WASH Cluster North Shan, Myanmar

Minutes of WASH Cluster meeting - Lashio

**Date :** 22 March 2017 (Wednesday) **Venue :** UNICEF office, Lashio

**Time :** 9:30 am – 11:45 am **Duration:** 2:15 hours

**No. of participants :** 12 **Number of Agencies :** 8

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**Agenda:**

* Review on action points from last meeting
* New displacements
* WASH response updates and plan
* Inputs/comments to 2017 SOF
* Others

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| **Topic 1: Review on action points from last meeting** | |
| Summary of discussion | - Upgrading of water supply system (GFS) is ongoing for Kone Sone and Lon Kan villages with assistance from ICRC.  Water tap stands also will be installed for Mine Yu Lay (Ta’ang) IDP camp with extension pipe line connected from Kone Sone’s water distribution network.  According to team, latrines are not so good due to poor maintenance at Mine Yu Lay (Ta’ang) IDP camp.  - Water supply system and latrines are in good condition for Namphaka (Ta’ang) IDP camp. IDP population recorded are around 100 individuals (42 HHs); actual population would be less as some IDPs have to leave the camp for weeks for work purpose.  - KMSS has not share yet 2017 WASH activity plan though it will start implementation with a new project.  - All relevant agencies updated and shared WASH contingency stocks except SCI. |
| Action points | * MRCS to confirm Manton IDP status (new or old IDPs? and location of evacuation centre?). * KMSS to share 2017 WASH activity plan and SCI WASH contingency stocks in order to be able sharing with WASH Cluster members. |
| **Topic 2: New displacements** | |
| Summary of discussion | - There were some people displacements in Kokant area after armed-conflict on 6 March in/around Laukkai.   1. People arriving to Lashio-Munhsu monastery are migrant workers from Magwe and Mandalay regions. They continued travelling to their hometowns with supports from Munhsu Sayataw, Gov. Counterparts, CSOs, LNGOs and private donors. 2. There are also around 20,000 IDPs in China side according to assessment report shared by HPA. Estimated 15,000 IDPs stayed with their relatives and at hotel rooms in China side. China government provided assistance for 2,000 IDPs evacuated at 2 camps managed by China local authority while HPA has planned to do so for 2,500 IDPs sheltered along the road from Nansan to Quigshuihe and at 2 temporary sites.   - 209 people (61 HHs) from Mine Ta, Mine Sen and Nar Naung (Numtu Tsp.) arrived to Namtu-Apaw Kyaung monastery on 12 March.  - IDPs from RC2 camp in Man Wing Gyi will move to new relocation site. SCI is doing assessment and will support for WASH infrastructure needs.  - New IDPs arrived to KBC2 camp in Man Wing Gyi have already returned to their village of origin by end of Jan’17. |
| Action points | * WASH Cluster to share updates of Kokant IDPs as soon as received from HPA. * WASH Cluster to coordinate with CCCM/Shelter for joint assessment/site planning at new relocation site in Man Wing Gyi. |
| **Topic 3: WASH response updates and plan** | |
| Summary of discussion | **Metta**  - Distributed hygiene kits (for 3 months use) to all IDP families (920+ populations) in Hpai Kawng; 20 latrines already constructed where 67 IDP families are staying.  - Distributed hygiene kits-refill items (for 1 month use) to all IDP camps in Namtu and has planned to do so in Mungji, Mung Horn camps sooner.  - Water supply system (GFS) is under construction process for Manloi camp while 4 latrines already constructed. Encountered with security concern for travelling currently.  **KBC-HDD-NSS**  - Water supply system (GFS) and 2 bathing spaces (double room unit) completed with MHF from SCI for the same IDP group in Hpai Kawng mentioned above.  - A new WASH project would be started in May’17 with the funding from ADRA Myanmar.  **ICRC**  - Upgrading of water supply systems is ongoing for Kone Sone village and Lon Kan village (Kutkai Tsp.).  **IRC**  - Mainly support for Women’s Protection and Empowerment (WPE) activities. However, distribution of dignity kits is also taken for new IDPs as necessary.  **RI**  - Return kits (hygiene items) are available in Lashio to be distributed whenever requested and needed.  - RI will start working with CSOs for Emergency Preparedness and Planning (EPP) in Lashio, Hsipaw, Kyaukme and Namtu townships and with HPA for Kokant-WA area in May’17. Both villages and IDP camps are targeted. |
| Action points | * Metta to share hygiene kit distribution plan for IDP camps through WASH Cluster. * KBC-HDD-NSS and RI to share 2017 WASH activity plan (including targeted locations) through WASH Cluster before starting implementation of new projects. |
| **Topic 4: Inputs/comments for 2017 SOF** | |
| Summary of discussion | - WASH Cluster share outputs resulted from SOF workshops in Kachin and Rakhine and National WASH Cluster meeting in Yangon.  - Inputs received and 2017 key priorities agreed for NSS are as in attached file. |
| Action points | * WASH Cluster to organize 2017 SOF launching workshop for Cluster members at state level when it is finalized. |
| **Topic 5: Others** | |
| Summary of discussion | - **Global Family** started attending today’s WASH Cluster meeting. It is trying and preparing to be able starting WASH intervention in Northern Shan.  - New latrines needed in Namsalarp camp. However, encountered with land space limitation and still needed further consultation with CMC.  - 2 latrines are blocked/not functioning anymore in Namphaka camp. A new septic tank will be replaced by Metta.  - Water pipes needed to be replaced with GI pipes and buried where passing paddy field in Mungji (KBC) camp.  - To reduce WASH agencies overlapping at same camps in 2018, 1 camp 1 agency should be considered and target camps for each agency will be discussed in 2017-Q3.  - WQT frequency is different among WASH agencies. WQT plan and results sharing required for Cluster monitoring.  - WSP training needed for Cluster members to be able effectively planning for further actions based on WQT results.  - If there is drought in this summer, assistance can be requested to TDA for IDP camps in downtown and to DRD through GAD from respective townships for IDP camps in the villages.  TDA could provide water truck and DRD could provide fuel cost of water truck for water distribution.  - Cluster joint monitoring should be done more to be able understanding overall WASH situations on ground and identifying way forwards for further improvement.  - Draft guidelines for semi-permanent latrines and bathing space could be finished and shared by early May’17 for review and feedback request from NSS WASH Cluster.  It is also needed to be shared with PWG to get feedbacks from protection point of view and National WASH Cluster for validation.  - WASH Cluster meeting should be organized bimonthly for coordination purpose in NSS. However, ad hoc meetings need to be organized as necessary when there is new emergency.  - Next WASH Cluster meeting plan is (tentatively) on 24th May at RI office in Lashio. It should be on any dates adjacent to other Clusters meetings; more convenient for some members travelling from Muse, YGN, etc. |
| Action points | * Metta to follow up on water pipe issue in Mungji (KBC) and share findings through WASH Cluster for further actions or assistance request. * WASH Cluster to request/organize a WSP training for NSS Cluster members in 2017 as a capacity building program. |