21.07.2016 - HCTT Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

Venue: Village Well, IDB Bhaban, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka.

Participants:

_HCTT Members:

1. Md. Mainul Hossain Rony, FAO, Food Security cluster;
2. Syed S. Arefeen, WFP, food Security cluster;
3. Khurshid Alam, UNDP, Recovery cluster;
4. Andrew Muesyoki, UNICEF, Nutrition cluster;
5. Zakariyah (Bisi) Agberemi, UNICEF, WASH cluster;
6. Malik Kabir, WFP, Logistic cluster;
7. Mohammad Mohsin, UNICEF, Education cluster;
8. Jacklin Rebeiro, Save, Education cluster;
9. Nadia Farheen Rahman, UNFPA, GBV cluster;
10. Snehal Soneji, Oxfam (iNGO Representative);
11. Hasina A., DCA (iNGO Representative);
12. AKM Musha, Concern Worldwide (iNGO Representative)
13. Murshida Akhter, Oxfam (Cash Working Group)
14. Kazi Shahidur Rahman, RCO, HCTT Secretariat;
15. Henry Glorieux, UN RCO, HCTT Co-chair.

1. Approval of HCTT minutes

At the beginning of the meeting, HCTT Members held a minute of silence for the victims of recent terror attacks in Bangladesh. HCTT Members approved the draft June HCTT minutes without comments/modifications. Update on follow-up actions since June meeting:

- The Need Assessment Working Group (NAWG) circulated their revised ToRs with the support of DG-DDM for HCTT’s comments. HCTT members were recalled that their eventual feedback was requested by July 28th;
- Cluster/Sector Leads/co-Leads informed that none of them triggered a Phase 3 needs assessment;
- Early Recovery Cluster indicated having conducted a review on the Roanu affected areas that considered displacement issue and that its outcome will be shared with HCTT Members;
- HCTT Members were reminded that if themselves or their constituencies would have requested access to satellite maps from the EU, they should provide feedback directly to Brussels or through ECHO Bangladesh on the use of these maps;
- During the second week of July, RCO suggested LCG-DER Secretariat to include an agenda point on the issue of embankments in their next meeting;
- RCO shared a 4W matrix to cluster/sector leads/co-leads for inputs on June 19 and organized a UNCT+IFRC meeting on Earthquake preparedness on July 21st.

2. Endorsement of HCTT revised ToRs
HCTT revised ToRs circulated on June 19 were approved with minor edits proposed by OCHA RAOP. HCTT Members agreed that the HCTT focus group should meet again to move forward with the other steps related to the revision of the humanitarian architecture.

**Actions:**

⇒ RCO to call for a new HCTT focus-group meeting

### 3. Roanu response, funding gaps and opportunities

Roanu JRP funding is 30%. This funding level does not include ECHO HIP 2016 revision for Roanu response. The FSC reported several issues: (a) agencies reporting on their planned interventions without having confirmed agreements with donors; (b) reports not in line with standard package of unconditional cash assistance; (c) difficulty to report on unconditional cash grants. The reported issues should be similarly found in several other clusters/sectors. HCTT members expressed the need for improving donor coordination to ensure alignments with HCTT approved cash packages and clear distinction between conditional and unconditional cash assistance. The International Day for Disaster Reduction (October 13th) was identified as an opportunity for the HCTT to identify ways to overcome resource mobilization challenges for humanitarian operations through innovative approaches. Discussion with the MoDMR on that endeavor will be required. RCO informed that considering the limited inputs received to date and, the next SITREP for Roanu reponse, SITREP #7 will cover the period 14-27 July.

**Action:**

⇒ HCTT’s performance in responding to the impact of Roanu will be analyzed in September. It will include an analysis of the district coordination system.

### 4. Cash Working Group

The CWG presented the current status of the working group, challenges faced, support required and way forward (presentation annexed). Oxfam informed the HCTT their interest in continuing providing leadership of the CWG. RCO offered its assistance to the CWG (e.g. calling for meetings).

**Actions:**

⇒ Clusters/Sectors Leads/Co-Leads to designate their focal point to the CWG;
⇒ The CWG to provide recommendations on cash assistance reporting;
⇒ Clusters/Sectors planned cash assistance should be discussed with the CWG.

### 5. Earthquake preparedness activities

RCO reminded Cluster/Sector Leads/Co-Leads to send their inputs to the UN Contingency Plan for L3 Emergencies by August 7th as per agreement made during UNCT + IFRC meeting of July 21st.

**Action:**
Clusters/Sectors Leads/Co-Leads to send their inputs to RCO.

6. AoB

a) HCTT co-chair transmitted a message from the British High Commission, which planned to organize a meeting on security. Interested organizations had to liaise with the High Commission.

b) DCA informed that the GoB decided not to provide visa on arrival to NGO workers and two DCA regional officials from Nepal had to travel back to Nepal. DCA reported having informed UNDSS.

c) UNFPA informed that MoDMR nominated a GBV focal point at the Ministry.

d) INGOs informed that they would like to develop partnerships on emergency communication with the UN.

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