

# 20<sup>th</sup> Protection of Children and Women Cluster Meeting Minutes

14 November 2008, 10:30 – 12:00, UNICEF, Trader's Hotel

**Chair:** Christina Torsein (UNICEF)

**Government:** U Sein Win (Department of Social Welfare)

**Agenda:** Annex 1

**Participants:** 24 participants from 16 agencies, Annex 2

## 1. Introduction

- Introductions
- No additions to the Agenda

## 2. Review Action Points

Action Point 3a: Agencies to look at WP Assessment schedules to see how they can support the enumerators carrying out the research. Response - Support was primarily provided by the HC's office, UNAIDS and UNFPA

## 3. Situation Updates by Area

- **Bogale** – Two Cluster meetings have been held in Bogale since the last Yangon meeting with staff from 7 agencies attending. World Vision plans to withdraw from some villages and move southwards to cover one more village tract deemed to have been seriously affected. Family Tracing and Reunification cases in locations outside the current operational areas were handed over to MRCS for tracing and follow-up, no feedback has been received yet. A primary school in Kanyin Village has 278 students and only 2 teachers, efforts to advocate for more teachers are being carried out with the Township Education Officer
- **Pyapon and Dedaye** – One meeting has been held in Pyapon recently. World Vision are withdrawing from Dedaye at the end of December and will move to Haingyi, they are also scaling down in Pyapon. Children and communities are being prepared for the phase-out. WV are also seeking other actors to take over support of activities. WV are scaling down in Pyapon as well. This will not impact upon the Cluster or Information Hub as these will remain in Pyapon
- **Labutta** – UNICEF reported that there have been 2 Cluster meetings in Labutta attended by 6 and 7 agencies respectively. Key issues continue to be the number of working children, and the urgent need to intensify community support groups and networks to protect children from commercial sexual exploitation and abuse. The school drop out rate is high. Child Protection IEC materials, and health and water safety information have been shared with the Education, Health, Nutrition and WASH Clusters. There has been cooperation with WFP on supplementary feeding, and with OCHA on the CP coverage map. Family Tracing and Reunification (FTR) efforts continue and Save the Children are now providing Child Protection coverage in two new locations. The challenges of transportation and skilled human resources for FTR remain
- **Ngapudaw** – UNICEF reported that in Ngapudaw/Phin Kha Yaing (Middle Island) one Cluster meeting had been held with 4 agencies attending. School drop out rates, working children, early or forced marriage and the risk of trafficking remain key issues. There is little or no coordination with other Clusters as the Child Protection Cluster meets in Phin Kha Yaing while the other Clusters meet in Pathein. Challenges include transportation by boat, communications and a lack of skilled human

resources working on children's and women's issues. There are no organisations working on the protection of women but there are many female-headed households

- **Mawlamyinegyun** – Save the Children (SC) reported that 2 cluster meetings had been held in the last two weeks, 4 agencies attended. MRCS are planning a Restoring Family Links assessment in 5 villages that will commence after December 2008. Save the Children are currently planning for the transition of Child Friendly Spaces into early childhood development centres in collaboration with Education sector colleagues. Key issues impacting upon the protection of children and women are a lack of livelihood opportunities, early marriage and children who are out of school. Transportation and lack of knowledge about directions to access certain communities is impacting upon Family Tracing and Reunification work

#### 4. Cluster Coordination

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

- The global campaign "16 Days of Activism to End Violence Against Women" will be held from 25th November to the 10th December. Materials to raise awareness are being produced and will be used as part of a "fun run/walk". Cameras are being given to women in the Delta to take photos of what it means to be a woman in Myanmar and the photos will be used for photo exhibits at various locations in Yangon
- The Department of Social Welfare Women's Protection Assessment is ongoing, data collection has been completed and the data is now being entered and cleaned. However, there have been some issues and UNFPA is currently liaising with DSW about concerns that have been raised

**Action Point 4a** - Liz Pender will prepare and disseminate a brief paper on lessons learned from the Women's Protection Assessment process

- The Women's Protection TWG is planning to draft a document for an appeal to donors as some donors have expressed interest in providing funding to Myanmar for women's issues

**Action Point 4b** – Agencies interested in submitting project ideas for the appeal to contact Liz Pender, HC's Office

- Myanmar colleagues from a number of organizations are being identified to participate in training of trainers on gender-based violence in Labutta and Bogale during the second week of December. Training sessions may also be held in additional locations as needed. Training modules and resources are being translated into Myanmar for future use

