**Minutes of IM Network Meeting: 6th December 2017**

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Participants’ Organizations: UNHCR, Phandeeyar, World Vision Myanmar, PACT, Search for Common Ground (SFCG), MIMU

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|  | **Issues discussed** | **Next steps** |
|  | **PACT presentation on Shae Thot Integrated Development study**  Shae Thot is $70 million, 7 year, USAID supported project in the Dry Zone ending in March 2018. The project is large-scale, reaching almost 3000 villages with an integrated programming approach which includes WASH, livelihoods and governance interventions. This study sought to assess the impact of taking an integrated programming approach.  Design of the study: The qualitative comparative study was applied across 88 focus groups (including project focus villages and some others for comparison purposes), each with 6-10 persons, held separately for community leadership, community volunteers and men and women from the community. A health component of the study was triangulated across all groups. A four point scale was then applied to core the results enabling results to be compared and contrasted (i.e. Score 1 for outcomes fully achieved; 0.67 for outcomes partially achieved; 0.33 for outcomes emerging; 0 for outcomes not achieved).The study was conducted by a consultant company based on a design developed by PACT.  Key findings of the study:   1. An integrated approach resulted in stronger results within the direct programme scope, with components reinforcing one another and results beyond the direct programmatic scope in the focus sectors 2. Access to finance mechanisms was a fundamental aspect enabling the benefits of an integrated approach 3. Village development committees were central to the effective implementation but it was not clear whether this related to administering the financial aspects or other reasons 4. There was some expansion in the role of women but not beyond the usual sectors/roles along traditional gender norms   While some capacity was built during the implementation of this evaluation approach, more would be needed to enable broader use of the methodology. |  |
|  | **Cluster/Sector/agency updates**  **UNHCR:** CCCM cluster report for October has been finalized along with a new CCCM monitoring tool, completed for September/October. Both will be available through the cluster website. Support is also being provided to the CCCM cluster in Sittwe to prepare camp profiles on a monthly basis. A new Information Management Officer has been recruited for a three-month period for Maungdaw to replace the outgoing IMO. Priority activities in the next period include revision the external dashboard for protection sector.  **Search for Common Ground:** SFCG is running three projects-  1) Social Cohesion training with ministries to train assistant and officer level staff at township and national level from the Ministry of Social Welfare and Central Statistics Organization in NPT (finished) and Bago Region townships.  2) Community Information management project in Lashio and Amarapura in cooperation with the MeToo organization targeting community influencers through ICT for media and rumor management.  3) Developing community information management tool project which is similar to previous project but in different region and working with CBOs on hate speech monitoring including developing a community management toolkit.  **World Vision:** WV hasfood distribution in Maungdaw in 2nd week of December and new relief projects in Chin state and conflict area in Kachin for 3 months. Next, WV is working on new area assessment in Thikegyi which will advocate to the Government using community engagement approach. The assessment has been done through focus group discussion which are invited by community.  **PACT:** Launched and completing several evaluations and studies. (1) A women’s empowerment evaluation also linked to the Shae Thot project to look at the women’s empowerment component linked to work with CARE. (2) A mini grid productive youth study as a new area for PACT, scoping how best to support inclusive growth at community level in terms of access to energy. (3) Two political economy analyses in southeastern Myanmar and Ayerawady as the baseline for two new projects which bring together different actors to deliver support to communities (i.e. ethnic organizations, Government, ethnic armed group, private sector and others). This is building on work done in bringing actors together around the National Health Plan.  **Phandeeyar:** Phandeeyar have Open Street Map training on 6th Dec to 8th Dec focusing on the basics of how people can contribute to open mapping, use the data on open street map and on different other GIS software like QGIS, RGIS and use for analysis planning purposes. A further open mapping event was planned on 11th December to add road names to OSM. A big Mapping event is planned in January in partnership with the Humanitarian Open Street Map Team and Red Cross to map the disaster affected areas in Myanmar – areas of focus have not yet been selected. It was suggested to follow up with the information with the MIMU team for this. An informal discussion was also scheduled on a tool called Sound Site which enables audio clips or a certain part of text (e.g. A code of some of the community) to be easily added to other material – this will be particularly useful for journalists.  **MIMU:**  Training: Starting a two-week QGIS training next week building capacity in use of this free software for mapping. The training was not widely publicized, bring first offered to the applicants turned down for the last course. As usual the participants are mix out of Government and different agency from different parts of the country. MIMU Distance Excel course is underway for agencies in south-eastern Myanmar (participants from Kayah, Dawei, some parts of Kayin, Mon and two MIMU staff).  School Mapping project: work is continuing on development of the dataset with the locations of all formal sector schools countrywide, and putting this into a web-based platform as a resource for MoE planning and monitoring. This project will continue through 2018 with the MIMU team providing capacity building support to MoE in use of the tool.  Village Place collect tool: the MIMU team has developed this mobile based tool that is about to be rolled out to a limited set of partners to gather coordinates of villages in areas with particularly low levels of mapping of settlements. The tool will initially be rolled out with UNHCR.  Landmine infographic – MIMU is mapping the data on known casualties provided by ICBL and will update the Landmine infographic for release along with the new ICBL report in January. The IMSMA (information management system for mine action) is still in operation for detailed information on non-technical surveys as they slowly start – this is managed by NPA.  Online photo archive development is continuing a- this will allow agencies to upload images of work they are undertaking for wider use by registered users.  Unicode – the entire MIMU website has been migrated to Unicode now.  **Other national developments:**  NSDS: The MIMU Manager provided an update on other developments from recently attended meetings: work is slowly ramping up on the NSDS / National Strategy for Development of Statistics. World Bank is leading on supporting in implementation with ministries of planning and Finance and CSO and has resumed meetings of development partners, and government has established a series of 10 clusters (working groups) linked to the NSDS implementation – these include development partners. More on the NSDS approach can be found in NSDS in a Nutshell booklet (<https://www.paris21.org/sites/default/files/NSDS_booklet_en.pdf>). An important development will be the endorsement of the new Statics Law which will supersede the 2951 Statistical Act which is currently in place. This will place the CSO in a more central position to support statistics gathering, processing and sharing across ministries, however ministries will still retain an important capacity for its relevant statistics. The law is currently under final consideration by Parliament and final drafts have not yet been released. A further step will be the creation of a statistics training centre for developing government servants’ capacity through various training modules – this is being taken forward by UNDP together with the CSO.  Census: The Department of Population and UNFPA have produced a Census Atlas which is now available. Data remains mainly at township level.  The CSO Poverty and household survey is now nearing the end of the 12 months data collection period. |  |
|  | **Next Meeting**  The next meeting will be on February 7th 2018 at 3:00 pm in the MIMU  Any agency is interested to present specific initiatives to contact Shon/MIMU. |  |

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