



WASH Cluster Myanmar

Minutes of National WASH Cluster Meeting

Date: 2018 January 31, Wednesday **Venue:** UNICEF Yangon Office

Time: 3 pm - 5pm Duration: 2h

Chair: Sunny Guidotti, National WASH Cluster Coordinator

Minutes: Sunny Guidotti / Myo Minsoe

Participants: SCI, WV, MA-UK, SI, ADRA, ACF, IRC, CDN-ZOA, Medair, PUI, DRC, IFRC, Metta, Plan, WCM, UNICEF

Sr.	Topic	Time	Who
Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Intro (5 min) 2. Brief emergency updates (5min) 3. Strategic Operational Framework (80min) 4. Cluster Workplan (10min) 5. If time, HRP 2018 monitoring indicators (10min) 6. SAG, Meeting Schedule, AOB (15min) 	3.00	All Participants
1	<p>Intro and only key emergency updates This meeting was supposed to be on the 8th of February, but when I returned last week I found out it was today!</p> <p>State clusters: Rakhine</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continued WASH services on-going in camps. 2. Rumors/Reports of AWD cases observed in last week of 2017 and early January 2018, but situation is well under control and partners on stand-by to respond in any such situation. 3. Security incidents reported from Mrauk-U, Myebon areas which impacted cluster partner activities. 4. Most of TAs and transportation issues resolved for the time being. TAs are only valid for respective project areas in central Rakhine. Only UNICEF and ICRC have TAs for Mangdaw. 5. Weak/limited cluster capacity for potential repatriation of refugees to Myanmar. 6. Rakhine WASH Cluster SOF planned on 20-21st Feb, 2018 in Sittwe. 	3:00-3:05	Sunny

	<p>NSS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cluster joint assessment with OCHA and WFP to Temporary IDPs location in Kyaukme Township. 2. Cluster coordinate with WASH actors in NSS for emergency responses of Newly displaced IDPs in Kyauk me. 3. Cluster helps & collaborate with Education Department and distributed Essential Learning Kits and test books for Primary Students in Kyaukme and Mine Ngwt New IDPs Locations. 4. 1280 Individuals from Kyaukme and Mine Ngwt Township of IDPs return to original location and 317 individuals form 77HH remained 2 IDPs location in Kyaukme. 5. WASH Cluster facilitated Cluster meeting in NSS on end of January . <p>Kachin</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approximately 4,000 newly IDPs in Tanai, Sumparbum and hpakant urgent need humanitarian assistance including WASH relief items. <p>Medair – they got TA for Maungdaw and are exploring WASH in urban Maungdaw.</p>		
2	<p>Strategic Operational Framework_2017-2019_Myanmar WASH Cluster</p> <p>A printed copy was given to all attendees.</p>  <p>NWCC meeting _Jan 31 2018.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOF 2017-2019 Review Plan <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National Level discussion on priorities (Today) 2. Rakhine and Kachin/Shan workshops (February) 3. Partners’ feedback on googledocs (Jan 31st- March 1st) <p>SOF Contents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction 2. Global Guiding Principles 3. The Role of the Cluster 4. National Framework 5. Transition & Exit Strategy 6. Goal 7. Strategies <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7.1 Overarching Priorities 7.2 Validated Approaches 7.3 WASH Framework <p>National Overarching priorities (decided in 2017)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement durable solutions - Promoting community ownership of WASH infrastructure and integrating with the private sector and government 	3:05-3:25	Sunny

	<p>2. Increase WASH integration with other clusters/sectors – with a specific focus on closer integration with Health, Nutrition, Protection/Gender mainstreaming and Food Security and Livelihoods sector;</p> <p>3. Reinforce WASH disaster preparedness – with a specific focus on capacity development for assessment and response and integration with new national strategies, laws and rules.</p> <p>4. Strengthen National Capacity - with a specific focus on developing township-level approaches that supports humanitarian capacity development of local government and civil society.</p> <p>Discussion: shall we keep the same 4 priorities? Consensus was yes. SI mentioned the point around community ownership.</p> <p>Validated Approaches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conflict Sensitivity/Do no Harm • Equity Approach • Gender and Protection Mainstreaming • Community Empowerment, Ownership and O&M • Integrating Market-based programming • Advocacy • Improving Feedback Mechanisms <p>7.3 WASH Framework (page 18)</p> <p>Break into 3 groups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WATER (Section 7.3.2) 2. SANITATION (Section 7.3.3) 3. HYGIENE (Section 7.3.4) <p>Activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review your group's section - Note on flipchart: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anything to be added? - Anything incorrect to be changed? - Any 2018 additional recommended actions? - National TWG required? - Any other ideas? - Present briefly 		
4	<p>Group Work</p> <p>Participants were grouped into Water group, Hygiene group and Sanitation group. Each group read SOF on relevant chapter and discussed.</p>	3:25-4:30	All Participants
5	<p>Presentation on Water</p> <p>a) Water Supply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well design for flood prone areas • AQQ monitoring and management in water transportation in Rakhine (boating) • Monitoring and management of water consumption from early in dry season • Agree on specific types of trainings for WASH committees on village level water management 	4:30-4:40	Water group

