

The Water and Sanitation Group (WSG) Meeting Minutes of Meeting

Venue: *Ru-WatSIPconference room/ MRRD*
Chaired by: *Eng. Ghulam Qader, Executive Director of Ru-WatSIP*
Minutes by: *Naseer Ahmad Nazari, Reporting Officer*
Meeting started at: *10:00 am*
Meeting Ended at: *12:30 pm*
Date of the Meeting: *27th May 2015*
Present Agencies: *MoPH, MUDA, UNICEF, Oxfam, DACAAR, GIZ, BORDA, CARE, ACF, NCA, AKF, RI, HELVETAS, NAC, Afghanaid, Ru-WatSIP and a volunteer member*
Absent Agencies: *MoE, World Bank, Save the Children, Medair, IMC*

No.	Agenda Point	Discussion	Result/Decision	Action by:
1.	Brief introduction/ chairing of the meeting and review of previous action points.– (Eng. Ghulam Qader)	The chairperson welcomed the participants and requested them to introduce themselves. He briefly went over the actions points of the previous WSG meeting minutes and briefed the attendees on the progress. Then he briefed the participants that all the sectors, working in the country, have been asked by the president to come up with up to date information in term of where they are and what have been done so far. Thus, Ru-WatSIP has also drafted a paper, explaining the WASH status in the country. He requested the partners to cooperate in feeding up the paper and providing information and comments until <u>Thursday (28 May, 2015)</u> which was its deadline of sending.	All the participants introduced themselves. Reports on most of the action points are reflected in the previous WSG meeting minutes.	The chairperson/ Participants WSG members
2.	Update on SACOSAN preparation (country paper, etc.) (Eng. Safi)	The participants of the meeting were updated that MoPH and Pame E. Minnigh, from UNICEF, have commented on the country paper and shared their ideas with Eng. Safi. Next, the members were reminded that the paper must be finalized till the end of June 2015 and be sent to the conference secretariat in Bagaladesh. The members were also informed that a number of abstracts were received from MUDA, MoPH, DACAAR and MoE; however, some of the abstracts were too lengthy. Therefore,	The abstract is to explain the scope, purpose, results, and contents of the whole paper and should not be more than 250 to 300 words. In order this issue to be better	WSG Partners

		a presentation was delivered on how an abstract should be written.	explained, an exceptional meeting was decided to be called on <u>Monday (1st June, 2015).</u>	Eng. Safi
3	Updates on the Rural WASH policy - (Eng. Joyan)	<p>The WSG members were updated on the Rural WASH Policy revision process as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The revision committee has met on 25 May and consolidated all the comments in the Policy they had received from the concerned partners; • The issue of whether the roles and responsibilities of the WASH sector partners to be or not to be included in the policy was raised. 	<p>It was decided that since this is a policy, it should be brief and general. Therefore, one or two paragraphs, explaining WASH sector stakeholders and their roles can be included, but details are to be avoided. Plus, inclusion of a number of mechanisms for private sector to ensure the operation and maintenance and quality were also suggested.</p> <p>It was decided that the next review meeting is to be held at MoE.</p>	<p>Rural WASH Policy revision committee</p> <p>Eng. Joyan/ MoE</p>
4	Reports from WTWG (DACAAR-) and HTWG (MoPH), meetings (Eng. Naeem).	<p>The technical working group meetings were reported as below:</p> <p>Water Technical Working Group (WTWG):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Water Technical Working Group (WTWG) was held on 25 May 2015 at DACAAR. • Presentation on water supply design and its sustainability was delivered, final report of which will be shared by Dr. Betman. <p>Hygiene Technical Working Group (HTWG):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The HTWG meeting was held on 24 May 2015; • The mapping template and the HTWG action plan have been finalized and will be shared with participants. • MoPH plans to conduct a workshop on how IEC material should be developed. After that, whoever 		<p>Dr. Betam/ DACAAR</p> <p>Dr. Hemat/ MoPH Eng. Naeem</p>

		design these materials need to be approved by MoPH first.		
5	Updates from WASH Cluster meeting – (Mr. Rolf)	<p>Mr. Rolf, UNICEF Chief WASH, delivered a presentation on the WASH cluster in Afghanistan and updated the participants on in IACP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the first three months of 2015, around 19,000 people have been displaced by war, and around 61,000 are affected due to extreme weather disasters; • Provision of sanitation services lag behind provision of drinking water; • And IACP workshop was conducted on 17th& 18th May for 16 provinces from the targeted 22 provinces. 	The cluster transition is to be included in Ru-WatSIP’s annual plan, and from now on, they are to think on building capacity for taking the cluster.	Ru-WatSIP
6	Updates on WASH MIS/GIS System – (Mr. Zemary).	The WSG members were updated on the current status of the WASH MIS/GIS system. So far 12 organizations including (AfghanAid, OXFAM, NAC, ZOA, BORDA, Agha Khan, MoPH, Relief International, Solidarities, HELVETAS, NABDP, and RuWatSIP) have introduced their focal points to the MIS/GIS unit and shared their user creation form; around eight organization, namely (DACAAR, NSP, Save the Children, Medair, SCA, Care, Caritas Germany and People in Need (PIN), have introduced their focal points, but their user creation form is still in tracking process. However, the rest of the WASH partners like (GIZ, Grundfos, ICRC, Mission- east, MOUDA, NCA, OCHA, NRC, OHW, ACF, STARS, SWA, UNICEF, WHO, COAR, IMC, ANSA, MoE, CAWST, CIM-IF and ACTED, neither have introduced their focal points to be trained, nor have they sent their user forms.	<p>The MIS manager, Mr. Zemary Hamidi, once again requested them to send their user creation forms and introduce their MIS/GIS focal points to him.</p> <p>It was suggested that once the system is fully operational, comments and ideas of all the users should be recorded and considered so that the requirements are identified.</p>	<p>WSG members.</p> <p>Zemary Hamidi</p>

7	Public relations materials preparation for SACOSAN VI by partners_ (Sector ministries & Partners)	Indeed, this issue had been raised in the special steering committee meeting, held on 11 May 2015. Two of the partners like Ru-WatSIP and MoPH have confirmed to provide some public relation material for the exhibition at SACOSAN VI conference.		WASH partners
8	AOB	At the end of the meeting, Fatemah Shams, WASH advisor with Helvetas, told to the members that she was going to leave Afghanistan; thus, she far welled with all the participants. She said that she was pleased working with WASH sector of Afghanistan.	The chair person mentioned her supportive to the WASH sector and thanked her for working in this sector of Afghanistan, and wished her best of luck and further successes ahead.	Chairperson/ Fatemah Shams

List of Attendees in WSG Monthly Meeting

Date: May 27, 2015

Time: 10:00am- 12:30 pm

Venue: Ru-WatSIP Conference Room

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