WASH Cluster North Shan, Myanmar

Minutes of WASH Cluster meeting - Muse

**Date :** 17 November 16 (Thursday) **Venue :** SCI office, Muse

**Time :** 2:00 pm – 5:45 pm **Duration :** 3:45 hours

**No. of participants :** 8 **Number of Agencies :** 5

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**Agenda:**

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| **Topic** | **Who** |
| New displacements and WASH response/Gaps | All |
| Update WASH activity mapping/ contingency stock | All |
| Sharing/follow up on WASH needs identified in joint monitoring | WASH Cluster |
| Government counterparts involvement into Cluster | All |
| Others (Standard-TWG progress/ desludging plan/ suggestion for Cluster improvement/ etc.) | All |
| Sharing of analysis on WASH intervention tracking/ 4W data | WASH Cluster IMO |

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| **Topic 1: New displacements and WASH response/gaps** | |
| Summary of discussion | -There was a new displacement in Tong Lou (Mong Kaing township) in early October. RI conducted need assessment and distributed (179) hygiene kits and 27 return kits to IDPs. However, all IDPs returned to their villages after 10 days around.  - It was informed that IDPs arrived to Mong Paw and KMSS is conducting need assessment.  - Two groups of IDPs arrived to Man Pyin-KBC Church (240 people, 56 HHs) and Mong Hpan-KBC Church due to armed conflict happened on 4 November. IDPs from Mong Hpan-KBC Church returned to their village after staying 3 days at Church compound. No information received yet of WASH situation in Man Pyin-KBC Church.  - Metta has already conducted HP sessions and distributed hygiene refill items to IDPs in the new established camps in Namtu, Namphahka-Ta’ang and Mine Yu Lay-Ta’ang. |
| Action points | * KBC to follow up WASH situation for new IDPs in Man Pyin-KBC Church and share information with WASH agencies through WASH Cluster. * KMSS will share MIRA data (assessment conducted in Mong Paw) through OCHA/WASH Cluster. |
| **Topic 2: Update WASH activity mapping and contingency stocks** | |
| Summary of discussion | - With reference from WASH activity mapping, WASH Cluster shared some activities overlapping by different agencies in the same camps.  - WASH contingency stocks were updated by RI, KBC-HDD-NSS and ICRC but not by SCI yet. |
| Action points | * KMSS/Metta/SCI/KBC-HDD-NSS to update WASH activity mapping and send it back to WASH Cluster not later than 28 November and also contingency stock by SCI. * WASH Cluster to share update WASH activity mapping/contingency stocks after compiling from all relevant agencies. |
| **Topic 3: Sharing/follow up on WASH needs identified in joint monitoring** | |
| Summary of discussion | - Sharing done by WASH Cluster for key findings (WASH needs) found in joint monitoring conducted in 11 camps. |
| Action points | * WASH Cluster to follow up with KMSS for actions taken on needs identified during joint monitoring for the camps where KMSS is acting as WASH focal agency and share WASH monitoring compilation sheet to all WASH agencies afterwards. |
| **Topic 4: Government counterparts involvement into Cluster** | |
| Summary of discussion | - WASH Cluster explained roles of Government counterparts (RRD/DRD/TDA/DPH) and cooperation needed from Government counterparts for WASH response in emergency and resettlement.  - WASH Cluster members expressed their concerns as below.   1. Information could not be shared openly if Government counterparts involve in WASH Cluster coordination meeting; experienced of no confidentiality though sensitive. 2. Government counterparts could not go to majority of the camps for monitoring or supportive visit due to security constraint. 3. Government counterparts will not lead Cluster proactively with sense of ownership and will not interest to support humanitarian assistance for armed-conflict affected IDPs. |
| Action points | * To involve Government counterparts into WASH Cluster or let them leading the WASH Cluster is not possible yet in Northern Shan. Coordination and collaboration with relevant Government counterparts would be better on need basis. |
| **Topic 5: Others (Standard-TWG progress/ desludging plan/ suggestion for Cluster improvement/ etc.)** | |
| Summary of discussion | - A meeting was done for Standard-TWG in September. It was agreed that SCI will be leading for design improvement of semi-permanent latrine and Metta will be leading for bathing facility.  There will be a meeting on 18 Nov. (tomorrow) in Muse-SCI office to get technical inputs from group members for design improvement.  - Both SCI and KBC-HDD-NSS have a plan to implement sludge treatment site in Man Wing Gyi area in 2017.  - For WASH Cluster improvement:   1. Initial assessment needed to be done by agency who is close to the location site as soon as there is new displacement and assessment findings needed to be shared to Cluster members for coordination/response process. 2. Joint monitoring is quite supportive to reflect WASH situation in the camps and provide feedbacks to focal agencies as well as other agencies to sort out appropriate solutions for WASH related issues. 3. Update WASH issue related with other sectors and key messages need to be shared/discussed in Inter-agency meeting as necessary.   - World Vision Myanmar conducted assessment last week and WASH will be included in its humanitarian assistance program in Northern Shan.  - ICRC requested Cluster members to share (if available) the list of villages located between Kyaukme and Tauksan.  (Currently, it is not available in any member and WASH Cluster could only share the one from MIMU)  - Activity plan of new projects started in 2017 should be shared in next WASH Cluster meeting. Next meeting is planned, tentatively, on 18th January in Lashio-Metta office. |
| Action points | * SCI and KBC-HDD-NSS to coordinate closely for planning/implementing of sludge treatment site in Man Wing Gyi area. * WASH focal agencies to let WASH Cluster know in advance whenever they are available to conduct joint monitoring in the remaining camps. * WASH Cluster meeting will be done before Inter-agency meeting is taken place in order to be able raising WASH issue related with other sectors or sharing WASH key messages with others. * WASH Cluster members who have new projects (WASH) in 2017 to share activity plan specifically (type of activities/locations or camps) in next WASH Cluster meeting. |
| **Topic 6: Sharing of analysis on WASH intervention tracking/ 4W data** | |
| Summary of discussion | - Sharing of analysis on WASH intervention tracking and 4W data was done by WASH Cluster IMO. Some feedbacks received from WASH Cluster members concerning with definition of some indicators, clarity of donors/funding agencies and request for further orientation on 4W data analysis. |
| Action points | * WASH focal agencies to update and send 4W (Q4) to WASH Cluster not later than 20 December. * WASH Cluster to arrange 4W orientation for Cluster members again in early 2017. |