



Minutes of Myanmar Language Information Management Network Meeting

26th August 2026, 2PM MMT, online via Zoom

The meeting was conducted in Myanmar language, and this is a translation of the original minutes.

Agenda

1. Presentation – Pcodes (MIMU)
2. Presentation – Village Mapping Exercise (MIMU)
3. AOB and other discussions

Attendance

Chair: Ei Ei Thein (MIMU)

Participants: ADRA, AHRN, BS, CPI, CSI, DRC, ICRC, KBC, KMSS, MDM, MI, MRCS, MSI, NRC, NYEIN, PPWT, PUI, SCI, SPM, SWISSAID, IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF (31 participants from 24 organisations)

1. Pcodes (MIMU)

Pcodes are codes that identify locations in Myanmar, covering from the village level up to states and regions. MIMU has developed and maintained the Pcodes system since 2008. The system is intended to provide a unique referencing system for locations, to avoid uncertainties in place names, to enable more accurate recording of information, to allow wider use of datasets, and to support mapping.

MIMU Pcodes Version 9.7 contains 66,659 villages, of which 81.9% can currently be displayed on the map with coordinates. MIMU is working with organizations implementing projects on the ground to make corrections to the Pcodes. Corrections to the names, latitudes, longitudes and spellings of villages, by state and region, can be submitted using the [Pcodes Submission Form](#), and corrections that meet the standard will be made.

The Place Codes (Pcodes) page can be found under “Mapping & GIS” in the Navigation Bar of the MIMU Website, and contains the Pcodes Dataset and Change History Reports, allowing users to access all Pcodes resources and datasets. Villages and Pcodes can also be automatically matched and checked through the Pcoder Tool.

MIMU Pcodes – <https://themimu.info/place-codes>

2. Village Mapping Exercise (MIMU)

A meeting was held to introduce the Village Mapping Exercise, which aims to ensure the accuracy of village location information, and to review the current availability of village GPS Coordinates. In addition to discussing the Tentative Work Plan for collecting village locations, the meeting also included an introduction to Google My Maps, training on how to use it, and an explanation of the Location Status markers on the map.

The main objectives of the exercise are to fill in the locations of villages that do not yet have coordinates, to verify the accuracy of existing locations using Google Satellite Images, to correct misplaced locations, and to identify and register villages that exist on the ground but are not yet included in the Pcode list. More accurate location information will enable disaster response and humanitarian assistance to be delivered more effectively and quickly, and will allow activities and resources to be allocated precisely to where they are needed. It will also result in a stronger and more up-to-date database and statistics, supporting the effective implementation of the principle of “Leaving No One Behind”.

According to data available up to January 2026, at the national level, coordinates have been obtained for 54,604 of the 66,659 villages on the MIMU list (81.9%) and for 52,352 of the 63,221 villages on the GAD list (82.8%). By state and region, coverage of over 90% has been achieved in Bago (West) Region, Chin State, Sagaing Region, Magway Region, Mandalay Region, Nay Pyi Taw and Rakhine State, while coverage remains low in Kachin State (52%), Northern Shan State (48%), Eastern Shan State (65%), Southern Shan State (76%) and Kayin State (69%); these areas therefore need to be designated as Priority Areas, where data collection and correction will be focused.

In verifying field data, Status Markers will be systematically assigned on Google My Maps. The exercise is planned to run for 7 weeks, from September to October 2026. During weeks 1 to 2 of September, introductory meetings will be held, field staff will be trained, and Google My Map Projects will be shared and linked. Village data will then be systematically collected in the field from week 2 of September to week 1 of October. The collected data will be reviewed and compiled during weeks 1 to 3 of October, and the geospatial map data and Pcode databases will be updated during weeks 2 to 3 of October.

In closing, it was agreed to continuously update village location data and to mutually share field information with other field-based organizations. Participants will also work together, on the basis of accurate data, to make humanitarian activities and decisions more effective so that assistance can be delivered precisely to those in need.

3. AOB and other discussions

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 25th, 2026, in the last week of November. Please contact ei.ei.thein@undp.org if you have anything to present or discuss..