

WASH Cluster Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Date: 3rd May, 2019

Venue: UNICEF Office, Sittwe

Time: 10:00 Am to 12:00 Pm

Duration: 2 hours

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Agenda:

Sr.	Topic
1.	Introduction and short welcome to OFDA mission
2.	Review of last meeting minutes
3.	Cluster Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICCG Update • Update on Q1 4W and snapshot results with questions • Update on the recent new displacement and response plan • STS/ GOM advocacy achievement from last week • Water treatment and contractor paper by Adrian • Overlapping of latrine construction issue in Sittwe camps and summarize all the efforts made
4.	Cluster Partners challenges/ updates
5.	AOB

Minutes:

Topic 1: Review action points from last WASH cluster meeting	
Summary of discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adrian to review the drinking water treatment guidelines doc and finalize it → it is still needed to finalize. • WASH Cluster to share the 2019 training plan to WASH partners → Rakhine WASH Cluster has developed a training needs assessment form and it was shared to the Rakhine WASH Cluster within last week. Some of the partners has already taken the assessment. WC request to the partners to take the assessment before 15th May. • WC to coordinate with CCCM and WFP for the harmonization of camp pop data → end of 2018, CCCM and WASH population data was different over 7000 individuals. WC have been coordinated with CCCM cluster and they are collecting new household and population data for 2019. WC has not received yet the data from WFP and still needs to follow up by WC • Regarding 3 categories for emergency response, the inputs have been received from partners and shared to OCHA. • 3W information to be shared by partners → which is ongoing process and WC will send the database every Friday and partners are requested to share the data if they have responses in current displaced sites. • Water scarcity issue in PKT camp → water boating activity in ANY camp has started in 20 April by UNICEF. • WC to continue weekly contact with ICRC and coordinate on current response • SI to share the Arsenic testing → already shared by SI before water festival • 4W has already collected from all partners and has been sent to national cluster. • WC will share first visit report and roll out plan ASAP for QAAP team • RWCC to discuss with NWCC to limit the Rakhine WC incoming visits → this issue has been raised to the national cluster.
Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>WC to coordinate with WFP for the population data</i> • <i>To finalize the drinking water treatment guidelines by WASH Cluster.</i>
Topic 2: ICCG Update	

Summary of discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OCHA has requested to the Cluster Coordinators to prepare a response plan for the current displaced sites for a period of 6 months. - WASH Cluster has already shared the response plan to OCHA last week. - WC calculated the response plan with a rate of 54 USD/person/year as per the calculation in HRP. - Targets assume that ICRC movement will hand over the sites in cRS. - Camp closure strategy is discussing at the ICCG level. - Camp by camp analysis for camp closure has been already done for 4 camps and needs to follow up for other camps.
Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>WC to share the camp analysis document for camp closure strategy.</i>
Topic 3: Update on Q1 4W and snapshot data	
Summary of discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some partners complained that 4W indicators are too much and it was difficult to report all the indicators. • 4W indicators were discussed with Rakhine WASH partners in 2018 when Jason from Global WASH Cluster came to Myanmar. WASH partners provided inputs and suggestions at that time. Some partners are complaining that these inputs are not reflected in current 4W indicators and suggested WC to review and revise the indicators in consultation with partners. • WC requested to partners to collect WASH data for the TLS and CFS even though they are not working for the WASH in school activities. • WC also requested to partners who are working for the village WASH activities to report to 4W.
Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>WASH Cluster to review the 4 indicators in consultation with partners and revise the indicators before Q2 reporting time.</i> • <i>NWCC will attend 4W review meeting in Rakhine</i>
Topic 4: Update on the new displacement and response plan	
Summary of discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WC prepared the 3W and Dashboard for new displacement sites

