

**The Water and Sanitation Group (WSG) Meeting Minute
February 07 2018**

Venue: *RWSIP conference room/ MRRD*
Chaired by: *Eng. M. Afzal Safi, National Programme Adviser to Ru-WatSIP*
Minutes by: *Naseer Ahmad Nazari, Reporting Officer*
Meeting started at: *10:00 a.m.*
Meeting Ended at: *12: 30 p.m.*
Present Agencies: *ACF, AKF, DACAAR, DHSKA/TKG, FHI360/IHSAN, ICRC, IRC, MoPH, NCA, OHW, Ru-WatSIP/MRRD, SI, SSDA, UNICEF and World Vision*

Absent Agencies: *CoAR, MUDH, Operation Mercy, RI, BORDA, ZOA, CAF, CSO, Medair, UNICEF, ACSFo, ACTED, GIZ, IMC , RCDC, WHO, MoE and IAM*

No.	Agenda Point	Discussion	Result/Decision	Action by:
1	Brief introduction/ chairing of the meeting and review of previous action points Eng M. Afzal Safi	Offering greetings and welcoming to participants, the Chair requested a round introduction. The action points of the previous meeting minutes were reviewed.	Some 27 participants from 16 organizations introduced themselves. The pending points are reflected in the agenda below.	Chair/ Participants
2	Reports from Technical Working Groups: (WTWG & HSTWG)	Water Technical Working Group (TWG): – Water TWG has not been arranged due to the PRRDs meeting in MRRD. Hygiene & Sanitation TWG: – This meeting has also not been organized. School WASH TWG – Ministry of Education (MoE) was not present in the meeting.	It was postponed to February 2018 HSTWG has been delayed to February 2018 No information was given whether the meeting had taken place or not.	DACAAR/Eng. Azeem Barat MoPH/Dr. Raz MoE
3	NCA's presentation on its achievements in 2017 – Eng.	In line with the previous WSG meeting decision, NCA made a presentation on its achievements in the course of 2017.		

	Ehsanullah Bayat	<p>NCA has been working in Faryab, Daykundi and Urozgan provinces. In the course of 2017, NCA has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - constructed 19 solar-powered and 16 gravity-fed water supply networks; - declared as many as 48 communities as ODF through the CLTS approach, and - encouraged the communities to construct 2,461 and improve 247 latrines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DACAAR was suggested to seek support from NCA regarding the hydrogeological data of Faryab, Daykundi and Urozgan provinces. - NCA, who said implementing CLTS approach, was requested to share the CLTS data with Ru-WatSIP through the reporting template, which Dr. Javid promised to share with NCA. 	<p>DACAAR/Eng. Azeem Barat</p> <p>NCA/Eng Ehsanullah</p> <p>Ru-WatSIP/Dr. Javed</p>
4	Update on SACOSAN VII _ Dr. Javed	<p>The participants were briefed on where the SACOSAN VII preparation committee was regarding the preparation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - While 30 seats have been allocated to Afghanistan, only 20 participants were introduced to the conference; - For the Afghan-led Thematic Session (TS), three papers had been prepared and UNICEF was said to share five other papers; - Poor participation of related partners such MoE and MUDH was raised as a concern in the SACOSAN meeting. - The SACOSAN preparation committee meeting was to take place after the WSG meeting that day. 	<p>The reason why NGOs partners were reluctant to attend the event in Pakistan was asserted that once Pakistan visa was issued on someone's passport, he/she cannot travel to India. However, it was claimed that only limited persons cannot travel to India if their passports have a Pakistan's visa stamped on their passports.</p>	<p>WASH partners</p>
5	Presentation on ACM Achievement in 2017 _ Eng. Sabawoon	<p>SSDA made a presentation on the achievements of Afghanistan CLTS Movement (ACF) in 2017. The movement now has 16 partners, which have been executing the CLTS approach throughout the country. In the course of 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ACM has built as many as 23,482 latrines and improved some 62,680, declaring at least 1,329 communities as ODF in the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A comparative assessment of the ODF communities was suggested to be initiated by a partner to find out whether the poor-sanitation-borne diseases were decreased or not in those communities. - MoPH promised to carry out such an assessment through referring 	<p>MoPH/Dr. Raz</p>

		<p>country;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ACM declared four districts (Nili in Daykundi, Balkhab in Sar-e-Pul, Kishim and Khash in Badakhshan) ODF. - The ACM planned to declare as many as eight districts ODF in 2018. 	<p>to registration books of health centers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The follow up of ODF districts was raised. MRRD was said to have been working on a mechanism to address this issue. - The integration of Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) in CLTS was also proposed. However, WSG decided that now was not the appropriate time for the integration of MHM in CLTS. First, declaring Afghanistan as ODF shall be prioritized and focused. 	Ru-WatSIP
6	<p>Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on WASH Cluster _ Eng. Malik 	<p>The participants were updated on the WASH Cluster activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cluster was preparing a contingency plan for 600,000 returnees from Pakistan, and - It was seeking some support from PRRDs and developing partners about potential drought scenario. - Ramesh has suggested the organization of the WASH cluster and WSG meetings on the same day. 		

List of Attendees in WSG Monthly Meeting

Date: February 07, 2018

Time: 10:00 - 12:00

Venue: Ru-WatSIP Conference Room

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