

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

Venue: *Ru-WatSIP conference room/ MRRD*
Chaired by: *Eng. M. Afzal Safi, National Program Advisor for 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: *30th September 2015*
Present Agencies: *WHO, Afghanaid, DACAAR, ACF, SI, BORDA, CARE, Medair, OM, HELVETAS, OSCEW, MUDA, ZOA, SCI, MoPH, AKF and a volunteer member.*

Absent Agencies: *CoAR, OHW, Oxfam, MOE, UNICEF, Kabul Municipality, UNHCR, IMC, ACTED, NCA,*

No.	Agenda Point	Discussion	Result/Decision	Action by:
1	Brief introduction/ chairing of the meeting and review of previous action points.– (Eng. Safi)	After the chairperson welcomed the participants and thanked for their participation in the Water and Sanitation Group (WSG) meeting, a round introduction was conducted. The chair reviewed the action points of the previous WSG meeting and updated the participants on their progress.	All the attendees introduced themselves.	WSG members.
2	Report from ICWG meeting _ (Eng. Safi)	The chair updated the participants on the 8 th ICWG meeting, having held in Bhutan from 17 th -19 th September. That meeting had aimed to discuss the responses of the commitments, given in previous SACOSAN conference and talk about how the member country can be fully prepared for the upcoming conference (SACOSAN VI).		Eng. Safi
3	Updates on SACOSAN VI preparation (Country Paper & Technical Papers) - (Dr. Javid_ & Eng. Safi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The country paper, written for the SACOSAN conference is finalized and sent to the secretariat. • In the conference, there will be a number of side events and exhibition of best practices. • MoE has not shared their thematic paper with 	Fariba Arzhung, Head of Communication/Ru-WatSIP, is to send an e-mail to the SACOSAN	Fariba Arzhug

		<p>Dr. Javid.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was discussed that UNICEF should write an invitation to the ministries so that they know who they support for the SACOSAN conference. • The next SACOSAN taskforce committee meeting was also discussed. 	<p>secretariat and provide materials for the exhibition.</p> <p>MoE is requested to send their paper to Dr. Javid.</p> <p>The chair assured that this issue will be discussed with UNICEF by the beginning of the next week.</p> <p>SACOSAN taskforce committee meeting was decided to be called on next Wednesday (7th October 2015).</p>	<p>MoE/ISD</p> <p>Eng. Safi</p>
4	Updates on WASH policy revision_ Eng. Joyan	<p>The committee, who have been working on the revision of the Rural WASH Policy, reported that the policy had been finalized.</p>	<p>The chair cordially thanked the committee for their toil and patience during working on the WASH policy. It was decided that the policy need to be shared with high-ranking officials of the concerned ministries (MRRD, MoPH, and MoE) to be endorsed.</p>	<p>MRRD/ MoPH/MoE</p>
5	Reports from Technical Groups (HTWG, STWG & WTWG)	<p>Report on HTWG meeting, held on 29th September, was delivered as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Preparation for the global hand washing day, supposed to be celebrated on October 14, had been discussed; •Creating a unique and standard reporting format and monitoring tool had been talked about. And so forth. <p>The STWG meeting, reported, canceled due to lack of participation of the members.</p> <p>It was suggested that the STWG meeting to be organized in the middle of each month.</p> <p>The WTWG meeting was conducted in DACAAR on 28th September with discussion on the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The participants of that meeting had been updated on the Solar Pump workshop, held in 	<p>All the organization, implementing WASH projects, were requested to share their monitoring tool with MoPH/HTWG. Eng. Joyan, head of M&E/Ru-WatSIP, promised to send their format.</p> <p>Decision was made that Eng. Safi will send an e-mail to all the participants, clarifying the dates for all WASH related meetings.</p> <p>The participants had agreed on having the WSG meeting to form a technical committee to formulate a technical</p>	<p>WASH Orgs. / Eng. Joyan</p> <p>Eng. Safi</p> <p>WSG/ Dr. Betman/UNICEF.</p>

		<p>MRRD.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A presentation had been delivered on Gender Mainstreaming in WASH Projects in Afghanistan. The participants had been requested to use consider gender while planning WASH projects as men, women, boys and girls have different needs and capacities. 	<p>manual and launch training in this regard with obtaining fund from UNICEF.</p> <p>Organizing a one-day workshop on gender had been agreed.</p> <p>Uploading the presentation on Ru-WatSIP website was suggested.</p>	<p>MRRD/DACAAR</p> <p>Nazari</p>
	<p>Updates from WASH Cluster meeting _ (Mr. Frederic Patigny)</p>	<p>The participants were updated on the WASH cluster meeting as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In that meeting, Humanitarian Response Plan for 2016 had been discussed. • A presentation on Mainstreaming Gender in WASH in Afghanistan had been delivered. Likewise, SI had delivered their activities. 	<p>Agreed that areas should be focused where the mortality rate is comparatively still high with targeting the most vulnerable regions.</p> <p>Recording and finalizing the data on humanitarian WASH was suggested.</p>	<p>WASH Cluster</p>
	<p>AOB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination mechanism for CLTS project _ (Dr. Betman) 	<p>It was said that I/NGOs which have been implementing CLTS approach shall have coordination with each other. Therefore, MoPH should identify all those organization working in this regard.</p>	<p>It was decided that <u>Dr.Alemi</u> will discuss this issue in HTWG meeting as well as with officials in MoPH so that an appropriate solution is found.</p>	<p>Dr. Alemi/ MoPH</p>

List of Attendees in WSG Monthly Meeting

Date: September 30, 2015

Time: 10:00am- 12:30 pm

Venue: Ru-WatSIP Conference Room

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