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Kachin delegate management and technical tests to WASH committee and provide grants to empower them. Need to link to government who committed last year on water testing for camps. • Link increasing storage capacity with WASH for water quality on cash for work basis <p>b) Water Quality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On first point, make sure that cluster partners also receive feedback on water monitoring and testing • Ensure availability of at least 1 suitable lab at state level, later to be rolled out at township level (mutualization of resources) • Identify linkage between water quality and availability of storage containers. Tested source quality can be fine but contaminated at storage • Scale up a systematic approach to water quality testing to household level. Oxfam had a good example and Toe Aung shared. • Cluster partners to ensure awareness among community on usage of safe / unsafe water services <p>c) Treatment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • upgrade / protect water facilities and sources • Consider changing from “cover” water reserved to “seal” on the SOF • Look at possible treatment options besides Ceramic Water Filtrations <p>Knowledge sharing by Toe Toe Aung on her experience at Rakhine last year Check water quality at source and household level If the result shows that water quality at HH level is contaminated, public health promoter go to the house to give awareness. Public health engineer check the source again. If the source is contaminated, first step is chlorination. If the source is still contaminated, it is marked with red danger sign to indicate it is not suitable to use and notify the Community. Apart from water testing, sanitary survey is also made.</p> <p>Problem at water source includes people disposing garbage into water pound (water source meant for drinking water). People should be educated for behavior changes with hygiene promotions for community and religious leaders and teachers. Action point: consider these recommendations at the state level cluster workshops in February and Cluster team to update accordingly.</p>		
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5	Presentation on Sanitation Latrine and Handwashing	4:40-4:45	Sanitation group
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6	<p>Presentation on Hygiene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HP Strategy to be adapted per state with support from Behavior Change TWGs with cross learnings, already in the SOF for protracted crisis. • Is there any different short term emergency approach for hygiene instead of Hygiene promotion approach? • The Preparedness TWG to take the acute emergency response strategy for HP. <p>Action Point: Preparedness TWG to include in their 1st quarter of 2018 agenda the finalization of the minimum standards for emergency acute response for HP (and other topics, pending 2017 action).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debate on ACF anthropology survey. It can be for Rakhine but not the case of for Kachin. There is no anthropological survey done in Kachin. 	4:45-4:50	Hygiene group

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing MHM study and guidelines (review and update) which is already included as a recommended action in the SOF. Oxfam piloting MHM project in Rakhine, it would be good it is discussed by Oxfam. National working group on MHM. <p>Action: Invite Oxfam to talk about their MHM Pilot to the cluster.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integration with Gov health, education staff (Hygiene promotion). Concerns especially on appropriateness in Rakhine given what government and IDPs' relations, to be discussed per state. However important for phase out. <p>Action: at state workshops, discuss the involvement of government for hygiene promotion in camps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why CLTS approach is not working well in Rakhine camps? Not included in writing in detail but because in camps, agencies are responsible to provide sanitation services, not the IDPs to construct their own latrines as it's done in development/village settings where their lives are not affected by conflict and displacement. For Rakhine specifically, the psychosocial issues and mental health of the IDP population that don't have a solution in sight and don't need "shame, disgust, fear" promoted by CLTS. At ground level, hygiene promotion cannot be successful when there is no water in tank, so need to tie in hygiene promotion with water and sanitation facilities. There can be story books and games developed and disseminated by UNICEF for school children. SI suggested more to be done on drama <p>Action: these suggestions to be made for the SOF review due by March 1st. Link to be shared to partners by the NWCC.</p>		
Workplan	<p>The 2018 workplan is ambitious especially for the cluster team alone, so we need partner to commit to support on one activity for the year.</p> <p>Large prints of the 2018 Cluster Workplan was shared.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2018 Workplan: Circulated on Dec 19, 2017 and posted on cluster website To be updated based on SOF Review Workshop during the month of February Any key feedback? No. <p>Action point: partners to volunteer to take charge of one action for the cluster.</p> <p>Action point: Workplan to be updated following SOF workshops and recommended actions by March.</p>	4:50-4:58	Sunny
Action points last cluster meeting	<p>Action points from last NWC meeting</p> <p>All accomplished except the SCI presentation at the Shan cluster meeting as they could not attend.</p>	4:58-5:00	Sunny
AOB	<p>Pending 2 decisions:</p> <p>Voting on keeping the one month plenary and one month working sessions versus every month plenary meeting.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> The cluster agreed on every month meeting. Every 1st Wednesday of the Month, from 3-5pm.</p>	4:00-5:15	Sunny

	<p><u>SAG Nomination</u>: Call for three volunteers from partners to support cluster decisions with review of the Myanmar humanitarian fund (MHF) or lead where needed.</p> <p><u>Decision</u>: on 2018 SAG include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i UNICEF (James Robertson)ii Metta (Zaw Htun Lat)iii SI (Damien Delaplace) <p>Partners' update already shared in the first session, so nothing more to report</p>		
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