**Meeting Minutes**

**Subject:** 23rd Meeting of the Disaster Preparedness and Response Education (DPRE) Working

Group, Myanmar

**Date and Time:** 14th October 2013 (Monday), 14:00 hrs – 16:00 hrs

**Venue:** U Thant Conference Hall, Third Floor, UN Building, 6 Natmauk Road, Tamwe Township, Yangon

**Opening**

The meeting began at 2:00 pm with an opening speech by Mr. Sardar Umar Alam, Head of the UNESCO office in Myanmar. UNESCO chaired the meeting, and 23 participants from 14 organizations including educational officials from MoE were present (See Annex) and two apology requests received from Nyein (Shalom) Foundation and World Education for the absence. Before the meeting, UNESCO shared the 22nd DPRE WG meeting minutes and the Myanmar translation of *Education: An Essential Component of A Humanitarian Response* among members.

**Updates & Discussion**

Each organization updated and discussed their DRR Education activities from March until October 2013.

ActionAid

ActionAid implemented DRR activities in 42 villages in Phyapon, Labutta in Irrawaddy Region and Kyun Su in Thnintharyi Region. Village disaster management committees have also been established in each village. ActionAid is also working with Plan International in eight project targeted villages for school base DRR in Irrawaddy Region.  In future, ActionAid will be doing more for DRR integration with other sectors such as Education, Women right, Fellowship program.

Metta Development Foundation

Metta is working   on Responsive Education Partnerships project with non-state actors, education service providers from Kachin Independent Organization (KIO) & PNO Education Department to improve the public administration skills and good governance system in their service delivery. On 23-24 April, 2013, Metta Development Foundation and UNESCO conducted the workshop on INEE Minimum Standard in Laiza in Kachin State. 30 participants from District &Township Education Officers and School Principals from KIO Education department Central Committee were present. On 1-2 May, 2013, Metta, MoE & Save the Children conducted the workshop in Education in Emergency in Laiza in Kachin State. 30 participants from District &Township Education Officers and School Principals from KIO Education department Central Committee were present.

Myanmar Education Consortium (MEC)

MEC is organized by Save the Children, World Vision and Burnet Institute and works on education and social cohesion. MEC joined the meeting to work altogether with all stakeholders in educational sector to achieve quality education for every child in Myanmar. MEC shared its concept note to attendants and brief explained it especially the component 5 “Education in Emergencies.” MEC is also planning to offer grants to those who work for educational activities in Myanmar in near future. Currently MEC is working on organizational mapping so LNGOs and INGOs will be covered by grants. More information on grants and MEC is available at <http://myanmareducationconsortium.org/>

Ministry of Eduation (MoE)

DRR Education is highly demanded not only MoE by also other Ministries as DRR is very relevant to the context of Myanmar which is often vulnerable to natural hazards. DRR Education resource pack has been updated in 2012 so no revision will be needed at this point.

Plan International

Plan International, UNESCO & MOE organized National Level Consultation Workshop on Safe Schools: “Accelerating Safe School Implementation towards Regional Excellence” in Nay Pyi Taw in March 2013. It is working on structural and non-structural school programs in order to prevent and prepare for disaster risk reduction and will also be implementing more on DRR Education along with Save the Children, and UN-Habitat. Plan International also suggested that the glossary of the current DRR Education Resource Pack should be revised in order to be relevant to the standardization of DRR terminology used by DRR Working Group.

Save the Children

On July 17-18 July, 2013, MoE, UNESCO and SCI jointly organized a 2 day Refresher Course on DRR in Education and INEE training for Core Trainer Team from MoE and MNGO in Yangon. The number of participants was 46 who were from DBE 1, 2, 3, DEPT and MNGO Network Group participated in the Training.

On 1-2 August, 2013, MoE, UNESCO and SCI jointly organized a 2-day INEE Minimum Standards for Education: Preparedness, Response, Recovery Workshop for Educational Administrators at the Central Level in Nay Pyi Taw. The number of participants was 55 who were Directors-General, Deputy Directors-General, State/Region Education Officers and Principals of Education Colleges participated in the workshop.

On 15-17 August, 2013, MoE and SCI jointly organized a 3-day DRR in Education and INEE Minimum Standard for Educational Administrators at the Bago Region. The number of participants was 65 who were Division Education Officer, District Education Officer, Township Education Officer and Assistant Education Officer participated in the workshop.

SEEDS Asia

SEEDS Asia organized DRR Resource Pack Training Workshops in Mandalay Region in July & August 2013 with the support of MoE & UNESCO.  Total 195 participants were trained including Township Education Officers, Deputy Township Education Officers, Assistant Township Education Officers, School Principals & teachers from SEEDS Asia's target schools from Chan Aye Tha Zan Township (70 schools) and Singu Township (110 schools) in Mandalay Region. After the resource Pack training, the teachers who attended the resource pack training conducted DRR training to students by utilizing of Mobile Knowledge Resource Centre. In September, following up visits in the two townships were also conducted in order to confirm the effectiveness and their initiatives.

SEEDS Asia also visited Wakema township in Irrawaddy Region and Seikyi-Kanaung-to township in Yangon Region in July and August 2013 with MOE officials as part of follow-up activities of last year Resource pack training. The teachers from the six schools from each townships (SEEDS Asia's target schools) in last year became resource persons for DRR awareness training this year and HVCA analysis and community disaster plan were made in cooperation between school and community. Follow-up/monitoring visits were also made in each township September with MOE officials.

