

**The Water and Sanitation Group (WSG) Meeting Minute  
May 30, 2018**

**Venue:** AIRD Conference Hall /MRRD  
**Chaired by:** Eng. Ghulam Qader, Ru-WatSIP Director  
**Minutes by:** Naseer Ahmad Nazari, Reporting Officer  
**Meeting started at:** 10: 45 a.m.  
**Meeting Ended at:** 12:30 p.m.

**Present Agencies:** ACF, ACSFo, DACAAR, DHSA/TKG, FHI360, IMC, IRC, Mission East, MoE, MUDH, Relief International, Ru-WatSIP/MRRD, Solidarities International, SSDA, UNICEF, World Vision and ZOA

**Absent Agencies:** AKF, CAWC, CHA, CoAR, NCA, OHW, WHO, H4AH, BORDA, CAF, CSO, Medair, ACTED, GIZ and ICRC

No.	Agenda Point	Discussion	Result/Decision	Action by:
1	Brief introduction/ chairing of the meeting and review of previous action points - Chair	The Chair, Ru-WatSIP Director, opened the meeting, with offering welcoming remarks to the participants. Next, a round of introduction was held.  The action points of the previous WSG meeting were reviewed, pending of which were included in the agenda.	- 30 participants from 17 organizations attended the meeting.	Chair & Participants
2	Reports from Technical Working Groups: (WTWG & HSTWG)	<b>Water Technical Working Group (TWG)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Water TWG meeting had been arranged on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, where mainly two agenda points were discussed.</li> <li>- The initial draft of the drawing-based Water Safety Plan (WSP) booklet was presented.</li> <li>- A presentation was made about Ground Water and Major Challenges Afghanistan WASH Sector was facing with. As per the presentation, the groundwater of the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Comments and inputs of WTWG members were collected, which will be incorporated in the booklet.</li> <li>- The presentation was said to be made in the coming WSG meeting.</li> <li>- The presentation was also</li> </ul>	Eng Azeem Barat/ DACAAR  DACAAR

		<p>country is depleting. Besides, groundwater is used for irrigation purposes, though the Water Law prohibits it.</p> <p><b>Hygiene and Sanitation TWG</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The H&amp;STWG meeting had taken place on May 29, 2018, where the following points were discussed:</li> <li>– A presentation was made about a pilot project of Menstruation Hygiene Management (MHM), which had been implemented in four districts of Kabul province.</li> <li>– WVI had made a presentation on WASH facility assessment.</li> <li>– SSSA had delivered a presentation about the Afghanistan CLTS Movement (ACM) activities and achievements.</li> </ul> <p><b>School WASH TWG</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The School WASH TWG meetings were promised to kick off after Eid as new staff was almost on board there.</li> </ul> <p><b>Urban Water Supply TWG</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The UWS TWG has not been arranged since its director has left job.</li> </ul>	<p>proposed to be delivered in the Technical Secretariat of the Supreme Council on Water and Law, where the Water Law is under revision by a Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– MoPH was asked if it had any programme on Global MHM Day, which is marked on May 28. The day was said to have not been celebrated due to Ramadan; however, Ministry of Education had instructed schools to celebrate that day locally. Its report would be shared later.</li> <li>– The meetings are going to happen after Eid.</li> </ul>	<p>DACAAR</p> <p>MoPH</p> <p>MoE</p> <p>Dr Saber Pardes/ MoE</p>
3	Update on WASH cluster – Rashid Yahya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The participants were updated about the WASH Cluster activities;</li> <li>– The WASH Cluster was said to have been dealing with two main issues: Drought and Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coordination between NGOs, providing WASH services in emergency, and the government</li> </ul>	<p>WASH Cluster</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The HPR has been under revision; it will address as many as 800,000 people.</li> </ul>	<p>entities was stressed a lot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NGOs were requested to use Ru-WatSIP's MIS/GIS system so that the right people are addressed by their intervention and duplications are avoided.</li> <li>- NGOs were requested to harmonize their activities with Government.</li> </ul>	NGOs
4	PPT on O&M Implementation Manual- Eng Kochai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A presentation on the draft water supply projects Operation and Maintenance (O&amp;M) Manual was delivered.</li> <li>- The manual describes why O&amp;M is needed, how this process be done and what role CDCs and other stakeholders can play in its implementation.</li> <li>- Participants' comments were collected.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It was suggested that the Manual shall be structured in a well-order, written in simple language so that community people understand and be developed for Afghanistan context;</li> <li>- The manual shall also be in line with SDG six and the new Rural WASH policy.</li> <li>- It was also proposed that the Manual shall mention what role CLTS committee can play in its implementation.</li> <li>- Lastly, the WTWG was assigned to work on it for further enrichment.</li> </ul>	<p>Eng Sb Kochai</p> <p>Eng Sb Kochai</p> <p>WTWG</p>
5	PPT on IMC achievements in 2017	<p>The IMC was assigned to make a presentation on its achievements in 2017; however, its presentation was not ready. Therefore, updates on ACM were provided as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Afghanistan CLTS Movement, also known as ACM, was established in 2016.</li> <li>- The ACM, led by MRRD, organized a</li> </ul>	<p>IMC to prepared and deliver its presentation in the coming WSG meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In the latest ACM coordination</li> </ul>	Eng Yousaf/IMC

		<p>coordination meeting every three months, with its latest meeting happened last month.</p> <p>- So far, the ACM has been able to declare as many as seven districts free of Open Defecation (ODF), with first Nili district in Daykundi and last Yahyakhel district in Paktia by IMC.</p>	<p>meeting, achievements, challenges as well as the revision of all CLTS-related tools were discussed.</p>	
6	Any Other Business			

### List of Attendees in WSG Monthly Meeting

**Date: May 30**

**Time: 10: 45 – 12:00**

**Venue: Conference Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, AIRD/MRRD**

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