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most of the camps are covered by ICRC for the WASH response and WC can only get the data for HK distribution, cannot get the data for sanitation and water • In the 4W dashboard, it also showed the gaps for the current displacement sites. Some partners suggested that if WC do not have information for the water and sanitation activities, it should not be shown as gaps because it is lack of information from the Cluster and it does not mean that there are water and sanitation gaps in these sites. • ICRC mentioned that all the responses provided by ICRC are already reported to OCHA and WC can get the information from OCHA.
Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>WASH Cluster to change the ways of showing gaps in current displacement sites in 4W dashboard.</i> • <i>WASH Cluster will coordinate with OCHA for data of ICRC response</i> • <i>To follow TA access on WASH partners</i>
Topic 5: STS/ GOM advocacy achievement in last week	
Summary of discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WASH Cluster facilitated the coordination meeting with State Director of Rakhine State Government and Oxfam, SI and OCHA participated in the meeting. • WASH Cluster met with Sittwe Township Administrator from GAD and raised the issue of STS. • Coordination Meeting with Sittwe Township Administrator, Landowners, Contractor, CMC members was conducted in STMG camp. • Coordination Meeting with ICCG Colleagues • Letters to communities on the closing of STS was sent on 22nd April and letter of reopening STS was sent to community on 26th April. • Translated briefing notes about STS has been drafted and addressed to Authorities (DDM, CC). be done. • Agreed on decision by RSG and Director from RSG will share us RSG decision on STS land Issue.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although STS has reopen after 4 days closed, the land owners are still trying to get money from organizations. So, SI requested to get the official endorsement letter on land compensation exemption from RSG.
Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WASH Cluster to follow-up with RSG on the decision taken by RSG.
Topic 6: Water treatment and contractor paper by Adrian	
Summary of discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WASH partners need to inputs/ suggestion on two documents of water treatment paper and Lessons Learnt from the use of Contractors vs. Direct Implementation/Self-Build Modalities for WASH Infrastructure Works in the IDP Camps of Central Rakhine State Discussed on labour safety during WASH agencies' direct construction if in case of accident, if we may face access block, cost for transportation, land owner issues because of most of the landowners are local contractors and they thread and give pressure to partners and other cluster/partners' activities.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WASH partners will inputs/ suggestions and recommendations to Adrian's email WASH Cluster will coordinate with other cluster/partners and their approach Please see separate sheet for discussion points
Topic 7: Overlapping latrine construction in Sittwe camps	
Summary of discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted coordination meeting or latrine construction issues among WASH Cluster, IRW, SI and Oxfam. One of the action points from this meeting is to stop the construction works by IRW until the WASH cluster has been identified the gaps in Sittwe camps and final decision has been made. IRW has stopped the ongoing construction work after the coordination meeting and is constructing only one sample latrine in TKP camp as the cluster recommended design. Kris has suggested that IRW should share how much budget is secure for IDP camps and WC should arrange the areas to implement by IRW.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DRC confirmed that they have plan for the new latrine construction and rehabilitation in their focal camps and there is no gap for the new latrine construction.
Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>IRW will follow on action points of discussions and agreed in last meetings with OXSI and WASH Cluster.</i>
Topic 8: Cluster partners update	
Summary of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most of the organizations have restricted TA for the project villages in central Rakhine. • Construction work should be done before rainy season which is coming very soon. If TA is not approved, most of the construction work will be delayed. • SI → polices are trying to get the water from IDPs in ANY camp and SI suggested to WC to follow up this issue. • IRW has plan to construct 4500 latrines and 800 boreholes in 41 villages of Sittwe township. Water testing will also be conducted. • OXSI tested 5% of boreholes in their targeted camps and 4 of them found high level of Arsenic. OXSI doesn't have the capacity to test all the borehole and requested to WC to support on this process. • SCI will stop the PHE and CHP activities in Sin Tet Maw which is funded by OFDA. The activities will be resumed after May when the donor has approved the funding. Suspected water sources in Sin Tet Maw were tested for chemical and biological tests and the results show no contamination in water sources. So, hopefully the water distribution will be restarting in the coming week.
Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>WC to coordinate with CC regarding TA approval for rural villages.</i> • <i>WC should have specific meeting on HRP issue with RSG</i> • <i>WC to follow up the ANY issue with CCCM cluster for security forces water fetching</i> • <i>WC to support the water testing process in Sittwe IDP camps.</i>
Topic 9: AOB	

<p>Summary of Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be an upcoming external visit to Rakhine WASH Cluster in late May. WASH' EM training is being planned with London school of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and it will focus on improving hand washing practice through rapid assessment. This was discussed with the Sonya who the lead of BCC TWG. Once the date has been confirmed, WC will send the official invitation to the partners. • OCHA is conducting the Rapid Needs Assessment training to the field staff of all sectors. Some of the partners have already participated in training. Partners should nominate the staff to attend the RNA training and WC can register them in the next round.
<p>Action Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Next Rakhine WASH Cluster Meeting is planned on 7 June 2019.</i>