

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: *26th August 2015*
Present Agencies: *MoPH, MoE, MUDA, Kabul Municipality, UNICEF, UNHCR, DACAAR, Afghanaid, CARE, IMC, ACTED, HELVETAS, OM, NCA, OSCEW, Medair, AKF, BORDA, a volunteer member and Ru-WatSIP/MRRD.*

Absent Agencies: *CoAR, OHW, Oxfam, Save the Children, Solidarities International, 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. He briefly went over the action points of the previous WSG meeting and updated the participants on their progress. One of those action points was conducting ground water coordination meeting which had been planned to be organized by MoEW, based on the ground water conference declaration. That meeting had been held in MoEW, in which two committees (Technical and Coordination) were formed to follow up the ground water issue with sector partners.	All the participants introduced themselves. The members had gotten the minutes. It was decided that another meeting will be held within the coming weeks and the technical committee will be drafting a strategic plan and a proposal for the donors.	WSG members. Eng. Sayed Jamal Din/ Head of H&G unit.
2	Updates on SACOSAN VI preparation - (Eng. Safi)	The participants were updated on SACOSAN VI preparation and the papers submission status. Afghanistan has chosen the four first papers and submitted them to the SACOSAN VI secretariat in Bangladesh. The papers, written in Afghanistan for other countries, are also submitted, but it is yet not clear whether they are accepted or not.	The chairperson suggested SACOSAN VI preparation committee to keep their monthly or biweekly meetings on so that they are fully prepared for the meeting. Thus, it was decided that the committee will convene next week (Tuesday, 1st September 2015).	Eng. Safi/ Dr.Javid

		Next, the participants were informed that two seats from Afghanistan to the conference are still vacant. If any organization is interested to fund and send their representative, they can introduce him/her to Eng. Safi.		
3	Updates on WASH policy revision- Eng. Joyan	As was decided in the previous WSG meeting, the finalized Rural WASH policy was reviewed by the task force committee, commenting and giving feedback on it. It had been decided in the taskforce committee meeting that those comments were to be incorporated by Mr. Betman, and then he was to send it to Eng. Saquib for a final review and then will be shared with all participants.	As soon as the comments are incorporated by Mr. Betman, it will be sent to Eng. Saquib and then will be shared with all the participants.	Dr. Betman, DACAAR
4	Reports from WTWG (DACAAR-) and HTWG (MoPH).	<p>The WTWG meeting in DACAAR was not conducted during this month. The regular organization of TWG meetings was suggested. The HTWG meeting was organized on 24th August 2015 in MoHP in which the following issue were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing a unique hygiene promotion training manuals. Thus, the organization had been requested to share their existing manuals; • Preparing and formulating project implementation manuals. Once they are drafted, will be shared with all partners; • Preparing hygiene promotion intervention monitoring tools, and • The participants of that meeting had been updated on the achievements of Hygiene Promotion (HP) campaign running in eight districts of four provinces. 	<p>The Sanitation Technical Working Group (STWG) was promised to start its meetings once again.</p> <p>In the HP campaign, 147 community health workers were trained in Bamyar; 1,180 students had received the messages from school teachers and 1,200 people received the messages from religious leaders in 50 religious sermons; 2,510 house to house visits had been conducted by</p>	<p>Dr. Betman/ DACAAR</p> <p>Eng. Naeem/ Ru- WatSIP.</p> <p>Dr. Sharifullah/ MoPH</p>

5	Brief on solar pump workshop_ (Eng. Safi)	The participants were briefed on the two-day Solar Pump Workshop conducted at MRRD conference room on 17 th and 18 th August 2015. It was mentioned that quite a lot persons from line ministries, UN agencies, I/NGOs, and private solar companies had participated in the workshop in which MOEW and a number of I/NGOs had delivered comprehensive presentations, explaining their experiences, lesson learned and challenges faced in the arena of water supply solar pumps systems. The major challenges, having identified by most, were <i>lack of Quality control and Quality Assurance, O&M, Capital Intensive and Lack of Capacity</i> .	A comprehensive report of this workshop will be prepared, shared with all participants and then, will be uploaded on Ru-WatSIP website. The chairperson proposed that the report should cover manuals and standards for solar pumps as well as the role of ministries.	Luckson/ UNICEF WTWG
	<p>AOB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on LFA workshop – Dr. Rasa • Representation of Kabul Municipality (KM) in WSG meeting_ (Dr. Helmand) 	<p>The participants were told that the report is yet not completely finalized; however, its decisions are implemented to some extent. It was promised that the report will be finalized in a short period of time with extracting some parts from the WASH policy and WASH strategy.</p> <p>A representative from KM took part in the WSG meeting for the first time. He briefly gave some information about their activities in term of health and environmental issues.</p> <p>One of the two vacant seats for the SACOSAN VI from Afghanistan were proposed to be filled by KM.</p> <p>It was also suggested that it be would be better if WSG meeting is represented in WASH Cluster meeting and WASH Cluster meeting is represented in WSG meeting.</p>	<p>Since then, KM representative will regularly participate in the WSG meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Helmand will discuss this issue with his colleagues.</p> <p>Since then, updates from WASH Cluster meeting, are to be added in the WSG meeting agenda.</p>	<p>Dr. Rasa/ UNICEF</p> <p>Dr. Helmand</p> <p>Naseer Ahmad Nazari</p>

List of Attendees in WSG Monthly Meeting

Date: August 26, 2015

Time: 10:00am- 12:30 pm

Venue: Ru-WatSIP Conference Room

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