

## Education Cluster Meeting

Thursday 23 July 2008  
15:00 – 16:00 - Chatrium Hotel

**Co-Chairs:** Ms Shirley Long (Save the Children) and  
Mr Charles Avelino (UNICEF)

### 1) Introduction and Welcome

No new members joined the meeting.

### 2) Action Points from last meeting

- The Who What Where (3W) formats were circulated but no feedback received from partners except **Pyinnya Tazaung Association** who provided information about the projects and sources of funding
- UNICEF consultant on school construction expected to arrive this week.

### 3) Updates from Ministry of Education

- No representative from the Ministry of Education attended the meeting

### 4) Updates from Cluster Members

- **World Vision** distributed stationery in Bogale Township. Detailed report will be submitted to the Information Management (IM) Focal Point
- **Pestalozzi** supporting a local partner to repair/renovate 12 schools out of which 6 have been completed. Additional 6 schools will be constructed (build back better). School lunch programme will be started in August together with other support to parents (incentives, agricultural/livelihood inputs, micro-finance support) to encourage return of children to school.
- **Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association (MWEA)** reported lack of support for schools in 6 hard to reach villages and seeking funds to support repair of schools in those villages. **ACTION POINT:** MWEA to prepare detailed requirements to support repair or construction of temporary learning spaces and share with the cluster members. The information will be used to seek support from possible sources such as UNICEF (roofing materials).
- **KNK Japan** plans to renovate/repair schools and support psychosocial activities but still waiting to finalise registration progress with the government
- **Plan International** has finalised proposal to be submitted to the National Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee (NDPRC) for approval. Plan International in partnership with Bridge Asia Japan (BAJ) has funded for the repairs and renovation of 19 schools in Myaungmya and Mawlamyeingyun Townships (build back better, safe and more child-friendly). **ACTION POINT:** Plan International to share proposal with cluster leads to enable them prepare cover letter before submission of the proposal to NDPRC (with copy to MOE) for review and approval.
- **UNICEF** has finalized the process of contracting local companies to repair/rehabilitate 429 schools selected by Township Education Offices. Consultant in school construction expected to arrive today to take the lead in working with MOE engineers to develop option of school designs for

reconstruction of schools. The alternative designs will be made available for use by all after approval by MOE.

- **Save the Children** has completed repair of 101 schools and construction of 257 temporary learning spaces; distributed 7,793 students' kits and 96 teachers' kits potentially benefiting 67,000 children that reported to schools in SC's project areas.
- **LRC** still following up on MOU with government. **ACTION POINTS:** Agencies who intend to submit proposal for approval by the NDPRC should share them with the cluster leads so cover letters can be written and information shared with the MOE.
- **PTAs** are repairing 21 schools and 20 water and sanitation facilities with support from UNICEF. 11,000 children are benefiting from the project.

**ACTION POINT:** Agencies that have not received approval from government to implement activities should make appointments for one to one meeting with the co-chairs of the cluster in order to identify challenges they are facing and ways of accelerating approval of their proposals by the NDPRC.

**5) Feedback on Shared Reporting Template.**

- It was agreed that the reporting format circulated by IM Focal Point will be used to compile the 3W. All partners are requested to complete the template and submit to [imeducluster@gmail.com](mailto:imeducluster@gmail.com) for compilation before the next cluster meeting.
- Minor amendment will be made if required to capture support provided to needy families (related to their basic needs) to meet the school education of their children.

**6) Information from the field – identifying field focal points, weekly narrative reports**

- A template for weekly narrative reports has been shared and endorsed for weekly reporting by partners from both Yangon and the field. The template will be reviewed as and when necessary.
- The two co-chairs plan to visit the cyclone-affected areas to assess the situation of field level sub-cluster meetings. It has been reported that some township level meetings are taking place but there is no mechanism of sharing information/reports with sector leads or the IM focal point.

**7) Education Early Recovery Strategy**

- The Education Cluster Early Recovery Strategy is required for submission to the Early Recovery Cluster Lead (UNDP). The meeting agreed to use the revised appeal targets and indicators as a basis for the Early Recovery Strategy. **ACTION POINT:** Co-chairs to prepare draft and share with all members by 25 July.

**8) Regularity of Future Meetings**

- The meeting agreed that henceforth Education Cluster meetings would be held fortnightly. The next meeting will therefore be on **6 August 2008** at the same venue and time unless advised otherwise.

**9) No other business**