**Minutes of IM Network Meeting: 7th February 2018**

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Participants: WVI, CCCM/Shelter/NFI/Protection clusters/sectors (UNHCR), OCHA, WASH cluster (UNICEF)

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|  | **Issues discussed** | **Next steps** |
|  | **National Developments**  **Myanmar Living Conditions Survey – MLCS:** The third MLCS User Consultation was held in late January to discuss the contents of the final MLCS report products and ensure thy are responsive to the needs of users in government and civil society. The survey has been led by CSO, World Bank and UNDP and is designed to provide information at Union and state and region levels on poverty, consumption and to enable calculation of the GDP.  Enumerators recruited for this specific survey visited 13,730 households in 355 townships countrywide 4 times over the year to enable the collection of information on seasonal variation. The data was then entered both in the field and in the CSO offices. The sampling frame was generated from the 2014 census, and included 1,152 enumerator areas (EAs). Of these 20 could not be fully included in the survey – namely 7 EAs in Wa and 13 in northern Rakhine. It was not possible to adjust the survey methodology to compensate for the gap in the Wa EAs, but in Rakhine new EAs with similar populations near to the intended EAs were selected. It is not clear whether the final bias of this approach is positive or negative.  The products will be a Key Indicators report in March 2018, and a detailed socio-economic report in December 2018. The data to HH level will also be made available through a dedicated webpage providing the data in a downloadable form. Inputs were sought and gathered through the consultation on the proposed survey report formats.  **Statistics Law**: the new Statistics Law has finally been endorsed and we are waiting for the final law with translations to be shared publicly.  **National Strategy for Development of Statistics (NSDS):** The Non-Sector Coordination Group for Statistical Quality and Development comprises mainly government and development partners discussing the strategic issues related to the development of the statistics sector through the NSDS. A series of clusters have been established to focus on different aspects and are reporting back to the central group, chaired by the DG CSO – these are at the stage of clarifying ToRs for each of the clusters.  **New Statistics Law:** The new law has been approved by the Parliament and endorsed by the President. Until related rules and regulations are elaborated, it is not clear how the new Law will be implemented. The World Bank is helping CSO with the translation and will share the English version once it is finalized and approved by CSO.  **RRD restructure** – the RRD/Relief and Resettlement Department is now DMD/ Disaster Management Department |  |
|  | **Cluster/Sector/agency updates**  **OCHA**  SIMEX: OCHA supported preparation of the SIMEX led by Ministry of Social Welfare in late January. This focused on an earthquake scenario and highlighted challenges in information sharing and possibly IM among various govt committees - these will be a focus of action points coming out of the SIMEX. INFORM Index: The INFORM Index for Risk Management is a global, open-source risk assessment for humanitarian crises and disasters designed to support decisions about prevention, preparedness and response. The tool is generally applied at country level and assesses government and community capacity to respond to emergencies. Myanmar is one of two countries selected by EU to do a sub-national index at TS level. OCHA is hosting the initiative in Myanmar with INFORM consultants. OCHA/Olivier will provide an update at the next IM network meeting. IDP maps for Rakhine and Kachin are being updated more rapidly with the support of UNHCR and shared through reliefweb. It was requested that OCHA also share these products with MIMU for local dissemination.  Tracking of travel authorizations – the tool developed by OCHA for use in central Rakhine has now been handed over to RCO Sittwe. Another process is used in northern Rakhine led by UNHCR  Coordination meetings in Muse – starting shortly, led by OCHA.  **World Vision International** – ended 2 projects in Shan state. Funding for new area development programme.  **UNHCR**  Camp profiling round 7 in Kachin and N Shan has just begun. Data collection is scheduled from the last week of January and the final report will be at the end of April.  CCCM/Shelter/NFIs Cluster Analysis Report for January will shortly be released for Kachin, N Shan and Rakhine. This updates all IDP sites and populations, CCCM camp list, shelter coverage and gaps, NFI distribution summary. It will be uploaded to Shelter Cluster website and MIMU.  Protection sector – UNHCR Protection 4W activities will be input to the MIMU 3W to harmonise as far as possible.  **UNICEF (WASH Cluster)**  4W - Information is still being obtained from N Shan for the Rakhine, Kachin and N Shan 4W release. It will be shared through the Myanmar WASH cluster website. Sub sector definitions in the WASH cluster 4W have been harmonized with the MIMU 3W. MIMU noted that the WASH cluster had been especially proactive in seeking ways to harmonize these tools.  **MIMU**  MIMU 3W– preparations are underway for the MIMU 3W – this is actually a “4W” as it also includes the time element (Who, what, where, when). The MIMU 3W gathers information every 6 months on agencies humanitarian and development activities in sub-sector countrywide, but it does not replace the need for the cluster/sector 4Ws which go to a more detailed level on the delivery, needs and gaps in specific activities at community/camp level in HRP-focus areas (specifically humanitarian).  Capacity building – MIMU completed the 10-day QGIS training for 22 persons in December and is currently completing the 3rd distance excel training course (southeastern Myanmar following courses for staff of agencies in Kachin/N Shan and northern Rakhine). Suggestions were sought from the IM Network members present in the meeting for the next focus areas for this distance excel course (initial suggestion of northern Shan from the WASH cluster). Other scheduled trainings include GIS training for CSO in early March, and ongoing support to capacity development in GAD toward the national coding initiative.  National Coding Initiative – ongoing activities with OneMap Myanmar and GAD toward development of a national coding system for geospatial data.  Village Place collect tool - the VPC tool developed by MIMU to clarify the GPS coordinates of villages whose location has not yet been confirmed to be digitized is now being rolled out with selected agencies (UNICEF, UNHCR) to improve the mapping of villages in specific areas of the country.  School Mapping project - Phase 1 included the development of an app by MIMU and training of 150 staff of MoE together coordinates of formal sector school across the country. Phase 2 involves putting this into a web-based platform as a resource for MoE planning and monitoring alongside other data such as that from EMIS and the census. This project will continue in 2018 with the MIMU team providing capacity building support to MoE in use of the tool. Agreement has been obtained to share the schools dataset (school location and type).  Online photo archive development is finally nearing completion. This platform will run alongside the MIMU website and allow agencies to upload images of work they are undertaking for wider use by registered users. MIMU would welcome resources from agencies to promote better practice in photographing and interviewing projects/beneficiaries/children to post alongside the photos as helpful resources. UNFPA resources were recommended. OCHA also noted that they are ready to upload their images as soon as the platform is finalized and available. | OCHA to share products through MIMU for wider in-country dissemination  UNICEF Education is interested to obtain the schools dataset  OCHA will request HACG for resources that could be shared through the photo archive |
|  | **Next Meeting**  The next meeting will be on March 7th, 2018 at 3:00 pm in the MIMU.  Presentation by OCHA on the INFORM initiative. |  |

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