**Action Point 4c** – Liz Pender to send out a paragraph about the training sessions so that agencies can distribute to their colleagues in the field

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

- Planning is underway for the six-month Technical Review Meeting on the DSW Plan of Action: Child Protection in Emergencies
- Family Tracing and Reunification (FTR) remains a priority and a meeting covering these issues was held on Monday 10 November

- **Cluster Issues**

- **Post Nargis Recovery and Preparedness Plan (PONREPP)** – The PONREPP, a longer term strategy paper, will provide a good opportunity to raise awareness about protection concerns and to raise funding. The PONREPP process is underway, the Cluster has submitted a Concept Note and is currently working on a more detailed 10 page component, and matrix, on what has been done in the last 6 months and what the needs are for the next three years. The

Cluster has lobbied hard for many protection issues and hopes they will be included in the report. Cluster members are also assisting other sectors to address the concerns of vulnerable groups within their plans for the PONREPP

- **The Periodic Review** process is also ongoing will have a qualitative element focussing on protection issues
- **PCW Cluster Effectiveness Survey** was distributed with thanks to all those who provided feedback
- **Future of the Cluster** Six months in to the Cyclone Response it is generally acknowledged that there has been good collaboration between Cluster members. However, we are conscious that we need to reflect upon where we are now, and as a result, discussions have taken place about the possible evolution of the PCW Cluster into a broader Protection Cluster. There are various working groups under the umbrella of the PCW Cluster, and together with the Vulnerability Network, these groups could become sub-clusters under the proposed new Cluster. This would help to ensure that these initiatives will continue. UNHCR are willing to take on the role of leading a broader Cluster, subject to resources. Cluster members have met with the Deputy Director General for the DSW and he has been briefed on these discussions.

There was unanimous agreement from Cluster members present to proceed along the lines discussed – i.e. for UNHCR to lead a broader protection cluster with sub-clusters on child protection, women protection, and other issues as required. Members expressed support because it would provide greater opportunities for agencies such as those working with older people, disabilities, and other protection issues. Key points noted were the need for clear Terms of Reference, the identification of international focal points in the field, and to ensure that the new Cluster reached out to other Clusters to take on broader protection issues.

This will therefore be the last Protection of Children and Women Cluster meeting. UNHCR will advise Cluster members of the details for the first broader protection cluster meeting (pending support from the Vulnerability Network)

## 5. Any Other Business

- Documents distributed:
  - PCW Cluster Effectiveness Survey Results
  - Initial Assessments: Child Protection in Emergencies (Myanmar version)
  - Supply & IEC Material Tracking Update
  - Separated and Unaccompanied Children Data
- Coordination – Hannah Thompson (ex-PCW Cluster Co-Chair) is now supporting field coordination and is involved with the roll out of training in the field which will focus on support, building capacity, the cluster approach and information flow. Hannah will devote 50% of her time to Save the Children activities with the remaining 50% to be spent on Cluster-related work. She will spend 75% of her time in three main areas and is in-country until the 16 December
- Anne-Claire and Cluster members gave thanks to Christina, Hannah and Bron for their work
- The Chair also gave thanks to Anne-Claire Dufay who will soon move to Bosnia to take up the position of Deputy Representative with UNICEF. Anne-Claire was a PCW Cluster Co-Chair at the beginning of the emergency response, and who has provided much support to the Cluster throughout the response

**UNHCR will advise on the details of the next Cluster meeting**

## Annex 1

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## Agenda

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1. Introduction
  - Introductions
  - Additions to the agenda
2. Review of Action Points
3. Situation Update
  - Area Updates:
    - Bogale, Pyapon, Dedaye (World Vision)
    - Labutta (UNICEF)
    - Mawlamyinegyun (Save the Children)
    - Other areas/issues
4. Cluster Coordination
  - Cluster Issues:
    - Post-Nargis Recovery and Preparedness Plan (PONREPP)
    - PCW Cluster Effectiveness Survey
    - Future of the Cluster discussion
  - Women's Protection Technical Working Group
  - Child Protection in Emergencies Technical Working Group
6. Any Other Business

Documents to be distributed:

- *PCW Cluster Effectiveness Survey Results*
- *Initial Assessments: Child Protection in Emergencies (Myanmar version)*
- *Supply & IEC Material Tracking Update*
- *Separated and Unaccompanied Children Data*

## Annex 2

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