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Minutes

Cluster Leads

**27 November 2008, 0900-1030hrs
Chatrium Hotel, Yangon**

Chair: OCHA

1. Periodic Review (Update ASEAN)

- The first preliminary results were presented at the TCG round table on 26 November. The same will be presented at the weekly open forum at 1400hrs on 28 November. The project team will continue working with clusters to finalise the report until the end of the week.
- The final draft will be submitted to SAG on 3 December and to the TCG on 6 December. The report will go to print by 15 December.

2. TCG (Update OCHA)

- The TCG met on 21 November. It discussed the preparation for the UN/ASEAN summit. Whilst the agenda is still unclear, it is hoped that the presentation of the Periodic Review, Early Recovery Strategic Framework (ERSF) and PONREPP could still be made in form or the other.
- The TCG chair and the Thai Ambassador endorsed the ERSF. The document shall be finalised next week and go to print for wider distribution.

3. Cluster update

- WFP has extended the current field agreement with CPs for 1 month. New agreements will be signed from 2009. In the meantime, Food cluster targets 400,000-450,000 beneficiaries for GFD and 65,000-75,000 for SF. The cluster will hold a 2009 Food Assistance Strategy workshop on 10 December with the participation of food and non-food cluster members.
- The landing sites and routing of UNHAS can be flexible depending on the programme needs, but requests should be made well in advance.
- The global WASH cluster performance review team is currently visiting Pyapon and Dedaye. For the dry season water shortage, the cluster will hold township workshops to solicit support from all concerned. The first of the workshops will take place in Bogale. The WASH cluster is regularly updating information and maps on water scarcity.
- Health cluster will have the regular meeting next week. The cluster is finalising PONREPP inputs.
- Education cluster will be deactivated as of 1 December. While the cluster is dormant, the focal point persons in the lead agencies (UNICEF & Save the Children) will ensure coordination. Coordination meetings will be called on as-needed basis. The sectoral activities are now focusing on school reconstruction and maintenance of TLSs to extend their longevity in view of the limited commitment to school reconstruction. For the moment, only 100 schools have reconstruction commitment. The cluster estimates that only up to 200 schools will have been reconstructed by the next rainy season, posing serious concern.
- Shelter cluster is meeting today to consult on the results of the Periodic Review. The IOM household survey is being printed, which would complement the Periodic Review in understanding the state of the affected population and the impact of assistance thus far. The cluster will start technical assistance demonstration for monsoon season shelter preparedness, starting from Pyapon.
- Nutrition cluster reported that there have been some indications that GAM/SAM rates have risen in some areas that are classified as "moderately affected," while those in "severely affected" have lesser GAM/SAM. It was agreed that the caution must be paid in

interpreting such reports, as the initial classification of severity was done at the township level and would have not captured geographical variance at the village and community level when analysing the severity of the impact. Additionally, there seems to be no inter-sectorally agreed definition for the severity classification as such. The MoH is looking into the situations of the communities reportedly with high GAM/SAM.

- Agriculture cluster is distributing 1,000MT pulse seeds to 27,000 households for the summer planting. To strengthen hub-level coordination, the cluster plans to deploy four township-level cluster facilitators. The cluster is also focusing on preparing for the poultry distribution, including training, to support small-scale animal husbandry.
- PCW cluster will become part of the Protection cluster, which will be activated to address larger protection issues. The TOR of the cluster is being drafted and the first meeting will likely be convened on 12 December. For PONREPP, a separate technical working paper on protection will be prepared.
- The date service component (internet connection) of ECT is funded only up to the end of 2008. WFP and UNICEF are exploring possibility to extend the service with additional funding.
- The ER cluster/network will meet on 28 November. An early recovery advisor is currently under recruitment, and when on board, will take the coordination role. UNDP is drafting TOR for ER field coordinators as well. On 2 December, a presentation will be made on ER gaps at the donor meeting. The question on the linkage between the Flash Appeal ER ERSF and its Action Plan and PONREPP is raised. There is a concern that donors may be confused why three frameworks are overlapping in timeline and the latter two are presented to them at the same time. Discussion will continue at the Friday cluster meeting.

4. AOB

- OCHA Cyclone Nargis Situation Report will most likely be ended in mid-December. New humanitarian reporting products will be considered. OCHA will continue its Hub Updates.
- Discussion is needed for the future of MIMU web site post emergency-phase.
- OCHA will call for a meeting of cluster leads and IASC members to discuss in-depth the cluster ways forward, including exit strategies, role of clusters in ER, and transition.