



Rakhine WASH Cluster

AWD response meeting and alternatives for supplies transportation

Date: 30/10/2017
Venue: UNICEF office
Time: 10:00h ~ 11:00 h
Duration: 1hr
Chair: Rakhine WASH Cluster

Key points of the meeting:

- The meeting was held to discuss future planning for any public health outbreak particularly AWD and to discuss issues pertaining to transportation of supplies and construction materials to target locations.
- Mainly WASH Cluster partners working in camp and Health cluster coordinator participated in the meeting.
- Situation post AWD in ANY camp (Pauktaw Township) was discussed.
- WASH Cluster acknowledged efforts of UNICEF and SI in response to the situation in ANY Camp.
- Health cluster mentioned that currently there are no alerts for AWD in any other areas.
- Quoted by the Health Cluster that they only coordinate health activities for camps and accordingly collect and disseminate data relevant to diseases trends.
- In case of any untoward situation, Health cluster may assist the host govt in extending its data analysis to other areas for which SHD (State Health Department) is primarily responsible.
- WASH and Health Cluster agreed that all the major cluster partners be oriented on diseases outbreak and accordingly modalities of response mechanism.
- WASH and Health Cluster agreed that advocacy for contingency supplies (for AWD responses) be continued and partner may be well resourced to respond in case of any alerts. Emphasized on availability of chlorine, AWD kit.
- It was agreed that in case of any restrictions on travel, advocacy may be done with RSG and alternative modalities for response may be considered.
- Ways of communication of alerts were discussed and partners were advised not to circulate any kind of alerts until and unless it is verified by Health cluster.
- It was agreed that a pool of experts be identified by Health/WASH cluster who may respond in case of any alerts.
- It was agreed that simple AWD messages to be developed/reviewed for response.
- Issues pertaining to supplies transportation were also discussed in the meeting.

- Major issue was the transportation of WASH NFIs.
- It was agreed that WASH Cluster will continue advocacy with RSG and at other forums for smooth access and transportation of supplies.
- Different alternatives were put forward to partners in case of prolonged delays in supplies transportation.
- Options may be to utilize other clusters expertise and potential suppliers/transporters, to use Gov't transporters only for transportation, to use UNICEF resources as a last resort being the cluster lead agency.
- Bulk storage at camp locations and its implications were also discussed.