

# 18<sup>th</sup> Protection of Children and Women Cluster

## Meeting Minutes

8 October 2008, 10:30 – 12:00 Chatrium Hotel

**Co-chairs:** Christina Torsein (UNICEF) & Hannah Thompson (Save the Children)

**Agenda:** Annex 1

**Participants:** 16 participants, Annex 2

### 1. Introduction

- Introductions
- No additions to the Agenda

### 2. Review Action Points

- Update on MRCS/ICRC Village Tract Update – ICRC advised that IFRC have offered to provide a presentation on the Village Tract Assessment if required. IFRC will be presenting at the MHPS TWG today, Cluster members are invited to attend. PCW Cluster members expressed interest in the outcomes of the assessment, ICRC (Nicole Batch) agreed to pass this request on to IFRC

### 3. Situation Updates by Area

- Bogale, Pyapon, Dedaye – UNHCR has been referring information about vulnerable children to CP agencies, WV is concerned about the build up of cases and the capacity to respond. WV requested support from DSW staff at field level so as to assist with implementation of the National Plan of Action, request for Yangon to take forward. UNICEF advised that 5 DSW social workers are being deployed to the delta. Non CP agencies and CBOs in the area have requested CP training/sensitization for their staff. CP agencies operational in Pyapon face challenges about response plans after registering separated and unaccompanied children
- Labutta – A broad range of actors are attending Field Cluster meetings including OCHA and UNHCR. 55 families are at the 4 mile camp in Labutta including some orphans, CP agencies are following up
- Mawlamyinegyun – Agencies are focussing on Family Tracing and Reunification and advise that there is a need for referrals to other townships. Staff are also identifying support for children with disabilities. 2 community-based drop-in centres are being planned but it is difficult to find partners to run them. There are significant numbers of registrations of separated and unaccompanied children but not enough people to follow up. Cluster members are discussing ways to strengthen referral pathways to respond to a number of vulnerability issues. There is a need to train and identify CBOs on CP work particularly for those working in areas where CP agencies are not present implementing activities
- Discussion about the naming of the PCW Cluster at field level - field coordination meetings currently comprise agencies focussing on child protection issues and some Cluster members questioned why are we calling these meetings 'Cluster' meetings, rather than working group or sub-cluster groups
- Updated 3W tables and Map – IM Focal Point distributed the latest set of tables and a map that OCHA/MIMU have produced from the recently updated 3W form. This is the most comprehensive set of data regarding the coverage and activities of Child Protection actors received to date and is primarily a tool to be used to inform the emergency response. It is, however, increasingly being used at a variety of other fora. Updates to the 3W are carried out each month at field and Yangon levels.

The Cluster requested that the Child Protection in Emergencies Technical Working Group meet to discuss gaps in coverage and use the latest 3W tools to assist this process. OCHA Field Hub staff will also use the 3W tools to work with PCW Cluster Field staff to identify gaps over the coming weeks. Further information about OCHA's work in the field with Cluster members will be disseminated at the Thursday 9 October IM Focal Points meeting, IM Focal Point to distribute

- Distribution of Financial Tracking information for all Clusters (document attached) and Inter-Agency Information System statistics on separated and unaccompanied children (document attached). Special note was made that a number of forms are yet to be entered on to the system and that many cases at field level are being passed to Yangon for processing on an ongoing basis

**Action Points:**

3a. CPE TWG to discuss with DSW on an ongoing basis and at upcoming review meeting

3b. IM Focal Point to disseminate 3W tables and map by email and to advise of OCHA's activities regarding the 3W in the field

**4. Cluster Coordination**

- **Cluster Issues**

- **Periodic Review** – the periodic process for reviewing needs against the original Village Tract Assessment is ongoing. Indicators and core questions for the household survey and the related Social Investigation (qualitative survey) are being developed in close cooperation with PCW Cluster representatives. The tools have been piloted. Open meetings on the Periodic Review process are held every Friday at 2:00pm. The tools will be disseminated to Cluster members when released by the Periodic Review Team

**Action Point:** PCW Cluster Leads to Disseminate Periodic Review household questionnaire and social investigation tools when available

- **Post Nargis Recovery and Preparedness Plan (PONREPP)** – The PONREPP is an effort to outline a shared set of priorities, strategies and desired results in key sectors to support the recovery of the Cyclone Nargis affected areas over the coming two to three years. The PONREPP also provides an opportunity to seek further funding for the Cyclone Nargis response. The plan, divided in six sectors (Livelihoods, Health, Education, Water and Sanitation, Shelter and Disaster Risk Reduction), is being developed in consultation with the UN, NGOs, Government Ministries, ASEAN and Donors. PCW Cluster Leads are having discussions with the PONREPP team about the inclusion of Protection of Children and Women issues.

