

The Water and Sanitation Group (WSG) Meeting Minute
January 10, 2018 (Meeting of December 2017)

Venue: Conference room of Ru-WatSIP/MRRD
Chaired by: Eng. Ghulam Qader, Director of Ru-WatSIP
Minutes by: Naseer Ahmad Nazari
Meeting started at: 10:00 a.m.
Meeting Ended at: 12:00 p.m.
Present Agencies: **ACF, DACAAR, DHSA, FHi360, GIZ, IAM, ICRC, IMC, IRC, Medair, MoPH, Ru-WatSIP MRRD, MUDH, NCA, Operation Mercy, RI, SSSA, UNICEF and World Vision**

Absent Agencies: **AKF, CoAR, SI, ACTED, BORDA, NPO/RRAA, MoE, OHW, WHO and ZOA**

No.	Agenda Point	Discussion	Result/Decision	Action by:
1	Brief introduction/ chairing of the meeting and review of previous action points _ Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following the recitation of Holy Quran, the chair, Eng. Ghulam Qader, opened the meeting by expressing his welcoming remarks to the participants. A round of introduction was invited. The action points of the previous WSG meeting were briefly reviewed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 30 attendees from 20 organizations introduced themselves. The pending issues were included in the agenda 	Chair Participants
2	Reports from Technical Working Groups: (WTWG & HSTWG) _ DACAAR and MoPH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Water Technical Working Group (WTWG) has not been arranged in Dec 2017 as most of its members were said to have been on end-year leave. Hygiene and Sanitation TWG meeting was organized on 20 December 2017. A presentation on design of Behavior Change Framework (BCW) had been delivered. A presentation on mass public awareness campaign in Badakhshan province. Criteria for model health centers were presented, and the indicators and questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It will take place in January 2018. 	Eng. Azeem/ DACAAR

		were explained.		
3	Updates on SACOSAN VII Preparation - Eng. Safi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SACOSAN VII conference, which will be organized in Pakistan, has been postponed to April 10-13, 2018. • For the thematic session, which is going to be led by Afghanistan, two papers have been sent by regional countries while two other papers have been written in Afghanistan. • The country paper is finalized, with UNICEF working on its final edition. • Two ministers, MRRD and Minister of Information and Culture (MoIC) along with a 30-member relevant delegate will participate in the event from Afghanistan. • Establishment of stalls and side events are also part of the event. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previously, it was scheduled in Feb. 2018 • SSSA has also written a paper which it will share with Eng. Sb Safi soon. • The other NGOs were also encouraged to write papers for the conference. • Partners were requested to share nice WASH photos with Ms. Fariba/Ru-WatSIP. 	<p>Eng. Sherzad/SSDA</p> <p>UNICEF</p> <p>WASH NGOs</p> <p>Partners.</p>
4	Presentation on Ru-WatSIP's MIS/GIS - Sohrab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The participants were briefed on what type of WASH-related data Ru-WatSIP's MIS system could provide. The participants were told about how to search and filter zonal, provincial and district-wise data on the system. • As one of the challenges Ru-WatSIP MIS faced with, different partners used different names for villages in the country. Therefore, it was agreed to use the names of communities, which have been recorded by NSP. • The system was termed as a very useful source of WASH data for all partners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The partners were once again asked to introduce their MIS focal points to Ru-WatSIP so that they are trained and use the system. • Ru-WatSIP MIS is to share that list of communities with all WSG members. • Eng. Qader also mentioned that each partner is responsible to introduce their focal point for MIS/GIS section of Ru-WatSIP, for smooth 	<p>WSG members</p> <p>Sohrab/Ru-WatSIP MIS</p>

			coordination of WASH activities. Otherwise, an official letter will be send to President's office and Ministry of Economy to take action accordingly.	
5	Presentation on Ru-WatSIP's achievement in 2017	<p>➤ CLTS During 2017, the CLTS team of Ru-WatSIP, under UNICEF programme, has declared as many as 250 communities as Open Defecation Free (ODF) besides Nili, provincial capital of Daykundi. In addition, 1,400 new latrines have been built while 10,490 others have been improved. In 2018, seven districts and 500 communities are planned to be declared as ODF.</p> <p>➤ Water Supply Projects: In relation to water supply projects, during this year 198 solar-powered and 122 gravity-fed water supply networks and 788 hand-pumps fitted water points have been constructed, providing water for 1,108,000 individuals.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The participants suggested a presentation on the achievements of the Afghanistan CLTS Movement (ACM) in 2017. Therefore, SSDA was requested to do the presentation in the upcoming WSG meeting. • In the coming WSG meeting, DACAAR and NCA were requested to present their achievements of 2017. 	<p>Eng. Sabawoon/SSDA</p> <p>Eng. Azeem Barath/DACAAR Eng. Ehsanullah Bayat/NCA</p>
	Updates on WASH Cluster activities _ Mr. Yahya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WASH cluster has finalized the WASH Emergency Guideline and shared with all partners. • Cluster has reviewed 15 proposals for the HRP budget allocation. • A contingency planning meeting is going to take place in Jalalabad, center of Nangarhar. 		

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