**Date:** 2019 March 11, Monday  **Venue:** UNICEF Yangon Office

Time: 2 pm – 4 pm  Duration: 2h  
**Chair:** Sunny Guidotti, National WASH Cluster Coordinator  
**Minutes:**  WASH Cluster  
**Participants:** CDN, Cordaid, WaterAid, ECHO, CDA, UNHCR, OXFAm, SI, JST, PIN, SCI, PIN, ACF, Trocaire, MA-UK, UNICEF, OCHA, HARP

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2) QAAP Project overview and plans  
3) Rakhine transition strategy + camp closure  
4) Kachin/JST return/resettlement paper  
5) AOB | | |

**1: Introduction & Emergency updates**

**Summary of Discussion**

**OCHA: Northern Shan**

- Last week, form the beginning 7774 people displaced  
- Most of them are temporary stayed  
- We have beginning of the month 1100 out of 7000 displaced.  
- This week another 100 people have been displaced  
- Most of the assistances had been provided by CSO and government  
- 500 new displaced in Shan

**OCHA: Rakhine:**

- Latest displacement has been in Mrauk-U: last week displacement: 3200 ppl displaced  
- In February: another 800 ppl displaced in Mrauk-U. Some of them returned and some are still displaced  
- Up to now 3700 displaced in Mrauk-U  
- Assessment team is stopped in Mrauk-U
- As of 2nd March, 8,900 ppl (Mrauk-U, Kyauktaw, Ponnagyun, northern Rakhine and Chin) displaced up to now.
- During this weekend, according to Area security, no new displaced in Rakhine.
- MA-UK: Buthidaung, there are some security. Restriction of movement still continue. Apparently there are stable.

OCHA: not security issue
- Land Law amendment: Population that has requested to register the use of land before 11th March.

JST:
- Last 16th February, there was strong hitting 100 HH from the camp?? in KCA control area. Not only hitting to IDPs shelters but also hitting some latrines. Pits were broken down. WPN from JST members has been responded.
- JST also shared the update, Nam Sang Camp, the first 19HH returned, 72 HH IDPs.
- Last March 5, 2nd displacement; return has been arranged by waing maw township administrator and administration department.
- Non-Camp IDPs are staying with host communities. Some are from KCA control area.
- At the moment, the returned HH are staying in Churches and in the residences closed to the churches.
- So one household went back to Myitkyina on 6th March.
- CCCM from Maing Nar RC camp are proposed by government administration office to release official passport for returned IDPs which is to approved that they are not from the camps; they are as returnees.
- There are 1,693 shelters need to rebuild in KMSS camps. Ma Kar Yum, Par Chaung, Wai Chai, Hpum Lon Yum, Nant Khaung par, Pha Ka Hatung, Lana Zup Ja, Bum Tsit Pa. The shelters are nearly broken down.
- Sunny suggested to liaise with UNHCR shelter cluster for this case.

OCHA: there will be HCT ad hoc meeting on coming Friday. All the things will be calculated for camp closing. But this is not the camp closure. More the IDPs camp in Kachin, Rakhine and Shan, they will going through pushed by government in Kachin. Some of the IDPs camps are to start thinking to return. National Strategic plan for the government. We didn’t receive final version. It is also known to get usually to what happened next. We are requested last minutes consultation workshop to do revision to this. Position paper with protection sector for Kachin and Rakhine.

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**Summary of Discussion**

- We have QAAP team visit this week
- Global WC and other clusters recognized globally humanitarian responses are failed in quality
- One of the idea from global level to measure quality at cluster level, they came out that project
- Myanmar WASH cluster applied QAAP team visit. In Myanmar, for WASH we could improve on quality assurance and quality monitoring and accountability
- They are doing for cluster for well establish to build on.
- They selected Coz’ Bazar, Myanmar and South Sudan.
- Especially well establish monitoring reports, mechanism in place to build on and see can this quality assurance framework work
- Sunny shared QAAP’s TOR with cluster update last week.
- The objective of the TOR
  - Five developing field tasks in quality assurance system that context specific
  - We will start in Rakhine
  - This should guide and help us monitoring quality in national level reports and Rakhine level reports
- There will be two visits. They will come back in May 2019. During the 2nd visit, the idea is to capture based on first visit and to compare our progress.