The PONREPP was discussed at the last Cluster meeting and a follow-up meeting held with agencies interested in taking part in the process. The PCW Cluster is preparing a 'Concept Note' for inclusion in the report

- **Cluster Review** – An inter-agency 'Review' of the PCW Cluster will take place from the 21-29 October. There are 3 members on the team and an agenda is currently being prepared and Cluster members will be encouraged to take part in a series of meetings so as to give inputs to the Cluster Review. The Terms of Reference will be disseminated to the Cluster when finalised

**Action Point:** Disseminate PCW Cluster Review Terms of Reference when finalised

- **Cluster Survey Update** – Thanks were given to those Cluster members who had responded to the survey on the effectiveness of the Protection of Children and Women Cluster. The responses are being collated and analysed and results will be disseminated shortly
- **Funding** - The Financial Tracking sheet was distributed – only UNFPA and UNICEF continue to seek funds through the revised appeal

- **Women's Protection Technical Working Group (WP TWG)**

- The WP TWG met Tuesday 7 October – the referral pathways document is a work in progress, further discussion followed. Preparations for the Women’s Protection/Department of Social Welfare Assessment are ongoing. Enumerators are currently being trained and assessment teams are expected to be in the field late next week. The TWG will disseminate the schedule so that staff from other agencies can participate and provide support in the field if they want
- The global campaign to prevent violence against women ‘16 Days of Activism’, will take place from Nov 25 - Dec 10. Activities are being planned

**Action Point:** Disseminate the WP/DSW Assessment schedule to Cluster members so that staff from other agencies can participate if desired

- **Child Protection in Emergencies Technical Working Group (CPE TWG)**

- The Child Protection in Emergencies Technical Working Group (CPE TWG) met on Monday 6 October to prepare for the upcoming 6 month review of the Plan of Action for Child Protection in Emergencies. The review will take place on Nov 4, and will be a 1 day program.
- The FTR workshop follow-up report is being drafted
- A note on confidentiality is being prepared
- There is concern about how to reach separated and unaccompanied children due to low coverage, there is also a need to visit institutions to follow up on children in their care. CP agencies will work with DSW on these issues
- Data sharing with MRCS has not yielded any matches to date, the process continues

## 5. Any Other Business

- UNDP announced that their current coverage of 250 villages will soon expand to 500. UNDP are talking with UNICEF about strengthening mechanisms to support vulnerable people, especially families with additional responsibilities, they are also looking at how early recovery and livelihood activities can be expanded
- The Cluster Co-Leads canvassed the idea of having the next two PCW Cluster meetings at three weekly intervals. The suggestion was made so as to allow Cluster staff time to focus on activities at field level, inputs to the PONREPP, DSW Review and Periodic Reviews, and on the inter-agency PCW Cluster Review. The suggestion was agreed to by all members present.

**Subsequent to this decision it was decided to retain the current two weekly meeting dates due to the need for the Review Team to attend a Cluster meeting. The next PCW Cluster meeting will be held on Wednesday 22 October 2008**

PCW Cluster meeting minutes, situation reports and other interesting documents are available from <http://myanmar.humanitarianinfo.org/Pages/home.aspx>

## Annex 1

# 18th Protection of Children & Women Cluster Meeting Wednesday 8 October 2008, 10:30am, Chatrium Hotel

## Agenda

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**Government Representative:** U Sein Win, Director (Children and Youth), DSW

1. Introduction
  - Introductions
  - Additions to the agenda
2. Review of Action Points
3. Situation Update
  - Area Updates:
    - Bogale (World Vision)
    - Pyapon (World Vision)
    - Labutta (UNICEF)
    - Mawlamyinegyun (Save the Children)
    - Other areas
4. Cluster Coordination
  - Cluster Issues:
    - Periodic Review
    - Post Nargis Recovery and Preparedness Plan (PONREPP)
    - Cluster Review
    - Cluster Survey update
    - Updated 3W tables and map
    - Funding – Financial Tracking Update
  - Women’s Protection Technical Working Group
  - Child Protection in Emergencies Technical Working Group
5. Any Other Business

## Annex 2

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Wednesday 8 October 2008

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