



The 1st Meeting Minutes of Agriculture Cluster Technical Working Group on Livestock and Animal Health

At Bago Room, Chatrium Hotel on 2 October 2008, 12:15 – 13:00 hrs

Participants:

Keshava Koirala (ACTED), Khin Maung Win (CDA), Khin Theis Sow (GRET), Kyaw Lwin Oo (JICA), Aung Khin (LBVD), Masaharu Saito (PWJ), Hiroko Takahashi (PWJ), Herve Boudin (TRIANGLE GH), Htet Kyu (UNDP), Yan Naing Swe (WSPA), Michael Stapleton (FAO), Ye Tun Win (FAO), Sint Sint Aung (FAO, rapporteur), Thanawat Tiensin (FAO, Chair)

Minutes of the 1st meeting (on 2 Oct 08):

1. Introduction of the Agriculture Cluster TWG on Livestock and Animal Health

Participants from INGOs, NGOs and government agencies introduced each other.

2. Expectations and goals of the Agriculture Cluster TWG on Livestock and Animal Health

Participants discussed what kind of expectations and goals participants (INGOs, NGOs and government agencies) do expect to the Agriculture Cluster TWG Livestock and Animal Health.

- Sharing information and experience on livestock and animal health issues is important and needed.
- Constraints of each organization
 - few number of staff at township level (no animal health assistant or livestock expert)
 - lack of transportation and communication
 - lack of animal suppliers (i.e. piglets, chickens, ducks, buffaloes)
 - lack of information on animal health care before and after distribution of livestock inputs
 - no contact person (or focal point) with the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department
 - no experience on distribution of livestock inputs (live animals)
 - no information on analysis of the knowledge level of farmers and what they need to know about animal husbandry and animal health care
 - where are certified farms by LBVD? (surveillance has been conducted by LBVD in those farms or areas.)
- Suggestion
 - organize a training on distribution of livestock inputs for project coordinator or manager
 - organize a training for local staff of INGOs or NGOs at village level
 - employ animal specialist or animal health assistant to work in the field
 - provide knowledge to farmers
 - provide a list of animal farms or suppliers to INGOs and NGOs

3. Develop list of participants (or mailing list) of the Agriculture Cluster TWG on Livestock and Animal Health



A mailing list of members of the Agriculture Cluster Technical Working Group on Livestock and Animal Health will be established. Information will be circulated to all members on the list. The members can share information and experience or ask any questions through the mailing list.

4. Develop technical factsheets and other technical booklets / posters / material for training and education

Technical factsheets have been produced by FAO livestock team and are [available online at the Agriculture Cluster's website at:](http://myanmar.humanitarianinfo.org/agriculture/default.aspx)

<<http://myanmar.humanitarianinfo.org/agriculture/default.aspx>>

- Guidelines for distribution of livestock and poultry (Technical factsheet No. 14)
- List of booklets and posters on livestock and animal health (Technical factsheet No. 15)

With support of FAO, UNICEF and LBVD, approximately 8,000 posters and booklets on livestock and animal diseases are made available. The implementing agencies (INGOs and NGOs) can request to collect those materials for further distribution in the village or township level. Please contact Dr. Ye Tun Win, National Livestock Expert at ERCU, FAO (E-mail: ytwvet84@gmail.com) to collect the posters and booklets.

More technical factsheets will be prepared and circulated to implementing agencies later. The TWG members may suggest what topics you would like to know.

- Livestock and poultry packages (specification and price)
- List of animal suppliers
- Biosecurity and simple animal housing
- Prevention and control of animal infectious disease
- Basic animal husbandry and
- Etc (please suggest what you would like to know)

5. Update on livestock activities of each organization (mapping of needs and inputs)

FAO livestock and animal health advisor (Thanawat Tiensin) asked implementing agencies (INGOs and NGOs) to update previous activities or future distribution plan on livestock of each organization in cyclone NARGIS affected areas. FAO livestock team will also send an electronic form via email to the members.

6. How to bring technical advice to the field at village or township level

FAO livestock team proposed to organize a training or workshop for local staff of INGOs and NGOs at village or township level. Further information will be discussed in the next meeting.

CDA suggested other implement agencies to provide vaccine, anti-parasitic drug, vitamin and mineral to farmers while we visit the village. This activity will attract good response and attention from farmers in the village.

7. Date and venue of the next meeting

Participants agreed to have a meeting of the Agriculture Cluster TWG on Livestock and Animal Health once every two weeks during 12:15-13.00 hrs at the Chatrium Hotel, Yangon. The next meeting



Restoring crops, fisheries, livestock and forestry

<http://myanmar.humanitarianinfo.org/agriculture/default.aspx>

will be organized on Thursday, 16 October 2008 during 12:15-13.00 hrs at the Chatrium Hotel. FAO livestock team will send an email to remind the members.

8. Other announcements and AOB

None