WASH Cluster North Shan, Myanmar

Minutes of WASH Cluster meeting - Lashio

**Date :** 18 January 17 (Wednesday) **Venue :** Metta office, Lashio

**Time :** 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm **Duration :** 2:00 hours

**No. of participants :** 11 **Number of Agencies :** 7

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**Agenda:**

* New displacements and IDP updates
* WASH gaps/ response plan
* 2017 WASH activity plan
* Standard-TWG’s sharing on draft-designs (semi-permanent latrines/ bathing space)
* NSS-inputs for SOF workshop
* Others

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| **Topic 1: New displacements and IDP updates** | |
| Summary of discussion | -121 people from Namsan fled to Lashio on 12 January and evacuated at Mansu monastery and Aung Mingalar monastery. Some have already returned to Namsan and 32 people still remaining at Mansu monastery and 4 HHs at Aung Mingalar monastery.  - Some people from Namsan (population unknown yet) also fled to Kyauk Gyi village in Naung Cho Township.  - Round about 200 people from 8 villages fled to Man Win Gyi on 16 January and evacuated at 5 different places (4 existing IDP camps and 1 host village). Some people (approximately 100) also on the way to Namkhan.  - METTA conducted assessment in Hpai Kawng/Hpawng Seng area. There are 1,549 IDP populations (306 HHs) at 5 different places. |
| Action points | * MRCS to confirm new IDP information in Manton (new or old IDPs? and location of evacuation centre?). |
| **Topic 2: WASH gaps/ response plan** | |
| Summary of discussion | - METTA could not support for latrine construction as expected at KBC-1 in Namtu.  - KMSS also has not started yet to assign hygiene volunteer to conduct hygiene awareness session for new IDPs and provide a water storage at RC Church in Namtu.  - As part of water supply, overhead tank and water storage tank needed at Block 6 in Kutkai.  - KBC informed water shortage from existing GFS at Swam Sawk-KBC Church in Muse. METTA will support for tube well construction.  - METTA supported cash for 15 latrines (though requested for 50) and KBC will support for water supply for IDPs in Hpai Kawng/ Hpawng Seng area.  - It is needed to monitor water supply/latrine situation at Namphaka (Ta’ang) IDP camp and Mine Yu Lay (Ta’ang) IDP camp in Kutkai Tsp; some temporary latrines have been used since July 2016.  - MRCS will distribute hygiene kits for new IDPs at Mansa village-monastery in Manton Tsp.  - IRC is planning to distribute dignity kits for new IDPs in Man Win Gyi. |
| Action points | * ALL to share information openly with relevant organization(s) to be able finding further supports if any organization has limitation for response. * ICRC to share findings on water supply/latrine situation of Namphaka (Ta’ang) IDP camp and Mine Yu Lay (Ta’ang) IDP camp after conducting field monitoring (hopefully in 2 weeks). |
| **Topic 3: 2017 WASH activity plan** | |
| Summary of discussion | - RI is going to conduct a Market study for Market Based Programming (MBA) in emergency response.  - IRC will continue conducting of HE session (including hygiene) and distributing of dignity kits in emergency response for new IDPs only.  - MRCS will continue distributing, one time only at the beginning of displacement, of hygiene parcel (for short term)/ hygiene kit (for long term) and dignity kits in emergency response for new IDPs only.  - ICRC also will continue supporting for WASH activities when/where needed.  - KMSS confirmed that a new project will be implemented in 2017.  - SCI will support for WASH needs (water supply/ latrine/ bathing space/ waste disposal) under MHF for the first month of emergency. SCI also will collaborate with other WASH Cluster members to support for water treatment and hygiene promotion at new IDP camps. |
| Action points | * KMSS to share 2017 WASH activity plan of new project and update WASH activity mapping. * ALL to communicate with MRCS first and let MRCS distributes hygiene/dignity kit for new IDPs (at the beginning of displacement) wherever it could reach out. Others should do only when/where MRCS could not cover. * ALL to coordinate with SCI for any support under MHF relating to WASH emergency response. |
| **Topic 4: Standard-TWG’s sharing on designs (semi-permanent latrines/bathing space)** | |
| Summary of discussion | - Draft designs of semi-permanent latrine (double unit) and bathing space shared to get feedbacks from Cluster members.  - Feedbacks received in the meeting are as below.   1. Consultation with each beneficiary group needed prior to construction to ensure standardized design is appropriate with local context. 2. WASH Cluster logo should be used in the design documents; results achieved by Standard-TWG formed under WASH Cluster. 3. Regarding with semi-permanent latrine,  * small water storage tank to be on the right side of the user * vent pipe not needed for soak pit * elbow with fly-proof screen to be fixed at end of vent pipe * vent pipe to be moved close to super structure to be able tied with purlin. |
| Action points | * ALL to provide some more feedbacks on the draft designs to SCI (for semi-permanent latrine) and METTA (for bathing space) not later than 25 January. |
| **Topic 5: NSS-inputs for SOF workshop** | |
| Summary of discussion | - Some NSS based organizations have to link with their organizations based in Kachin for overall management/coordination/etc. On the other hand, local context of NSS sometimes different from Kachin such as short term displacements.  So, NSS colleagues need to participate to be able providing inputs for NSS in WASH-SOF workshop in Myitkyina.  - MBP should be considered in 2017 strategy due to experience facing in NSS. JST also raised that flexible fund is needed for emergency response where no access for inter-agencies or in kind supports.  It is also more appropriate for emergency response in short term displacement (for basic hygiene items). |
| Action points | * WASH Cluster to share NSS overview presentation slides prepared for WASH-SOF workshop to involve more inputs from Cluster members. |
| **Topic 6: Others** | |
| Summary of discussion | - MRCS will be coordinated as a new member of NSS WASH Cluster.  - MRCS practicing cash support for basic hygiene items, distributing hygiene parcel for short term displacement and hygiene kits for longer term displacement.  - To avoid duplication issue, Lashio GAD requested agencies to inform it before delivering emergency response for new IDPs.  - Emergency capacity, Funding matrix and WASH contingency stocks need to be updated or provided by Cluster members.  - WASH Cluster meeting should be held in Lashio because it is easier for most organizations to attend.  - Next WASH Cluster meeting plan, tentatively, on 16 March at KMSS office in Lashio. |
| Action points | * ALL to inform GAD from respective townships before delivering emergency response for new IDPs. * ALL to finish updating Emergency capacity, Funding matrix, WASH contingency stocks and send to WASH Cluster for consolidation. |