## Area Humanitarian Country Team Meeting, Sittwe (Joint meeting with ICCG Sittwe)

**Date**
15 June 2015 (2h30 hrs)

**Facilitator**
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**Participants**
ICRC, IRC, OCHA, RI, SCI, UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNDSS, WHO, FAO, MSF, WFP. / ICCG Sittwe Sector/cluster coordinators

### Situation Update

**Follow-up action points from previous meeting (20 May 2015)**

**Endorsement of previous MoM**: Minutes endorsed with no amendments

**Access constraints**: Only 1 case related to access constraint reported over the last month: UNICEF informed that its team was stopped at Ohn Daw Gyi (south) checkpoint for about 20 minutes and allowed to pass only after negotiation.

**Mapping exercises UNHR/UNDP:**
Pull mapping exercises together to have better understanding the ER ad FSL for returns and transition to Development to have a development strategy for Rakhine. UNDP presented durable solution.

### AGENDA

**Security Update**: UNDSS 1) a fire incident in Maungdaw market on 5 June, 2) gunshots by unknown people in Maungdaw on 7 June and 3) demonstrations on 14 June. Demonstrations protesting mainly against the RSG way of handling the Maungdaw boat people were held in 9 townships of Rakinhe state. All ended peacefully. UNDSS assessment is that more demonstrations are likely to happen if the boat people do not return in coming days.

**Boat people update (UNHCR)**: About 900 boat people are staying in two locations in Maungdaw. 207 boat people are from the first batch of people arrived in Maungdaw. Out of them 150 have already returned to Bangladesh on the 8 June 2015. 27 out of 57 identified as Bangladeshi returned on the 10 of June 2015. For the remaining people, UNHCR is negotiating and advocating with the Government of Myanmar for their return to their place of origin. UNHCR will fully update on the situation at next HCT in Yangon.

**Update on trafficking situation in MGD and any action needed**: UNICEF informed that out of the 57 PoC returned 8 were children. UNICEF informed about concerning media reports from Bangladesh on treatment on returnees, treatments that raise protection concerns for the returnees. UNICEF is requesting discussing these potential risks at PWG meeting.

**Relocation update**: As of 25 May, according to ICCG update and as reported by the RSG, 1,827 families out of 5,061 planned received a single house package (either 1MMK or 2.4MMK pack)

### Action Points

- **AP**: All agencies to report documented access constraints to OCHA (If any).
- **AP**: OCHA to inform SM to grant humanitarian agency access upon presentation of personnel ID at check point.
- **AP**: To identify the way to move forward after today road map discussion
### Donors Visit update:

- **15th - 16th June 2015** EU delegation (Human Rights) meeting with CM, elders, communities, partners and IDP camp visit.
- **26th - 27th June 2015** ECHO Technical Expert mission to Sittwe. Visit organized by WFP and UNHCR.
- **1st to 4th July 2015** Norwegian State Secretary (MoFA) to Sittwe for 1 day to visit IDP camps.
- **6th - 10 July 2015** ECHO DG Global Protection to Sittwe looking at visiting relocation sites, Myebon and Maungdaw.
- **13th - 14th July 2015** German delegation Sittwe to visit camps.

### Other visits

- **16th - 17th June 2015** UNDSS mission from New York to Sittwe.

### Contingency plan update (See attached):

The process has been finalized and documents shared for final comments. UNDP raised concerns that the ER inputs have not been reflected in latest version. UNDP will address this directly with OCHA Yangon. OCHA proposes to present the ERPP and CP to Sittwe community and the RSG. All agreed to have the presentation first only for humanitarian partners (head of agency) and ICCG to allow discussion and comments. CP to be presented to RSG only once finalized.

**AOB:** One of the INGO AHCT member let the country. INGOs to propose another representative.

### Road Map for Return/Relocation:

OCHA introduced a discussion on returns and relocations in Rakhine State and provided an update on the RSG plan aiming at supporting the return or relocation of around 5,000 displaced HHs by the end of 2015 (see Powerpoint file attached). The presentation included data extracted from the “RSG Plan Relocation/return database”, a list of existing, ongoing and planned assessment and examples of context mapping analysis conducted by OCHA in May-June 2015 (exercise should cover all affected villages or camps out of Sittwe township. 10 locations have already be covered. 20 should be completed by early July).

These tools used together aim at supporting the A/HCT, ICCG and individual humanitarian organizations to update response plans in locations considered for returns and relocations, and support discussions on the formulation of a realistic disengagement strategy and transition to general development programming.

**Discussion on step forward:**

The AHCT members considered a draft document aiming at defining basic principles for a gradual disengagement of humanitarian actors from locations where returns or relocations have been supported by the government, with a particular focus on villages where populations have or will return to their plots of origin (17 locations in Zone 1, two in Rathedaung Township).

The document was amended by AHCT members, leading to a revised version being accepted by all participants (see attached one-pager “AHCT Zone 1 Shifting Response Paper”). The document will be presented at the HCT in Yangon on 19 June.