Information Management Network Meeting - Myanmar Language Group – 28 July 2021

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1	Engendering research for gender-sensitive results – *Chaw Su Nwe, UN Women*
	There has been several research and surveys on the impact of so-called double crisis (from COVID-19 and political situations) in Myanmar. Even though the impact is different on male and female populations, most research focuses on the results from general populace without considering the gender differences. That lack of consideration will affect the projects on the ground negatively. It is important to get gender disaggregated data and results that will help the problems effectively. For those reasons, UN Women has developed a concept note on engendering research. The research cycle was explained in details. There are four phases namely research idea phase, research proposal phase, research phase, dissemination phase and it is important that gender concepts and gender sensitivities are considered for every single phase. For example, there were different answers between asking husband and wife together and separately during household surveys. **Research Phase** – Gender considerations must be made staring from the planning stage. **Research Proposal Phase** – Gender equality and the effort to gender disaggregated data is crucial in this stage. Too much generalized grouping such as 'Citizens, Beneficiaries, Laborers, Children' must be avoided. **Research Phase** – In collecting data, gender-based information must be included and care must be taken to use gender neutral phrases and prevent biases. During analysis, gender must be treated as a central variable that relates to other variables. Incorporating gender equal groups in research is one of the best ways to get accurate results. **Dissemination Phase** – Since gender issues are part of everyday phenomenon, the gender variable must be included in publications just like others. A checklist was developed to help other organisations with engendering research. UN Women developed gender responsive indicators for other organisations.
2	Introduction to DHIS 2 – *Dr. Ei Shwe Sin Win, Jhpiego*
	DHIS 2 is a system to collect, analyze and disseminate health related information. Developed by the University of Oslo, it is an online open source system that was being used in over 100 countries. Some of the features of DHIS 2 includes the interoperability, open source customizations, being able to use in other sectors apart from health, the endorsement from WHO, being able to collect data, online / offline availability, data cleaning, sharing restrictions, working with GIS, big helpful community. One weakness is the lack of iOS app. Since DHIS 2 is based on an open source system, custom data can be collected into custom servers with user management. User roles are divided as developer, intermediate user and end user. The organisation that owns the server acts as super user.

	DHIS 2 has several apps/tools that serves specialized functions and a workflow based on selected apps was presented. (More details in attached slides) Workflow includes data entry, data approval, cleaning, analysis and even dissemination using dashboards and static reports. Currently, DHIS 2 is being used by MOHS and in HIV/TB projects. INGOs that use it include Jhpiego and PSI. Plans for short term include solving issues cooperatively, technical discussions, trainings. Long term plans concern with organizing a HISP group for Myanmar (Health Information System Programme) and IM network members will be invited at that time. Links to related training resources are shared and the demo page was presented.	
3	**Updates on Sector/Cluster/Agency initiatives** **MIMU** – With contributions from 156 agencies, MIMU 3W for May 2021 is being released in the form of several products. Collecting necessary data for assessment tracking at the moment. Assessment dashboard and overview report will be out in August. This week, Data analysis training is being conducted with selected trainees who completed the IM Workshop. Future trainings are also planned and will be announced. There is also an excel distance learning course. There will be a tableau training in September. Next IM Workshop will be held in October. **UNICEF** – Surveys concerning the impact on households after February events are currently prioritized with plans for working together with UNDP. Rapid assessments were done in four areas. Data innovation is being implemented to promote data familiarity. Internal training on Redatam is being conducted.	
4	**AOB and other discussions** Next meeting will be on August 25th 2021.	

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