**Brainstorm on initiatives, activities, practices**

- James, SI: Tracking around contractor & direct implementation
- Pier, OXFAM: TWG is trying to set up SOP , sanitation, construction design, good practice among partners, HK strategy
- Sunny: WASH cluster have More than 40+ contextualized Standards, guidelines
- SOF
- Cluster team field monitoring/visits
- Qualitative data: partnership with Tufts
- Regular Monitoring/report reviews
- Situation Analysis/assessment
- Gender & Protection Profile Action Plan
- Advocacy: bottlenecks quality of response
- 9 Evidence generation/studies- Columbia University (MHM), Thfts Univ (hygiene, sanitation, cash to committees, kits) Human Center Design OD, possible LSHTM (WASH’Em)
- TWGs/pilots-innovation: Tiger Worm toilet with participatory approach
- Capacity Building Programme
- AAP
- Ways of working guidance
- Hygiene Promotion Strategy for Kachin
- SI, Oxfam and DRC had innovation around ; child toilet; participatory approach
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| • In Sittwe, there is community engagement community working group negotiate from UNHCR. That is multisector.  
• CCCM : CMA; they are collecting information for every sectors lead  
• DRC, the first one collecting information with KOBO in Sittwe  
• But in Two camps, there are no KOBO but they are collecting data by getting in touch with different sector leads  
• The system is well in place  
• Monthly basic data collection  
• They are referring information to the organizations when it is necessary |  |

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| • In place AAP system tablet based.  
• This is the exchanged of CCCM and OXSI accountability system  
• Monthly dashboard publishing with power BI |  |

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| • General Feedback mechanism for camp based staff with KOBO  
• Limitation on smart phone version. It is not only for WASH. General feedback mechanism. |  |

| Sunny: What are the barriers to quality assurance  
First one is “Access” and another one is “Land” to have sufficient latrines  
JST |  |
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| • We have to think about user friendly  
• Since 2016-2017 KCA, they have policy in KCA, one shelter one household, so one latrine is for one HH  
• In WC, we have minimum standard one latrine for 20 ppl. So we have some difficulties in the ground. As we know it is minimum standard, we have to be flexible with ground context. |  |

| Sunny:  
On Thursday, Rakhine based partners will be invited for QAAP team meeting with partners from 4 to 5 PM.  
There will be also invitation for bilateral meetings with QAAP team.  
They will go to Rakhine on Friday and they will be consulting with your team in Rakhine. They will go to the camps in Sittwe and Pauktaw. They will have brain storming session on 19th March.  
On 22th March, there will be QAAP team workshop at Save the Children Yangon office. |  |
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| • We have SOF, we have contextualized standards and guidelines  
• We have cluster team visits to the camps, listening to the IDPs for WASH partners response |  |
- There has been joint or cross visit organized.
- We have third party monitoring especially in Kachin
- We have partnership with Tufts University; they are looking at all our quality information
- Last year, all state cluster collected KAP survey, PDM, Feedback, your FGD.
- In 2017, there was situation analysis assessment at Rakhine level.
- Last year, we had advocacy on return NC1.
- We had advocacy around protection had advice that we are continuing temporary facilities to avoid segregation in the camps.
- 8 different studies are going on.
- We had WinE training to the governments and partners
- Some organizations have feedback mechanism which should be expanded.
- Ways of working documents

**Action Plan**

- to confirm your presence in QAAP team meeting and workshop by mailing to Mee Mee and Sunny.

