

Minutes of the Monthly WASH Cluster Meeting
Sunday, 25, October 2015 at DACAAR Office - Kabul

Meeting started at 9:30 am and finished at 11:00, chaired by Betman Bhandari (Co-lead WASH Cluster, DACAAR)

Total: 11 participants

Participants from: MRRD, WHO, CARE, DACAAR, MISSION EAST, RELIEF INTERNATIONAL, ACTED, IMC, ACBAR

Agenda:

1. Opening and Introduction
2. The Second CHF Allocation and WASH Cluster HRP Report 3rd Quarter-update
3. Global WASH Cluster Meeting held on 13-15 October in Nairobi-update
4. Emergency WASH Training for Key WASH Cluster Partners
5. Kunduz IDPs WASH Response and Gap- update
6. Emergency Hygiene Kit Recommended by WASH Cluster
7. Disease Early Warning System
8. Opportunity and Challenges for DACAAR to Response WASH Facilities in Taloqan for Kunduz IDPs.- by DACAAR
9. AOB: Invitation for CLTS Workshop in MRRD

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1	Opening and Introduction	Chair opened the meeting and held a round of introductions			
2	The Second CHF Allocation and WASH Cluster HRP Report 3 rd Quarter-update	<p>Frederic, WHO informed the progress of Second CHF allocation and HRP Report. He informed that selection of the concept note for second CHF allocation has been finalized. Reviewing process of full proposal whose concept note was approved is underway. The criteria for CHF funding were geographical location target, cost of benefit per capita, incorporation of needs assessment in the concept note and flow of LFA. He highlighted on the WASH Cluster funding allocation is which is as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds allocated: USD 14,239,440 – SP1: USD 5,129,855 – SP2: USD 9,109,585 • Received vs. required: 56.3% 			Frederic/ WCC

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		Frederic informed that he is collecting information and compiling information to prepare HRP Report 3rd Quarter. He has received 17 reports from WASH Cluster partners and request to all other partners to submit report by October 26, 2015.			
3	Global WASH Cluster Meeting held on 13-15 October in Nairobi-update	<p>Betman informed about the information discussion on Global WASH Cluster which was held on 13-15 October in Nairobi. On behalf of WASH Cluster, Afghanistan did presentation on transition with a focus on the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1: Continue the WASH Cluster as with international Cluster Lead. • Phase 2: Transition of Cluster Lead to government but keep the WASH Cluster • Phase 3: Abolishment of the WASH Cluster but Co-Lead can remain to support. <p>WASH Cluster will have a plan to prepare a good plan to guide the transition tentatively 2 years.</p> <p>The Global WASH Cluster meeting had a focus on their strategic plan (2016-2020). The discussion was concentrated on the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective coordination and capacity • Timely operation support to National WASH Cluster response • Improved emergency preparedness of WASH Cluster (Ability to identify risk, understanding the scenario, Human Resource Mapping, Likelihood and Severity, Info Management and Managing International Resources. • Coverage and quality • Appropriate technology for emergency (Research and Advocacy) 			WCC/MRRD
4	Emergency WASH Training for key	Betman informed that based on the decision of September WASH Cluster meeting, he had circulated a page training	Agreed to organize a workshop based on the availability of		DACAAR/ WCC/MRRD

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	WASH cluster partners	<p>contents with objectives to get feedback from all cluster members.</p> <p>In consultation with WASH Cluster Coordinator Rolf and REDR-India tentative date for the workshop will be on December or February.</p> <p>The Cluster partners discussed on the suitability of time for all partners which might be January or February but it depends on the allocation of funding and availability of facilitators from REDR-India.</p> <p>Betman proposed to organize a workshop with a coordination of ACBAR since they are working for capacity building for NGOs, INGOs and CBOs.</p>	<p>REDR-India and funding situation.</p> <p>Agreed to allocate 7 representatives from MRRD or P-RRD and other focus on active key partners of WASH Cluster.</p> <p>Betman agreed to coordinate with WASH Cluster Coordinator Rolf, REDR-India and MRRD to organize a workshop in the suitable time.</p>		
5	Kunduz IDPs WASH response and gap- update	<p>Betman, informed about the WASH response to Kunduz IDPs living in nearby districts including Kabul. Based on UNHCR October 13th Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14,408 families of which 10,569 have been assessed • Locations • Mazar (Haji camp), Taloqan (Bishbator and Baghi Shirkat Compound), Fayzabad, Baghlan (Puli-Khumri) and Kabul (Padola Apartment ad Shadab Zafar Apartment). <p>OCHA Update No.9 (October 15, 2015): 5,450 families reached with WASH interventions.</p> <p>Betman informed that Cluster Coordinator Rolf was in Mazaar to coordinate all WASH cluster partner in northern region to speed up response. The following situation has been found in the crisis of displacement from Kunduz:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afghans have shown a good resilience capacity to cope disasters; therefore many IDPs accommodate with relatives, friends and personal networks. • IDPs living in scatters patters where WASH response is not feasible in terms of effectiveness and efficient way. 	<p>Betman agreed to prepare a brief description about the contents of workshop and circulate to all key WASH partners to include their needs.</p> <p>DACAAR agreed to coordinate with REDR-India and WASH Coordinator to organize a workshop in January or February 2016 based on WASH partner's needs.</p>		All WASH Partners/ WCC

