Minutes of Myanmar Language Information Management Network Meeting
29th May 2024, 2PM MMT, online via Zoom

The meeting was conducted in Myanmar language and this is a translation of the original minutes.

Agenda

1. Findings from the latest round of HDP Nexus 5W (*MIMU/UNDP*)
2. Updates on Sector/Cluster/Agency Initiatives
3. AOB and other discussions

Attendance

Chair: Ei Ei Thein (MIMU)
Participants: BS, CAM, CBCHP, Cesvi, CPI, CSI, DRC, HAI, HALO, ICRC, INGO, JOICFP, MIMU, MNC, MSU, NAG, NRC, Nyein, SARA, SDF, SWISSAID, UNICEF, UNRCO, WVM (31 participants from 24 organisations)

1. Findings from the latest round of HDP Nexus 5W (*MIMU/UNDP*)

The presentation covered findings from the latest round of MIMU HDP Nexus 5W based on voluntarily reported information from agencies as of 29th February 2024. A brief introduction to the exercise was presented along with the statistics of reporting in this round. It was started back in 2007 and since then, data collection for regular countrywide rounds were conducted every 6 months. The exercise has two modes and apart from the regular rounds, emergency 5Ws are only deployed during emergencies.

The individual components of each W were then broken-down mentioning that it encompassed 22 Sectors and 152 Sub-sectors and how they were related to the humanitarian, development, and peace processes.

Trends in the reporting organisations were then explored in detail with comparisons through recent rounds up until the Feb 2024 one. Compared to the round before, this round saw 3 more contributing organisations particularly from the INGOs and BBOs.

Data protections measures were then discussed. the reporting agencies classify data as "open" or "restricted", all depending on whether they will allow the agency names to be shared with requesting partners or not. In this round, 51% of the data rows are marked as restricted, and the remaining 49% are marked as open. Since the restricted-tagged data can hinder the analysis and management, in the next round, requests will be made to the to the sector/cluster coordinators for exclusive internal use within the sectors/clusters.

Trends in terms of location coverage were then discussed from 2020 to 2024 showing a minor peak in Feb 2023 and a decrease in 11% in this round compared to the previous. Project statuses were presented across their four categories (planned, ongoing, suspended, and completed/ended) using maps and tables. At the village tract and village levels, August 2020 saw the highest coverage of reported projects. In this round, most decline in coverage was observed in Rakhine, Chin and Shan (North), particularly in Education, Health, Mine Action, and Agriculture. In terms of the project focus, most of the activities were development-focused and IDP-focused activities consisted of a lesser proportion.

Updated 5W dashboards, maps, charts, and trend reports can be found on [MIMU website](#). Datasets are not public and only available for the contributing agencies

2. Updates on Sector/Cluster/Agency Initiatives

CAM: As a project-level update, the main project is on promoting the COVID-19 EBI vaccination through social media, funded by VCS. The main target areas are Kyainseikgyi and Kawkareik townships in Kayin State and primarily focusing on research. It aims to assess the impact of social media interventions and vaccination efforts in these areas. Research findings are currently being discussed with partners to be shared at the IM Network Meeting.

IFPRI: As part of the Myanmar Strategy Support Program, the Myanmar Household Welfare Survey (MHWS) was conducted through two major phone surveys, reaching 13,000 households. Starting in 2020, data has been collected quarterly. In the latest round of the Myanmar Agricultural Performance Survey (MAPS), 5,000 farmers were surveyed. The dataset is available on the IFPRI website. MAPS has approximately 5,000 observations up to Round 3, and MHWS has around 13,000 observations up to Round 6.

MIMU: Currently in the processing of harmonizing the MIMU 5W and Cluster 5W to adjust the data collection model in collaboration with sector/cluster coordinator IM focals. The adjustments for WASH have been done and are now aligning with nine more humanitarian sectors/clusters. This adjustment aims to reduce the workload for organizations providing 5W data by eliminating the need to send additional information to MIMU after submitting project details to the relevant Clusters. The adjustments are expected to be done after June, with sector/cluster data included in the MIMU Template during the August collection. Any sector/cluster data not provided needs to be submitted to MIMU.

Upcoming trainings include GIS Training, Power BI Training, and IM Workshop Trainings. The IM Workshop will be held in the first week of July, with invitations to be sent around June 4th. Those who have completed Basic GIS are invited to the GIS Intermediate course. Moreover, a new training, Data Visualization and Communication Training, will start on June 21. New round of Assessment/publication tracking will be conducted soon. The next PCode update will continue to update and add village points.

3. AOB and other discussions

The next meeting will be in the last week of July tentatively on 31st July 2024.
Please contact ei.ei.thein@undp.org if you have anything to present or discuss.