01.08.2017 - HCTT Meeting Minutes

Venue: DDM Conference Room, Mohakhali, Dhaka.

Participants:

- Satya Brata Saha, Additional Secretary, MoDMR, HCTT Co-chair
- Rene De Vries, HOO, ECHO, (Donor Representative)
- Omer Farook, Humanitarian Advisor (Donor Representative)
- Sajid Raihan, Country Manager, Start Fund Bangladesh
- Damien Joud, WFP, Food Security Cluster Coordinator
- Mohammad Maimul Hossain Rony, IM, FSC & Nutrition Clusters
- Jacklin Rebario, Save the Children, Education Cluster
- Bithika Biswas, WFP Representative
- Shah Zahidur Rahman, UNDP, Representative Early Recovery Cluster
- Gloam Morshed, UNICEF, WASH Cluster Coordinator
- Bisi Agberemi, UNICEF, WASH Cluster
- Saba Zariv, UNFPA, GBV Cluster Coordinator
- Simon Peter Opolot, GenCap Advisor, UNWomen, GiHA WG
- Dilruba Haider, UNWomen, GiHA WG
- Hasibul Bari Rajib, IFRC, Shelter Cluster
- Richard Lace, BBC Media Action, Shongjog
- Mahabubur Rahman, CARE, NAWG
- Muhammad Zahidul Rahim, WHO, Health cluster
- AKM Musha, Concern Worldwide (iNGO Representative)
- Nipin Gangadharem, Action Against Hunger (iNGO Representative)
- Atwar Rahman, Oxfam Bangladesh, CWG
- Kazi Shahidur Rahman, UN RCO, HCTT Secretariat
- Henry Glorieux, UN RCO, HCTT Co-chair

Agenda:

1. Updates on agreed actions points
2. Landslides Response Updates (including debrief recent RCO mission in CHT)
3. Monsoon floods situation update (NAWG)
4. Clusters’ plans and initiatives (all Clusters)
5. Engagement with Communities (Shongjog)
6. Presentation of Start Network/Fund (Start Network/Fund)
7. Stakeholders’ engagement at HCTT
8. AoB

Minutes:

1. Updates on agreed actions points

As a follow-up to the agreed actions points, HCTT co-chairs informed that (1) the 6-month HRP for the Landslides based on the NAWG report was developed in agreement with the MoDMR; (2) INGOs with an existing presence in CHT were granted authorization to respond to the related disaster; (3) advocacy for more resource mobilization undertaken; (4) first monthly HRP report produced and circulated.
2. Landslides Response Updates

RCO debriefed HCTT Members on its July mission in Bandarban and Rangamati. It indicated that BNKS was the district focal point for humanitarian responses in Bandarban as informed by the DC. The following recommendations were provided:

- **Logistics:** Consider alternative ways to provide assistance in hard-to-reach locations;
- **Communication:** Introduce community-based early warning system to be activated based on rain forecasts;
- **Shelter/Camp management:** Contextualize and socialize shelter/camp management guidelines for effective shelter/camp management in the context of the landslides related disaster in CHT (notably to strengthen access to quality services in the shelters/camp by most vulnerable groups);
- **Information management:** Establish an Information Management platform for information sharing and management at local level;
- **Governance:** Make recommendations to streamline decision-making processes in CHT;
- **Coordination among UN partners and with NGO partners:** Deployment of a senior coordinator officer; Establish the district coordination mechanism for the landslide response;
- **Humanitarian Civil-Military Coordination:** Strengthen activities of the SOD related to the Incident Management System (IMS); Strengthen the Red Crescent Volunteer system for Search & Rescue; Implementation of the mass casualty management guidelines. Consider a case study of humanitarian civil-military coordination in CHT and assess how its strengthening could contribute to build confidence among stakeholders and facilitate access to logistic military capabilities for humanitarian partners to deliver assistance;
- **Resource Mobilization:** Advocate to donors complementary humanitarian funding;
- **Support the implementation of existing recommendations on Landslides related issues;**
- **Inter-agency support to the Inter-ministerial committee on Landslides led by the MoDMR.**

**Action Points:**

- HCTT Members to suggest district focal point for Rangamati to RCO. Suggestions received will be shared by the RCO to the DC Rangamati for approval;
- RCO to find ways to re-establish an information management system and to support to the development of a humanitarian dashboard;
- RCO to provide info on the implementation of the above recommendations;
- RCO to circulate presentation made.

3. Monsoon floods situation update

On behalf of the NAWG, CARE presented the current monsoon floods situation as of July 27th. the brief on the present flood situation of the north. The monsoon heavy rainfall combined with the Northern onrush and the outrushed water from upstream India flooded the North part of the country. As of July 27th, 1.6 million people are affected in eleven northern districts, 27,400 people are displaced, 26 people lost their life.

**Action Points:**

- Situation to continue to be monitored, needs assessment to be undertaken, if/when required;
- RCO to circulate the presentation made by the NAWG.
4. **Haor Flood update**

Media reported that 300,000 persons were now at risk of a food crisis in the Haor. Given the fact that the related Needs Assessment dated back May 2017, an update of the needs assessment report might be required. Currently, priority needs are reportedly related to Food Security and Early Recovery. The CWG indicated that the final market assessment report will be circulated to the HCTT Members later this week.

**Action Point:**
- NAWG to try to collect information on how GoB’s assistance is spent and delivered to beneficiaries to identify critical unaddressed needs.

5. **Engagement with Communities**

On behalf of Shongjog, BBC Media Action presented the outcomes of the Shongjog Knowledge and Learning Consultation Study. In order for Shongjog to plan for the years ahead, several questions were asked to the HCTT Members:

- Have clusters and other HCTT stakeholders found interaction with Shongjog useful in the past 1.5 years?
- Which, if any, of Shongjog’s activities / functions would HCTT members most like to be sustained?
- Are there additional roles / functions that would allow Shongjog to better support clusters to mainstream CwC / Community Engagement in their activities?
- What is HCTT’s view on how Shongjog should be structured / governed in future?

**Action Point:**
- RCO to share the survey with HCTT Members for feedback to BBC Media Action by August 10.

6. **Presentation of Start Network/Fund (Start Network/Fund)**

START Fund Country Manager made a presentation about the newly established financial instrument in Bangladesh. A MoU is prepared for endorsement by MoDMR.

**Action Point:**
- RCO to participate to a meeting b/w START Fund and MoDMR, if required.

7. **Stakeholders’ engagement at HCTT**

Reference to the interest from the START fund to be granted observer status at the HCTT; the RCO suggested that a comprehensive review of the membership to be made instead of dealing on this issue on an ad-hoc basis. Continuous advocacy required for the national counterparts to participate in HCTT meetings.

**Action Point**
- RCO will propose to the MoDMR new HCTT members

8. **AoB**

HCTT/MoDMR co-chair informed that the proposed revised SoD in Bangla will soon be shared with all for feedback. A HCTT workshop could be organized on that occasion.

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