



## WASH Cluster Myanmar

### Minutes of National WASH Cluster Meeting

**Date:** 2019 May 14, Monday **Venue:** UNICEF Yangon Office

Time: 2 pm – 4 pm Duration: 2h

**Chair:** Sunny Guidotti, National WASH Cluster Coordinator

**Minutes:** WASH Cluster

**Participants:** Cordaid, MHDO, PIN, ADRA, ACF, MA-UK, UNFPA, UNICEF, MSF-H, OXFAM, Embassy of Japan, SI, PUI, SP, CDA, UN-Habitat

Sr.	Topic	Time	Who
Agenda	1) Intro + brief emergency updates - 5min 2) Myanmar Menstrual Hygiene Mapping presented – 20min 3) Kachin Draft Hygiene Promotion Strategy – 20min 4) Review of new 4W/snapshot and Q1 2019 results – 30min 5) Rakhine new displacements, funding update (MHF, CERF and from partners) – 10min 6) Camp Closure Update & Proposed Ways forward from the SAG (Rakhine focused) – 30 min 7) AOB – 5min		
<b>1: Introduction &amp; Emergency updates</b>			
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p><b>Emergency Updates (Rakhine)</b></p> <p>WASH cluster updated on water shortage in Rakhine which is impacting camps and villages. In Kachin, high diarrhea incidence in Pa La Na camp in Myitkyina, Kachin. It was contained quickly and worked in collaboration with Health Cluster and Health dept.</p> <p>UNICEF: supporting in water shortage. Looking with DRC for contracting and cross checking with WC for information</p>	2:00	All Participants