### 3. Rakhine transition strategy + camp closure

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<td>Where is your organization standing in this transition strategy paper and are you in support of protection? Where are you in that transition paper?</td>
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<td>- Internal discussion is ongoing. Life-saving WASH activities are proactive responses to emergencies</td>
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<td>- I know this is HCT level/country director level discussion. It is a long process.</td>
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<td>- We have internal discussion and this position will be presented by CD. Last Friday CD met with different advisors from CP and advocacy advisor. These cases are viewed from protection aspects.</td>
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<td>- Internal discussion happened. As cluster level how we should be rationalized??</td>
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<td><strong>Sunny:</strong> We discussed in Rakhine workshop. We estimated with two levels; protection vs no protection paper.</td>
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<td>- This is not final decision from ECHO. With other humanitarian donors, discussion is still ongoing. These document: What does it mean. How to visualize. To start think about strategy.</td>
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HCT meeting will be on Friday. In Rakhine, different sectors leads should be contacted for what does it mean the life saving WASH. It should be started at Rakhine level by considering case by case and camp by camp.

UNHCR:
- We received your feedback from the grounds and we will go ahead with Education sector/cluster to draft on freedom of movement. It will be looking at access to health and education facilities.

James: at the moment, we don’t have nothing to share.

Sunny:
- After Friday HCT meeting, we can try to come out with the position on life-saving and more technical aspects.
- In terms of our transition, WASH Cluster has 3 years transition plan 2017-2019. It is a live document. Which will not be much changed.
- Handover cluster responsibilities to government; the idea is three years ago, we looked at 7 coordination functions. five of them are related with government first and two of them are advocacy and accountability to affected population.
- OD is a one of the issue. We are looking at human centered design.
- Water Supply: at the moment in Rakhine, we are discussing water treatment strategy and exist plan.
- Hygiene Kits: HK is we are likely needed to continue.
- Advocacy: which will be remained for additional land and for area of return.
- AAP: key mechanism we need to continue even when handover is done.
- Our 4W is tracking handover of WASH facilities.
- Capacity Building: at cluster level we have over 20 trainings provided to the state level partners

Camp Closure Update
- Workshop in Rakhine already done
- HCT to discuss this week camp closure
- Updates from partners’ on their organizations’ position
- In strategy, we do have breakdown different ministries and different departments that are responsible for WASH services.
- To have more solid engagement in Rakhine
- I have conducted with the colleague from Shun Lan Kar
- OCHA has global wide resettle life-saving document
- We haven’t yet that doc
### 4. Kachin/JST return/resettlement paper

#### Summary of Discussion
- WASH cluster has gathered field plans on resettlement from partners in Kachin
- It is not from government and it is from KMSS
- Protection Sector positioning paper

JST presented JST Essential Policies on Humanitarian Assistance and Return and Resettlement paper: Details are below attached:

**Objectives of Humanitarian Assistance and Return & Resettlement**

1. The Overall Objective is bringing Hope to the IDPs and Kachin and Northern Shan Society in general, Reducing Conflict and Human Suffering and Restoring Human Dignity and Rights
2. Make sure that IDPs have the right to life with dignity with full human development, receive humanitarian assistance and the right to protection and security on their return or resettlement.
3. Ensure that all civil and political rights are respected and that IDPs can participate fully in social life including restitution and reparation, paving the way to transitional justice.

- JST will support Spontaneous and Promoted Return, Resettlement, Reintegration
- JST will support these processes by empowering returnees, promoting gender justice, providing accompaniment, protection and integral humanitarian and development support, as well as community building programmes
- JST will never support any forced Return, resettlement, reintegration or relocation process
- JST will deal with ethical dilemmas related to Spontaneous and Promoted Return, Resettlement, Relocation and Reintegration

3. JST Essential Humanitarian and R&
- JST is covered in Kachin and Northern Shan
  Sunny: if government force the people to move and IDPs need assistance, JST will be able help people. Or JST push
government response??
  JST: it will be depend on conditions. We will do initial assessment first whether it is forced or not.

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