

WASH Cluster Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Date: 14th June 2018


Venue: UNICEF Office, Sittwe

Time: 10.00-12.00




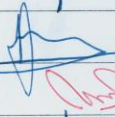






Duration: 2 hour


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Agenda:

Sr.	Topic
1.	Introduction
2.	Review of last meeting action points
3.	ICCG Camp improvement (10 mins)
4.	Disaster preparedness & response plan (10 mins)
5.	Critical update from WASH agencies during this heavy rainy season/depression (10 mins)
6.	UNICEF EOI process & transition of WASH agencies in several IDP camps (10 mins)
7.	WASH Cluster "ways of working" (10mins)
8.	Update from WASH TWGs (10 mins)
9.	AOB (5 Mins)

Minutes:

Topic 1: Review of last meeting action points	
Summary of discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WASH Cluster to convene a joint Health/WASH cluster meeting in order to have preparedness for the rainy season. <p>Done</p>
Topic 2: Cluster Updates	
Summary of discussion	<p>1. ICCG Camp improvement</p> <p>Cluster partners were briefed on the overall process of prioritization of improvement of camps and selection of activities for WASH cluster.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation 26 of the Commission’s final report from August 2017 notes that: <i>“...while IDPs wait for the opportunity to relocate, the Government – assisted by international partners – must ensure adequate living conditions in the camps. For this purpose greater investments are needed”.</i> Camp improvement workshop on 24 April 2018 held in Sittwe SITTWE CAMPS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR “CLOSURE”/RECLASSIFICATION: Basare, Baw Du Pha 1 & 2, Darpaing, Ohn Taw Chay, Ohn Taw Gyi North & South, Say Thar Mar Gyi, Thae Chaung. PAUKTAW CAMPS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR “CLOSURE”/RECLASSIFICATION: Sin Tet Maw, Nget Chaung 2, Ah Nauk Ywe CAMPS IDENTIFIED FOR POSSIBLE “CLOSURE”/RECLASSIFICATION: Taung Paw in Myebon, Thet Kyae Pyin, Maw Tin Ngar & Kaung Doke Khar 1 & 2 in Sittwe, Kyein Ni Pyin in Pauktaw, Nidin in Kyauktaw, and Kyauk Ta Lone in Kyaukpyu <p>Action point: WASH cluster to propose USD 3 million to improve WASH facilities in the camp.</p> <p>2. ICCG emergency preparedness and response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OCHA is coordinating all Cluster/Sector to have advance Travel Authorization from Rakhine State Government. Therefore, when there is emergencies, all agencies will be ready to mobilise their staff to conduct rapid assessment jointly with Government agencies. There are over than 100 staff are listed in OCHA TA request, however more staff will be needed to cover the whole Rakhine in case of big emergency. This assessment team was based on rapid joint assessment with Disaster Management Agencies (DMA) in Rakhine State. Assessment forms, such as MIRA/NDMA assessment form is being drafted. Initial MIRA form was rejected by the government because it was considered too detailed, not practical, and complex. ICCG suggested that OCHA to have bilateral discussion with DMA. DMA suggested to use their assessment template, and OCHA to improve the template based on MIRA questionnaire. <p>Action point: WASH cluster to follow up with OCHA on the final assessment template and share it to all agencies.</p> <p>3. Critical update from agencies during the flood events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KP IDP camp was flooded for a day, and some few families were relocated to higher area in KP camp. After one day flood, the IDP moved back to their homes. LWF reported that Ngat Chaung camps were flooded, although some IDP with the support from CMA agency mobilized heavy equipment voluntarily to improve the embankment and flood protection in NC camps. CMA is building a pathway made of

timber to allow the IDP to move safely & easily in NC camps, while advocacy for relocation will be continued.

- Relief Int. reported that IDP camp in Myebon, in particular in the extension area where individual houses were being built were flooded.

Action points:

- Pier reported that Oxfam will send separate note on KP update to WASH cluster Co. (done)
- Relief Int. to send some pictures of the affected individual houses in Myebon (done).