Action Plan			
<b>2. Myanmar Menstrual Hygiene Mapping presented</b>			
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p>Sunny reminded the WASH Cluster of MHM Day on May 28<sup>th</sup> and a campaign planned through the cluster! WASH Cluster received global posters and banners which is translated, pre-tested and an approval letter is sent to MoHS for approval.</p> <p>Once that is completed, we will distribute banners and posters to partners from Rakhine, Kachin and Shan cluster teams (pick up at UNICEF office or cluster meeting). Look out for emails on this with the information and join in!</p> <p>Valentina from SI will now take over and lead the MHM group on behalf of the WASH Cluster starting next month!</p> <p>MHM Working Group lead presented the findings of the Myanmar MHM Mapping conducted. Some recommendations are included below, for full details, please review the presentation and the MHM Mapping Report shared with the WASH Cluster.</p> <p>Recommendations to the WASH Cluster:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure MHM is included in the hygiene programs</li> <li>• Challenge and address the myths and misconceptions, especially about menstruation being dirty</li> <li>• Challenge the taboos and social norms</li> <li>• Ensure that staff are comfortable and knowledgeable when holding MHM sessions.</li> <li>• Deliver sessions in environmentally suitable locations</li> </ul> <p>Recommendations to organizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a need for sustainable local supply of acceptable menstrual material in humanitarian protracted crises so that women and girls are not dependent on the free distribution. Further testing of reusable pads might be relevant.</li> <li>• Establish what is the preferable material in the areas where your organization works. Consult women and girls and where and how distributions are most appropriate</li> <li>• Ensure distribution of all menstrual materials supplies needed</li> </ul> <p>Infrastructure – both on humanitarian and development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On-going projects include segregated WASH facilities in schools</li> </ul> <p>Recommendations on infrastructure in schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support segregated WAHS facilities at schools, and possibly health facilities</li> <li>• Make latrines, washing facilities and disposal options (i.e. incinerators) women and girl-friendly</li> </ul> <p>Recommendation to the MHM WG:</p>	2:18	Sunny, Desiree (UNFPA)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update the WASH Cluster MHM Technical Guidance (which had been put on the original ToR of MHM TWG already)</li> </ul> <p>Research study on MHM Burnet Institute and WaterAid on adolescent reproductive health at monastic schools in Magway</p> <p>Recommendations for WASH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Involve community and consult women and girls</li> <li>Ensure to work in a coordinated/cluster way</li> <li>Take a full response on MHM material and supplies, MHM supportive facilities and MHM info</li> <li>Use gender responsive approach in all programming</li> <li>Consider MHM for any program that come in contact with women and adolescent girls</li> </ul> <p>Other recommendations included in the presentation.</p> <p>Valentina/SI WASH Coordinator will take over the leadership of the MHM TWG. Two key priorities for the next few months include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Mapping of materials/supplies for MHM and testing</li> <li>2) Update the WASH Cluster MHM Technical Guidelines</li> </ol> <p>Apps used? Look at IEC material on MHM need.</p>		
Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunny will email the WASH Cluster once the MoHS approves the MHM banners and posters and print out for partners to use in the MHM campaign to celebrate Global MHM day on May 28<sup>th</sup>!</li> </ul>		
<b>3. Kachin Draft Hygiene Promotion Strategy</b>			
Summary of Discussion	<p>WASH Cluster organized at the end of 2019 a workshop focused on Hygiene Promotion and UNICEF C4D Specialist has wrapped the results of it into a draft strategy</p> <p>This draft Hygiene Promotion strategy will be presented and discussed with partners at the end of May.</p> <p>Alessia presented on the key elements</p> <p>Current situation on barriers: inadequate infrastructure, <i>inconsistent knowledge, low risk perception, low commitment towards maintaining a clean environment, cultural and social norms</i>, implementation challenges for hygiene promotion activities. In italic the key ones that affect behaviors directly.</p> <p>Barriers at 3 different levels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual barriers: knowledge about certain behaviors is still limited, handwashing with soap is considered necessary only if hands are visibly dirty, limited understanding of certain practices.</li> <li>Areas of influence is risk perception and knowledge which we can do something about!</li> </ul>	2:50	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community barriers: norms around waste disposal (in rivers), child feces seen as harmless, water from natural sources is considered pure and healthy, people do not have time/are fatigued by hygiene promotion sessions, men in particular do not attend, low sense of responsibility in maintaining a clean environment, menstruation is a taboo. Areas of influence: knowledge, risk perception, norms and social influence, commitment, hygiene promotion approaches.</li> <li>• External factors: remote locations, insecurity, weather conditions, multiple languages spoken within and across camps.</li> </ul> <p>Opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People note the pleasant sensations they associate with handwashing with soap</li> <li>• Cleanliness is associated with a harmonious home and good social standing</li> <li>• Elders are key influencers</li> <li>• People expressed a desire to receive info in an entertaining and engaging way</li> <li>• Word of mouth is considered the preferred source of info</li> <li>• Occasions exist that bring people together</li> </ul> <p>Priority Behaviors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Handwashing</li> <li>• Water storage</li> <li>• Defecation</li> <li>• Waste management</li> <li>• Menstrual hygiene</li> </ul> <p>Proposed communication approaches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create engaging, entertaining and accessible content</li> <li>• Promote positive deviance to shift norms</li> <li>• Increase of risk perception</li> </ul> <p>Key Audiences (communication participants)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mothers of under 5s</li> <li>• Mothers of adolescent girls</li> <li>• Fathers of under 5s</li> <li>• School age children</li> <li>• Teenage girls and boys</li> </ul> <p>Influencing Audiences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elders</li> <li>• Positive deviants</li> </ul> <p>3 behavior determinants: know, feel, do</p> <p>Goal: To strengthen knowledge, capacity, skills and commitment of camp and host communities in Kachin and Shan...</p>		
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	<p>Proposed activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sesame street and Raya Puppet</li> <li>• Entertainment Education</li> <li>• Audio recordings for small group discussions</li> <li>• Community Screenings</li> </ul> <p>Increase risk perception:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-test and adapt existing videos</li> <li>• Use visual cues to understand how germs are spread (i.e. glow germs)</li> </ul> <p>Question: it's not my responsibility, it's government responsibility is something that all partners experience a lot. Question: Where would be the focus on Kachin and Shan?</p>		
<b>Action Plan</b>	Sunny to circulate the draft Strategy for national level inputs. This will be presented next week in Kachin for their inputs. The Strategy is translated for the partners so inputs/feedback.		
<b>4. Review of new 4W/snapshot and Q1 2019 results</b>			
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	WASH Cluster presented 2019 Q1 results and funding analysis and tracking.	3:10	
<b>Action Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to review indicators at state level, in Rakhine on June 7. Need to look at water quality indicators, solid waste and drainage. Feedback from partners at national level welcomed by May 30<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Sunny will circulate draft snapshot for final inputs/comments</li> <li>• WASH cluster requested to share water and sanitation information to the partners working in the villages</li> </ul>		
<b>5. Rakhine new displacements, funding update (MHF, CERF and from partners)</b>			
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aim to have one agency responsible to a cluster of sites.</li> <li>• 3W updated regularly, can be asked bilaterally</li> </ul>		
<b>Action Plan</b>	Partners indicate interest to WASH Cluster. A meeting to prioritize and define access and possible consortia will take place on May 17 <sup>th</sup> .		
<b>6. Camp Closure Update &amp; Proposed Ways forward from the SAG (Rakhine focused)</b>			

Summary of Discussion			
Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAG will discuss indicators for camp closure tracking and will circulate to the partners' review and comments.</li> <li>SAG will provide inputs to the ICCG Letter for Knut.</li> </ul>		
<b>7. AOB</b>			
Summary of Discussion	NIL		
Action Plan			

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