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verification and rapid needs assessment process is also quite time consuming which causes to start WASH response immediately. • Coordination among within cluster to establish good referral system in lacking. 			
6	Emergency Hygiene Kit recommended by WASH Cluster	<p>Betman informed and did a presentation of emergency hygiene kit recommended by WASH Cluster. Moreover, he informed that this document is available in the cluster website.</p> <p>Representatives have a discussion on the items and they informed that action is going on based on the WASH Cluster recommendation. However, some items are changed due to specific needs and geographical regions.</p> <p>Few representatives highlighted that the quantity of Cluster recommendation items are relatively higher than the minimum Sphere Standards. However, in Afghanistan situation we are practicing to distribute hygiene kit at once in temporary settlements (not in camp);therefore it is feasible.</p>	All partners agreed to follow the recommendation of WASH Cluster Hygiene Kit to bring consistency in emergency responses.		WCC/Co-leads
7	Disease Early Warning System	<p>Frederic explained about the importance of disease early warning system (DEWS) in emergency situation. This system was established under Afghan National Public Health Institute (ANPHI) in 2006.</p> <p>The key objectives of the DEWS are as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and rapidly respond to outbreaks, emerging events and hazards • Improve and implement prevention strategies • Support development of technical capacity for surveillance including training. <p>Weekly reporting of 15 priority infectious diseases in public and private health facilities has been practicing under DEWS sentinel site surveillance system. This report is useful to link the WASH response and to assess the outcome of the</p>			All/Frederic

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		<p>intervention. The ANPHI has been publishing a monthly DEWS newsletter in which the following contents will be available :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of cases per disease for the past week • Seasonal trends • Outbreak investigation • Recommendations <p>Any cluster partners interested to get the monthly DEWS newsletter please contact to Patigny, Frederic Marcel Louis Gilbert (patigny@who.int).</p>			
8	Opportunity and Challenges for DACAAR to Response WASH Facilities in Taloqan for Kunduz IDPs.	<p>Betman, on behalf of DACCAR did a presentation of their experience in two-camp of Taloqan, Takhar. He focused on humanitarian nine commitments during the WASH response for IDPs.</p> <p>Nine commitments and achievements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assistance appropriate and relevant to their needs: Achieved 2. Assistance needs at the right time: Achieved 3. No negatively affected (No harm):Achieved 4. Access to get support and information by victims: Semi-achieved 5. Right to complaints : Have to improve 6. Coordinate complementary assistance: Achieved 7. Delivery of improved assistance: Achieved 8. Assistance from competent and well managed staff: Semi achieved 9. Managed Resources Effectively, Efficiently and Ethically: Achieved <p>Note: Presentation would be upload in WASH Cluster website)</p>			DACAAR

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9	AOB: Invitation for CLTS Workshop in MRRD	<p>Representatives from Mission East and ACTED have raised concern on not getting invitation from MRRD which was agreed on September meeting.</p> <p>They informed that UNICEF and MRRD have been focusing on the CLTS Approach. Therefore, we are interested to build human capacity within the organization.</p> <p>Requested to organize another CLTS workshop coordination with DACAAR, UNICEF and MRRD.</p> <p>ACBAR have a request to prepare a WASH Cluster induction paper which would be used by ACBAR for new NGOs and CBOs who are interested to work in WASH sector.</p>	Coordination with WASH Cluster Coordinator	-	WCC/ DACAAR
10	Next Cluster Meeting	November : TBD		Send invitation	WCC