**Minutes of IM Network Meeting: 7th December, 2016**

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|  | **Issues discussed** | **Next steps** |
|  | **GBV Information Management System and Gender Marker**   1. **Presentation of the new Information Management System for Gender Based Violence (GBV-IMS)**   Lucy Stevens/UNFPA presented the new GBV Information Management System soon to be rolled out in Myanmar. It is a global standardized tool originally developed by UNHCR, UNFPA, and UNICEF. The GBV IMS global initiative is now governed by a steering committee that includes UNFPA, IRC, UNHCR, UNICEF and WHO and used to strengthen data management for service providers and facilitate safe and ethical data sharing between agencies to help inform the humanitarian community’s response to GBV in humanitarian contexts around the world. In Myanmar it will be used by UNFPA partners implementing response services (case management, psychosocial support, referrals, and prevention activities) in Kachin (Women & Girls’ Centres in camps and in community settings), in northern Shan and Rakhine (linked to services in IDP camps & in community settings). Data is collected at field level and aggregated at various levels to ensure confidentiality. GBV IMS reports/results will be shared with the service providers and UNFPA.  The four GBVIMS tools are (1) **Incident Classification Tool**: standardizes GBV incidents making data easy to combine, compare, and analyse. (2) **Intake and Consent Form**: collects information from survivors and protects survivors’ control over their information. (3) **Incident Recorder**: an excel database designed to gather corresponding information form the intake form. The incident recorder automatically generates data and allows for customized analysis. (4) **Information Sharing Protocol Template**: regulates the sharing of GBV data with other actors such as coordinating agencies and includes the who, what, when, how of information sharing.  The Global Technical Working Group will conduct a national level technical training in early 2017 to strengthen the technical capacity of GBV implementing organizations. UNFPA is leading in preparation of the GBV-IMS task force team, focal points, adaption of intake forms, protection measures for information management, coding, information sharing protocol, etc.  Keys suggestions from the meeting were   * to ensure P codes are integrated into the GBV IMS * review in light of the PIMS reporting (Myanmar-specific system that has been set up) to ensure compatibility and no duplication or confusion of results * UNFPA to share the data protocol as a resource given that this is one of the few such protocols in place.  1. **Gender and Age Marker**   The Gender Marker, introduced in 2009, has been rolled out in every humanitarian operation globally by OCHA and the IASC GenCap. A comprehensive evaluation in 2014 recommended broadening to a Gender and Age Marker to promote attention to age and gender throughout the programme cycle and to simplify application to enable its use by non-gender experts. The new Gender and Age Marker has been piloted in 2015-2016 and will be launched in June, 2017. |  |
| **2.** | **Needs, Coverage and Gaps Analysis at Township level (Sean Ng, MIMU/HARP)**  **MIMU/HARP partnership**  MIMU is partnering with HARP (the DFID-funded Humanitarian and Resilience Programme) over an initial 2-month period in Q4 2016 to develop data analysis which can contribute to a more robust evidence base on issues of vulnerability and need countrywide. An international Data Analyst is working on specific analytical products in the inception period to prepare some initial products. Specific products currently being prepared:   * **Preliminary coverage and gap analysis** – this is a countrywide analysis of township level data in support of the work toward building a better evidence base of the development needs using models to combine multi-year datasets and ensuring the interoperability/ability to combine these various datasets. An outline of the methodology was shared in a technical review meeting convened for this purpose in November. The result will include a brief report on findings, the database of publicly available information used for the analysis, and an issues tracker.  This needs to be subject to a stakeholder validation exercise before it can be shared more widely. * **Area-specific context analysis/briefs** (considering Chin and Ayeyarwady as areas with high levels of vulnerability).   It is hoped that the Data Analyst secondment will be agreed by HARP/DFID and can be continued in 2017 which would enable dedicated work with clusters/sectors to review possible interoperability of their datasets for cross-sectoral analysis. |  |
| **3.** | **Cluster/Sector/agency updates**  **UNHCR** - is preparing a one page infographic of site profiles for 17 camps in Sittwe and surroundings using data collected on mobile-based tools by camp management agencies (CCCM monthly monitoring tool). Challenges are that the data is not always complete and needs regular follow-up, and the tools do not yet allow data to be sent back to the provider so it requires more time-consuming manual checking.  **UNICEF WASH Cluster** is preparing a WASH Cluster performance monitoring survey and has disseminated the updated Q3 4W report to partners and through the MIMU website. Q4 4W information collection is underway with the deadline end of December, hoping to have final results in the 3rd week of January.  **Phandeeyar** launched the Open Data Initiative, sharing the data portal at the end of November, and will make a presentation on this in the February meeting.  **WHO** – Ben Plush has arrived as the new IMO for several months. A focus will be the Health cluster 3W and EWARS.  **PACT** – conducting in-depth analysis in 21 villages linked to its programmes.  **MIMU**   * Releasing the updated Assessment Tracking Dashboard showing 466 planned, ongoing and completed assessments contributed by 46 agencies across 25 sectors of humanitarian and development activity. A new product is the Overview of Assessments reported. * Hard copies of the Situation Analysis of south-eastern Myanmar in English will be available from the MIMU office. The Executive Summary and Lessons Learned sections are available in Myanmar version. This PSF-MIMU desk review of available documentation covers Mon, Kayin, Kayah and eastern and southern Shan States, Tanintharyi Region and eastern Bago region. * In terms of training - MIMU will provide a 10 days QGIS training course from December 12-23, prioritising applicants who were not included in the last QGIS course along with active IM Network agencies and key government counterparts. 22 participants joined the MIMU IM workshop in November. The next will be in Mawlamyine in January. * MIMU is developing a Distance Excel training course building on the training materials already developed and adding assessment projects and a final examination for the MIMU Certificate. |  |
|  | **AOB**   * Instead of the January meeting (due while many people are on leave), we will hold a presentation of the WFP Food Security Atlas on January 11th. |  |
|  | **Next Meetings**   * Presentation of the WFP Food Security Atlas - January 11th at 09:00 in the MIMU. * IM Network meeting – February 1st at 15:00 in the MIMU | Share ideas for speakers |

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