SEEDS Asia also conducted a Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) & Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in Nay Pyi Taw with international speakers as resource persons in August 2013. 66 participants from 13 Government Departments, 2 INGOs, & 1 LNGO were present. ESD booklet of Myanmar version is also available, and will be available though website.

UN-Habitat

UN-Habitat does not have any DRR Education project in Myanmar, but it is actively working on national building code standards that are relevant to DRR Education on the safety of schools and school children. UN-Habitat will also be working with UNESCO and Plan Myanmar to implement safe school projects in future.

UNICEF

UNICEF continued to co-lead Education Thematic Working Group (ETWG) with Save Children to advocate for and support the collaborative establishment of a sound and sustainable national education system in Myanmar. DPRE WG is part of the border ETWG so in order to implement effective coordination approach, inclusiveness among the Government, LNGOs, INGOs & DOs are important. ETWG welcome those who work for education and still have not joined the network of ETWG to be the members of ETWG. Educational presentation can also be conducted during the ETWG meeting. UNECEF is also supporting analytical works on management and quality regarding primary education.

UNESCO

DPRE WG should produce a 4-5 page consolidated report as a group in which each organization has mentioned their DRR Education activities in 2012 & 2013 for half page before in the end of this year. The resource pack or the glossary of DRR should not be revised at this point as they are jointly developed by MoE. MoE is also pleased with the current contents of the resource pack so rather than being revised, it can be attached as supplementary. In order to expand DRR Education activities, collective effort is needed to garner more resources and donors support. DRR Education can also be linked to the environmental education so it is important to have strong advocacy for resource mobilization and to link with environmental NGOs.

**AOB**

JICA/ RRD, MoSWRR explained a new disaster preparedness training program in the name of Iza! Kaeru Caravan. This programme has been successfully localized in Indonesia, Guatemala and Thailand. The programme will be conducted in December 2013 by Japanese experts at one of the Basic Education High Schools or Middle Schools in Yangon. JICA also shared the draft of the concept note of “Iza! Kaeru Caravan” in Myanmar in 2013 to attendants.

**Action Points**

Finally, the following action points were made:

* Each organization is requested to write the summary of its DRR education activities in 2012 & 2013 so that the consolidated report as a whole by DPRE WG can be produced in the end of this year. (follow-up by UNESCO)
* No revision on DRR resource pack is needed at this point but in order to see different DRR glossaries between DRR WG & DPRE WG, the soft copy of DRR WG will be shared among the members of DPRE WG. (follow-up by UNESCO)
* The Education in Emergencies Sector Coordinator will do a presentation on the EiE Coordination Group at the next DPRE meeting.
* JICA/ RRD, MoSWRR will launch its new disaster preparedness programme “Iza! Kaeru Caravan” in Myanmar in 2013 so the members of DPRE WG are invited to participate in.
* Educational grants will be provided by MEC near future.
* SEEDS Asia has launched a new DRR project in Irrawaddy Region from October to March 2016 based on the official minutes among SEEDS/MES/RRD/JICA. Total 6 "DRR Activity Centres" to be established in Labutta, Bogale, Kungyangon (2 for each) townships to support sustainable DRR activities by linking schools and communities.
* The next meeting would be convened on 15 November 2013.

**Closing**

The meeting ended in 4:00 pm.

**Annex: List of participants of 23rd DPRE Working Group Meeting (14 October 2013)**

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| **No.** | **Name**  | **Designation** | **Organization** |
| 1. | Dr. Htay Htay Win | Staff Officer | DEPT, MoE |
| 2.  | Daw Saw Shwe Pu | Assistant Director | DBE 1, MoE |
| 3. | U Khin Aung | Deputy Director (Engineer) | DBE 2, MoE |
| 4. | Daw Khine Hnin Yee | Staff Officer | DBE 3, MoE |
| 5. | U Kyaw Myo Min | Programme Manager | Plan International |
| 6. | Daw Ei Phway Nu | Education Officer | TDH Italia |
| 7. | Daw Naw Sandi Htun | Programme Officer | Action Aid |
| 8. | Daw Nwe Ni Aye | Coordinator | Action Aid |
| 9. | Mr. Nobuyuki ICHIHARA | JICA Expert | RRD/ MoSWRR |
| 10. | Ms. Mitsuko SHIKADA | Program Manager | SEEDS Asia |
| 11. | Daw Thinn Hlaing Oo | Admin Officer | SEEDS Asia |
| 12. | Daw Naw Olive | Program Advisor (EiE) | Save the Children |
| 13. | U Thant Sin Oo  | Intern (EiE) | Save the Children |
| 14. | Mr.Arlo Kitchingman | Education in Emergencies Coordinator | Save the Children |
| 15. | Daw Aye Aye | Advocacy Capacity Development Manager | Myanmar Education Consortium  |
| 16. | Daw Htay Ei Ei | Manager | Myanmar Education Consortium |
| 17. | Daw Kyu Kyu Shwe | Central Monitor | Myanmar Learning Resource Centre (MLRC) |
| 18. | Daw Myint Myint Shwe | Program Coordinator | Metta Development Foundation |
| 19. | Daw Mu Mu Kyi | Program Director | Thadar Consortium |
| 20. | Ms. Jane Davies | Education Policy Specialist | UNICEF |
| 21. | Daw Ni Ni Win  | Programme Officer | UN-Habitat |
| 22. | Mr. Sardar Umar Alam | Head of Office | UNESCO |
| 23. | U Aung Aung | Programme Officer | UNESCO |