approach in new WASH in emergency project (not acute phase)
<b>Topic 3: Fecal sludge management in KCA-IDP camps</b>	

Summary of discussion	<p>.KDG presented fecal sludge management situation in KCA-IDP camps. At present, KDG can cover around liaza IDP camps such as Woi Chai, Hpoung Lom Yung, some latrines units from Je Yung IDP camps and Liaza Town jointly implemented by Liaza municipal. SI and KBC-Bhamo has a plan continue to implement desludging activities in Je Yung IDP camp. Hpoung Lon Yung IDP camp committee also start to consider to construct the sludge treatment site near by the camp like on-site desludging to overcome high transportation cost. Currently, KDG collect the night soil from IDP camps and carry to treatment site where outside Liaza municipal area is quite far. In rainy season, desludging activities are facing transportation especially hill site situated IDP camps.</p> <p>WASH Cluster Coordinator suggested to WASH actors, to follow the standard operation procedure of desludging activities (including on-site and off-site desludging). Safety hygiene for desludging operators is also important and need to provide training in near future.</p>
Action points	All WASH actors agreed to follow desludging technical SOP (standard operation procedures) which are on-site or off-site desludging activities in KCA.
<b>Topic 4: Diarrhoea control and preventive measure in KCA-IDP camps</b>	
Summary of discussion	Kachin WASH Cluster coordinator explained rate of diarrhoea incidences in KCA since January to August 2017 which were received from local health department (Liaza) and update information was addressed diarrhoea control and preventive measure together with Kachin Health Cluster. HPA also participated in this diarrhoea control and preventive measure working group in Myitkyina.
Action points	Liaza based WASH actors agreed to participate diarrhoea control and preventive measure task force led by local health department.
<b>Topic 5: Hygiene practices improvement by using hygiene promotion activities in IDP camps</b>	
Summary of discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WASH Cluster Coordinator presented hygiene practices (good hygiene practices) situation in IDP camps which was more focusing on messages rather than behaviour change (target practices) at present. To reduce the public health burden, all WASH actors need to emphasize on hygiene behaviour change by using community based approach like PHAST (participatory hygiene and sanitation transformation) approach in hygiene promotion component in a innovative way (Activities under hygiene promotion component are not included on identification of the motives for change behaviour-not just health messages, it should be positive and fun)</li> </ul>
Action points	All WASH actors in KCA, especially hygiene promoters agreed to implement more focus on hygiene behaviour change than messaging to target audiences in future.
<b>AOB:</b>	
Summary of discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kachin WASH Cluster coordinator remind to all WASH actors in KCA, to provide in timely WASH related information especially 4W Matrix and Funding Matrix.</li> <li>Brief explained Global Handwashing day event ( GHD-2017)</li> <li>Encourage to WASH actors in KCA, to provide better WASH services to IDPs through improved technical skills (water, sanitation, hygiene) and to become genuine WASH partners (not sub-contractors within provision of services to IDP) , then followed by humanitarian accountability principles.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All WASH actors in KCA presented their WASH activities progress in each responsible IDP camp as an area coordination meeting</li></ul>
Action points	

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.