

## Minutes

### Cluster Leads

30 October 2008, 0900-1100hrs  
Chatrium Hotel, Yangon

Chair: OCHA

#### 1. ESCAP Regional High-level Expert Group Meeting on Post-Nargis recovery and Livelihood Opportunities in Myanmar (Debrief OCHA)

- A large delegation from the GoM, including TCG chair, attended the 2 day meeting, along with the RC, HC, a.i., etc. The meeting occasioned sharing of experience and lessons learnt from Aceh, Pakistan and Bangladesh.
- The key discussions surrounded livelihoods, land & settlements, and DRR.
- On land& settlements, issued discussed included:
  - Support for landless and renters (up to 50% of the population in the Delta)
  - Voluntary resettlement (incl. Village re-grouping)
  - (Re-)settlement planning and information sharing
  - UN Habitat will share the draft settlement ER guidelines with the GoM
  - "Building back better" of schools
  - Safety of public buildings
  - Consultation and informing communities
- ESCAP is offering support in the areas of training/capacity building, donor advocacy and potential establishment/management of Trust Funds, and liaison with regional actors.
- It is not clear whether Myanmar will be a stand-alone agenda item in the UN/ASEAN summit.
- The report of the meeting will be shared once available.

#### 2. PONREPP (Update RC Office)

- The drafting of the concept notes by PONREPP sectoral working groups is due tonight. The PONREPP team will review and edit them over the weekend and circulate to TCG on Sunday evening.
- A stakeholder workshop is scheduled for all day on 5 November in Chatrium Hotel, where the PONREPP process will be officially launched and technical discussion on concept notes will take place. Both WG and cluster representatives are invited to participate.
- On 6 November, PONREPP team and WG chairs/co-chairs will meet to review and discuss the outcomes of the stakeholder workshop. WGs will then proceed with drafting sectoral chapters which are due by 25 November.
- TCG will be briefed on the process again. It is hoped that the inclusive process vis-a-vis the Government counterparts will ensure the production of an agreed documents in time for the UN/ASEAN summit.

#### 3. Financial Update to the Government (Update MIMU/OCHA)

- The update as of 31 September, to be submitted to TCG on Saturday, was shared. Cluster leads can share the matrix with cluster members but it should not be widely circulated to externals.
- ER has had difficulty tracking non-Appeal ER projects. It will from now on report only on Appeal projects.
- OCHA will follow up on the agencies that are not following agreed procedures.

#### 4. Six month on media/PI (Briefing OCHA)

- There has been some increase in media coverage leading up to the six month on since Nargis. TGG or UN RC/HC press release is possible. Some agencies, including FAO, UNICEF, UNDP, Red Cross, are also planning to issue press releases.

#### **5. Periodic Review (Update ASEAN)**

- The enumerators finished training on Monday. The data collection is expected to take 2-3 weeks and all teams to finish data collection by 21 November.
- During the next week, the project team will consult with clusters on data presentation in the report. The first draft report is due on 28 November, the second draft 3 December, and the final draft 5 December. Cluster support will therefore needed between 17-28 November.

#### **6. Establishment of UNEP office (Briefing UNEP Mr. Nizar Mohamed)**

- UNEP is setting up an office in Room 810, Chatrium Hotel. A few personnel from the National Commission for Environmental Affairs are expected to join.
- UNEP intends to work with NCEA, supports clusters for mainstreaming the environment concerns in PONREPP and DRR.

#### **7. Cluster update**

- Food cluster continued re-targeting with cooperating partners. As the phase down of general food distribution is a sensitive matter, the group will undertake a mapping exercise on Monday to assess the needs by geographical locations and what type of food aid activities will be needed, to complement differing pace of recovery and various other interventions. GFD is expected to be reduced to 450,000 beneficiaries for November-December. Supplementary feeding will target 78,000 beneficiaries. FFW is expected to start in January 2009, details of which will be decided based on resource availability and types of activities that would complement recovery. The current agreement with CPs will be extended until the year end and new ones will be concluded for January-April 2009.
- Agriculture is currently focusing on the preparation for dry season seeds distributions. A series of technical training at the township level is planned, targeting national staff, for issues such as small animal restocking and appropriate fishing gear.
- Health cluster review team from NY will arrive next week. The cluster has discussed the initial RTE findings and recommendations, of which the engagement with the Government is of a particularly relevant issue for health cluster.
- WASH is collecting information, together with township authorities, more detailed village level information on water needs. WASH cluster review mission will start on 17 November.
- PCW cluster review mission left the country yesterday. The report is expected at the end of November, which will be shared when available. Save the Children is withdrawing from the co-chair. The incumbent will focus on support to field coordination for the remainder of her mission.
- Education cluster continues to be concerned with the low number of schools receiving commitment for reconstruction (75). The GoM figures for schools needing reconstruction include only government schools. The GoM has informally indicated supporting 20% of school reconstruction costs. UNICEF's school designs have been approved. DRRE WG is proceeding with its task well, with regular participation by MoE.
- Nutrition: The data analysis of the nutrition survey by UNICEF/WFP/NNC is finishing. The report is expected early November. A workshop on the findings is tentatively scheduled for 24 November (TBC), until such time the GoM is reluctant to share the data. The preliminary findings indicate, based on height-weight measurements, 2% acute malnutrition and 11.7% moderate acute malnutrition.
- Vulnerability Network is looking into the issue of re-grouping of villages by the GoM. Discussions are ongoing on ways forward on the coordination mechanism on general protection issues.
- ER, Shelter, Telecommunication: absent

[Action: MIMU will collect and update training information ( overall training table).]  
[Action: Update on complaint mechanisms to be provided.]

#### **8. DRR (Briefing UNDP DRR Specialist Mr. Dillip Kumar Bhanja )**

- UNDP is starting CBDRM in 500 villages. It has also developed a country strategy on DRR which has been shared with UNCT.
- DRR thematic WG has been formed under the ER cluster, though it has not convened regular meetings and was not known by all cluster leads. It has increased the activity through PONREPP process. DRR ToT for township authorities has been organised.
- DRR, being a cross-cutting issue, need to be discussed with stakeholders, in particular given the national ownership of the matter, pre-existing contingency planning process, and plans by MRCS, etc. The issue should be raised at the PONREPP stakeholder workshop as to how projectising DRR-related activities of each sector in PONREPP be best handled, in view of DRR being also a PONREPP chapter.

#### **9. AOB**

- Field coordination ToT will be organized by OCHA, in partnership with education and PWC clusters, on 11-12 November in Yangon. Agencies have been invited to nominate suitable national staff to participate. The ToT participants are expected to take part in field coordination training in hubs scheduled for the last week of November and the first week of December.
- Sphere training is returning. One day session will be conducted in Yangon on 4 November; 5-day ToT on 6,7, 13-15 November, and training in the Delta during the last 2 weeks of November.