

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

Venue: *Ru-WatSIP conference 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: *29th July 2015*

Present Agencies: *MoPH, DACAAR, UNHCR, CARE, RI, UNICEF, NCA, HELVETAS, Singer Valve Co., BORDA, Operation Mercy, a volunteer member, Ru-WatSIP/MRRD.*

Absent Agencies: *MUDA, Afghanaid, CoAR, AKF, MOE/ISD, IMC, Medair, OHW, Oxfam, Save the Children, ACF and GIZ.*

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 thanked the participants for coming to the meeting and requested them to introduce themselves. Making sure that all the members had received the minutes, he briefly went over the action points of the minutes and briefed the attendees on the progress.	All the participants introduced themselves. The members had gotten the minutes.	WSG members.
2	Updates on SACOSAN VI preparation - (Eng. Safi)	A brief information about SACOSAN conference was given to the participants. It was said that the South Asian Conference on Sanitation (SACOSAN) conference is held once in every two years in SAARC countries on a rotational basis. The conference provides a platform for discussion on sanitation. So far, it was hosted by Bangladesh, Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka and Nepal. This time, the conference was planned to be hosted by Afghanistan, but since the pave was not grant for it, Bangladesh is going to host it once again on 11-13 January 2016. In this conference (SACOSAN VI), 30 persons will participate from Afghanistan who will be selected based on who are most active during the preparation process and their organization commitment for funding.	It was also discussed that in this conference, each member country was to lead a thematic Technical Focus Session, and Afghanistan is, too, required to lead a thematic Focal Session (Hygiene Promotion). For this, Afghanistan has received 19 papers, from which, four best papers will be selected for presentation in the conference. From Afghanistan, four papers, are written for the conference. The deadline for submission of papers to the SACOSAN secretariat was October 2015. Therefore, Afghanistan is to accelerate its tasks and submit its papers	Eng. Safi Dr.Javid

		The list of the participants was almost complete; however, there were a number of persons whose donors were not clear.	before the due date.	
3	Updates on WASH policy revision_ Eng. Joyan	The WASH Policy revision process has been completed by the revision taskforce committee. Then, the draft Rural WASH Policy is to be reviewed and checked for the last time.	It was suggested and decided that a meeting should be called next week on 5th August 2015 , inviting all partners and task force committee members to discuss the coming steps and way forward in terms of calling a workshop and recruiting a facilitator by UNICEF for the final review of the policy which will be then endorsed by the ministers of the respected line ministries.	Eng. Joyan- Ru- WatSIP.
4	Presentation on water supply and irrigation products_ Singer Valve Representative	A detailed presentation on Singer Valve Company productions was delivered. Different types of automatic water valves, which can be used in water supply pipe schemes for water pressure control, were presented and its technical specification and advantages were explained.		
5	Reports from WTWG (DACAAR-) and HTWG (MoPH).	<p>The Water Technical Group meeting was conducted in DACAAR with 11 participants from the concerned organization. Among other issues, solar pump and grand water sources had been discussed.</p> <p>Regarding solar pumps implementation in Afghanistan, UNICEF had suggested conduction a workshop in MRRD with support from DACAAR and UNICEF to invite a number of NGOs, practitioners and other partners and discuss all solar pump-related issues including lesson learned, challenges, gaps and measures for its sustainability. Afterwards, develop a technical document based on the workshop findings. Since then, whoever implement solar pumps should comply with that technical papers.</p> <p>The ground water was also discussed in the WTWG meeting, and the concern was about decreasing ground water table.</p>	<p>For conducting the workshop, UNICEF is to send a concept note to MRRD and then will proceed.</p> <p>The chairperson expressed that based on the National Ground Water Conference's declaration, Ministry of Energy and Water (MoEW) was assigned to hold the first coordination meeting with all the concerned organizations in following two</p>	Mr. Rolf/ UNICEF

		<p>HTWG meeting:</p> <p>The participants were briefed on the HTWG meeting, held on 27th July 2015 in MoPH. In that meeting, presentation had been delivered on hygiene promotion campaign, running in 8 districts of four provinces. In the course of this campaign, 129 school teachers were trained and 1,790 students had received hygiene messages.</p> <p>Mapping template was completed and will be shared with the participants. Likewise, reporting template was also discussed.</p>	<p>weeks after the conference, and MRRD as a secretariat support MoEW in experience sharing from Faryab project. Since they did not hold the meeting, next week, Eng. Sayed Jamul Din, head of Hydrogeology and Geophysics Unit of Ru-WatSIP, will conduct the first meeting and discuss the ground water resources.</p> <p>Mapping template will be shared with participants.</p>	<p>Eng. Sayed Jamal Din/ Head of H&G/ Ru-WatSIP</p> <p>Dr. Sharifullah Alemi</p>
	<p>AOB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Updates on world bank funding WASH projects_ Eng. Ghulam Qader ➤ Wet Center achievements in the first six months of 2015_ Eng. Azeem Barat 	<p>The chairperson briefed the participants that both World Bank and Afghanistan government are interested in commencing the new WB bank project, entitled Program for Results. A team leader for this project has already been assigned. A team of experts was to visit Ru-WatSIP and discuss that project.</p> <p>The participants were updated on the achievements, performed by Wet Centre of DACAAR in the first six months of 2016. This centre, providing trainings and workshops to a variety of organizations working in the WASH sector of Afghanistan, has trained 444 person including 348 males and 96 females as well as one action research on Scaling up Latrines and Excreta Management in Rural Communities.</p> <p>At the end of the meeting, a delegate from UNHCR reported that a group of returnee families had arrived in Sholgara district of Balkh province and have been living with no access to safe drinking water, safe shelter and have been in a very bad sanitary condition. He called up on the organization to reach their support.</p>	<p>The chairperson assured that this issue will be discussed and followed up with UNICEF, although it was already shared with them through WASH cluster meeting.</p>	

List of Attendees in WSG Monthly Meeting
Time: 10:00am- 12:30 pm
Room

Date: July 29, 2015

Venue: Ru-WatSIP Conference

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