4. UNICEF EOI process & transition of WASH agencies in several IDP camps

- UNICEF WASH Specialist presented the overall Expression of Interest (EOI) process which was done in past two months. The objective of the EOI is to determine UNICEF programme for the next Country Programme, starting on 2018-2022. EOI was done based on several indicators such as programmatic, legality, administrative, and technical.
- Pier, Oxfam presented National WASH cluster email on the proposed modalities of the transition process as follows:
 - 1) **Accountability/WASH integration**: continue with adoption of one WASH agency per camp approach for better accountability, tracking and integration of WASH programmes
 - 2) **Transition plan/timeline**: identify weaknesses of a new partner and action plan with a 6 month timeline for transition to ensure no gaps on WASH service delivery. Recent handover experience showed that 6 months would be ideal.
 - 3) **WASH cluster overall capacity**: in all 3 cluster states besides protracted conflict, we have new displacement, floods, drought/water shortage, AWD and cyclone. So the recommendation is for the overall cluster to have multiple partners with a blend of INGO and LNGO, “as local as possible, as international as required.” Consider “protection by presence” especially in Rakhine where INGOs play a key role (consideration to local partners’ check: impartial, capable)
 - 4) Recommended to have a minimum of 5 WASH cluster partners in Rakhine and Kachin, and 4 in Shan. This is for preparedness and current WASH response capacity. More details on partners and donors supporting the Rakhine WASH cluster can be found on the Q1 2018 Funding matrix.
 - 5) **Presence/Gov’t/Cost efficiency**: considerations to remote townships which are more costly, MoU/TAs, government relationship and the most cost efficient partner should be accounted for in the decision. i.e. in certain locations, change of partnership might cost more in the end with having a new partner setting up a whole new office, etc. For these areas especially, an exit plan should be included in a multi-year PCA, aiming at transition to a local partner or else.
 - 6) **Multi-year/quality**: have multi-year PCAs or at least a clause there for multi-year activities if possible. This is important for partners’ staff retention and quality of the response. Current cluster designs should last 3 years, but often they fall apart before due to quality/capacity/staffing turnover, etc.
 - 7) **UNICEF’s balanced HRP coverage**: aim to have Unicef covering at least 30% of WASH HRP targets for strategic support, coordination both with partners and donors, and continued ability to fulfill the role of provider of last resort.
 - 8) **Rakhine/balanced approach**: Note that recently in Rakhine the government is not issuing TA for some partners that do not show balanced targeting to

	<p>Muslims and ethnic Rakhine, so Unicef should aim to keep that consideration in mind.</p> <p>9) Cluster participation: For Humanitarian-related partnerships, ensure NGOs are active/participate in the cluster/sector coordination mechanism as a pre-requisite</p> <p>Action points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WASH cluster welcome participation of all agencies to deliver WASH services whether NATIONAL or INTERNATIONAL agencies to make sure that there is no gap of WASH services. • There is a huge needs in Rakhine State, such as in northern Rakhine, central Rakhine, and IDP camp. National WASH Cluster Co. suggestion to limit the number of WASH agencies into 5 is not recommended. • Transition process is reviewed based on case by case basis. <p>Most of the activities inside IDP camp mostly related to O&M that can be done by smaller number of agencies, while there are many gaps outside of IDP camps that must be also addressed (as per HRP).</p> <p>5. WASH cluster “ways of working”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Over hundreds of boreholes were constructed by IR in KDK, TKP and many other camps in Sittwe Townships. - WASH agencies such as SI, Oxfam, and CDN reported that many boreholes constructed by IR are not functional. - Islamic Relief confirmed that many boreholes were completed without proper water quality testing. - Although there is approval from RSG, Oxfam/SI suggested that Islamic Relief to respect coordination mechanism within WASH Cluster. - IR should coordinate with existing WASH agencies, in particular SI/Oxfam in Sittwe IDP camps. - As per our accountability for the affected population, IR should ensure proper technical standard and specification. <p>Action points:</p> <p>Separate coordination meeting between Islamic Relief and Oxfam/SI related to O&M strategy of the constructed boreholes in Sittwe IDP camps.</p> <p>6. Update from WASH TWGs</p> <p>6.1. Sanitation: Marine/Oliver-Sanitation TWG</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Joint site visit to STMG sludge treatment plant b. SOP on desludging – Sittwe/Pauktaw c. Action plan: Review standard design for child friendly latrine and block latrines d. 19 June 2018-Site visit to STS Sittwe. <p>6.2. Water quality-SCI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SCI/Relief Int. started WQ TWG since 3 months ago, then it was stop due to HR capacity issue. - SCI returned back the mandate to coordinate WASH TWG on WQM issue to WASH Cluster. <p>6.3. Hygiene Promotion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> e. 18 June 2018; Webinar on Sustainable Sanitation Indicator on track BC
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Topic 8: AOB

Next Meeting Friday 29th June, 2018. Venue UNICEF Office, Royal Sittwe Resort Hotel