

Minutes of the Monthly WASH Cluster Meeting
Tuesday, 29, September 2015 at UNOCHA - Kabul

Meeting started at 9:00 am and finished at 11:00, chaired by PATIGNY Frederic (Co-lead WASH Cluster/WHO)

Minute Written: Betman

Total: 21 participants

Participants from: UNOCHA, UNHCR, DACAAR, MRRD, CARE, SCI, ACTED, IMC, SI, AFGHANAID, ZOA, BORDA, ARCS, CARITAS GERMANY, MISSION EAST, COAR, CG, NCRO, WHO

Agenda:

1. Opening and introduction
2. Short report from partners
3. Joint Monitoring of emergency WASH response (DACAAR)
4. Emergency WASH response workshop (DACAAR)
5. Humanitarian Needs Overview 2016 (DRAFT)
6. Mainstreaming Gender in Humanitarian Action (UN WOMEN)
7. Field operations: WASH in Gulan camp (SI)
8. 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	Short report from partners about emergency WASH response	CARE: informed that they provide NFI and hygiene kits in Kaldar, Balkh province, Paktya, Ghazni Centre and Maida Wardak. SI: informed that they started to do needs assessment in Wardak (Mydan Shahr), DACAAR: informed that they provided emergency latrines and hygiene kits in Herat and different places in Kabul. ZOA: informed that they provided support in Uruzgan and Saripul. Save the Children: provided support in Saripul, Balkh and Maimana for IDPs.	It would be good to prepare a database of needs assessment.	Send a request to the partners to share their assessments results the past 3 years	WCC

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3	Joint Monitoring of emergency WASH response	<p>Betman, DACAAR proposed to have a joint monitoring of emergency WASH response projects in any two regions. It would be good to have a joint monitoring in any our partners' emergency response projects to learn lessons and best practices.</p> <p>MRRD suggested to include PRRD and ANDMA participants for this type of monitoring to learn lessons.</p> <p>ZOA and CARE had shown interested to join a monitoring team and have a monitoring in their WASH emergency response projects in Northern and Central Regions.</p>	<p>Betman, DACAAR agreed to prepare a ToR to carry out monitoring of Emergency WASH response project in Kabul and Northern region.</p> <p>Agreed to carry out monitoring survey in mid-December and based on monitoring report organize a lesson learned session in two regions in the mid of January 2016.</p>	Prepare ToR	DACAAR/ CARE/ JOA
4	Emergency WASH response workshop	<p>Betman, DACAAR informed that last year we had an experience with RED-R India who provided consulting services to prepare an Inter-Agency Emergency WASH Contingency Plan. REDR-India has a different emergency response related training packages such as Emergency Health and Hygiene Promotion, Shelter and WASH, Engineering in Emergency, WASH Resilience for ToT.</p> <p>CARE, AfghanAid and JOA suggested to have a workshop in Afghanistan context and contents should be new.</p> <p>All participants had shown interest to have a workshop in Kabul.</p>	<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>	Prepare a page training content document and circulate to WASH partner for feedback.	DACAAR/All WASH Partners
5	Humanitarian Needs Overview 2016 (DRAFT)	<p>Frederic, WHO explained about the draft version of Humanitarian Needs Overview (2016).</p> <p>As requested by the HC, the 2016 HRP will focus on providing urgent life-saving assistance to internally displaced families by conflict or natural disasters, protracted refugees and children with acute malnutrition where emergency thresholds have been breached.</p> <p><u>Affected Population</u></p>	<p>All partners agreed on the prioritization</p> <p>Few partners raised about the prioritization and missing Kabul since many IDPs or victims' families have a trends to move in Kabul in different reasons. Rural areas of Kabul is also back ward</p>	Submit the final version of the HNI	WCC

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		<p>Based on the WASH cluster contingency plan and 2016 forecasts: 595,000 conflict and natural disaster related people + refugees/returnees. Early recovery and population under humanitarian thresholds 400,000 people.</p> <p>Provinces affected by recurrent natural and/or man-made disasters: Badakhshan, Balkh, Farah, Ghazni, Helmand, Herat, Kandahar, Kapisa, Khost, Kunduz, Paktika, Sar-e-Pul, Takhar, Uruzgan and Wardak.</p> <p>Provinces with significant populations under the humanitarian thresholds: Badghis, Bamyan, Daykundi, Faryab, Ghor, Kunar, Logar, Nangharar, Nuristan, Paktya.</p> <p>Frederic explained the procedure adopted to recommend prioritized provinces., Partners assessments, recent Task Force Reports and Inter Agency WASH Contingency Plans were the main tools to identify WASH needs.</p>	in terms of WASH facilities in rural communities.		
6	Mainstreaming Gender in Humanitarian Action (UN WOMEN)	<p>Anu Pillay, Gender Expert from UNOCHA made a presentation on gender mainstreaming in which she highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WASH and gender equality • Impact of WASH on gender issues • Vulnerability in emergency • Outcomes and good practices • Gender Marker <p>Women, men, girls and boys have different needs, strengths and capacities. It is important to understand the differences to mobilize and include WASH project planning from the</p>	<p>All agreed to have a one-day workshop on Gender.</p> <p>Coordinate with UNICEF and MRRD to organize a workshop on gender.</p>	DACAAR/ GenCap	WCC/MRRD/ GenCap

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		<p>beginning stage. She informed to all participants to use gender lens when preparing a WASH plan.</p> <p>She appreciate the document prepared by MRRD section VI Gender in their WASH manual version 2 which is well written and useful for project planning and implementation. She encouraged all to read the materials before preparing a project proposal or implementation plan.</p> <p>She informed her role as a Senior Gen Cap Advisor in Afghanistan and welcome to all if they have any issues and concerns regarding gender. She informed to send interested focal person from different WASH partners. She received the name and contact address of gender focus person from DACAAR. Her e-mail address is pillaya@un.org.</p> <p>Few participants suggested to have a workshop on gender which focus on only Afghanistan context.</p> <p>Note: Presentation would be upload in WASH Cluster website)</p>			
7	Field operations: WASH in Gulan camp (SI)	<p>Yann Julou, SI, Program Coordinator made a presentation about WASH Emergency Response in Gulan Refugees Camp which is located in 1.3 km² area in Khost province.</p> <p>In September 2015, an estimated 67,616 refugees (10,542 HHs) are present in the camp according to UNHCR. SI started to provide WASH emergency response after MSF handed over in September 2014. They provided safe water, emergency latrines and hygiene kits with hygiene promotion activities.</p> <p>Running and maintenance of 6 boreholes (and construction of 4 new ones) and 26 waterpoints with camp-based caretakers.</p>	Extend thanks to SI for presenting interesting information.		

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		<p>They have somehow challenges due to come and go movement of refugees in the camp. Gulan camp has no border therefore control on accessibility is also challenge.</p> <p>SI has been working in Bamyan (Yakawlang, Saighan and Khamard districts) and Wardak (Maydan Shahr) provinces.(Note presentation would be upload in WASH Cluster website).</p>			
8	AOB	<p>Eng. Safi, MRRD informed that MRRD is going to organize a Community-Led Total Sanitation Workshop in Kabul and already sent invitation to all. He requested to send the interested participant list as early as possible.</p> <p>The WASH Cluster will circulate the form to be filled by partners to prepare the third quarterly report for 2015.</p>	After getting invitation agreed to send their participants.	<p>Send invitation</p> <p>Circulate 3Q form</p>	<p>MRRD</p> <p>WCC</p>
9	Next Cluster Meeting	October : TBD		Send invitation	WCC