HCTT Meeting _ 20.03.2019

Venue: MoDMR Conference Room, Dhaka

Participants (Not According to Seniority):

- Dr. Md. Nazrul Anwar, Additional Secretary, MoDMR (HCTT MoDMR Co-chair);
- Khalid Mahmood, Joint Secretary, MoDMR;
- Henry Glorieux, HAA, UN RCO (HCTT RCO Co-chair);
- Abigael Nyukuri, Nutrition cluster coordinator, UNICEF;
- Ajoy Kumer Chakrabarty, Deputy Secretary, MoDMR;
- Arif Abdullah Khan, Program Analyst, UNDP (Early Recovery cluster)
- Atwar Rahman, CWG Coordinator, Oxfam Bangladesh;
- Bidhan Chandra Dey, Superintending Engineer, DPHE (WASH cluster);
- Clare Hollowell, GBV cluster coordinator, UNFPA;
- Eiko Narita, Deputy Representative, UNFPA;
- Farhana Akter, Research Officer and GiHA focal point, DWA;
- Gazi Golam Mostofa, A.S, LGD;
- Gazi Uddin Mohammad Munir, Deputy Secretary, MoWCA;
- Md. Kafiluddin Kaiya, Program Operating Expert, MoWCA;
- Golam Morshed, WASH cluster coordinator, UNICEF;
- Guy Onambele, FSC cluster coordinator, WFP/FAO;
- Hasina Akter Mita, Acting CEO, NIRAPAD (NNGO Representative);
- In Hye Sung, Emergency Specialist, UNICEF (UNICEF Humanitarian Focal);
- In Hye Sung, Emergency Specialist, UNICEF;
- Irene Connie TUMWEBAZE, Child Protection National Cluster Coordinator;
- Jacklin Rebario, Save the Children, Education Cluster;
- Kaiser Rejve, Humanitarian Director, CARE (Representative NAWG);
- Malik Kabir, Log cluster Officer, WFP (Log Cluster representative);
- Masair Ahmed, Deputy Program Manager, DFID;
- Md. Abdul Wadud, Deputy Secretary, MoPWH;
- Md. Anisur Rahman, Director (M&E), DDM;
- Md. Eftekharul Islam, Director (Relief), DDM;
- Md. Saiful Islam, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Food:
  Mohammad Mainul Hossain Rony, Nutrition cluster Coordinator a.i.;
- Mohammed Shakir Ahmmed Chowdhury, Deputy Secretary, MoDMR;
- Murshida Akter, UNFPA;
- Omar Farook, Humanitarian Advisor, DFID (Donor representative);
- Saltanat Bulasheva, EiE cluster, UNICEF;
- Shah Zahidur Rahman, UNDP, Shelter Cluster;
- SM Shakil Akhter, Deputy Chief, MoDMR;
- Surendra Regmi, Program Coordinator, IFRC;
- Kazi Shahidur Rahman, UN RCO, HCTT Secretariat

Agenda:

1. Cluster/working group’ presentation
2. Approval of HCTT 2019 workplan
3. AoB
Minutes

Meeting started with welcome to the participate by HCTT Co-chairs Dr. Md. Nazrul Anwar, Additional Secretary, MoDMR and Henry Glorieux, Humanitarian Affairs Advisor, UNRCO.

1. Cluster/working group’ presentations

Apart for the Health cluster national government counterpart (Ministry of Health) due to the on-going national trainings on Emergency Medical Teams (EMT) in Sylhet at the time of the HCTT meeting, all existing clusters and working groups national government counterparts presented their mandates, activities, challenges and recommendations on disaster preparedness and response. Presentations made are available at the following link: (https://drive.google.com/open?id=14IoFuc4-71_VL2f8ZNUhhXnyBYvhbGVd)

Some of the issues mentioned by the patricians:

- Inter-sectoral/clusters coordination in disaster preparedness and response;
- Customization of existing needs assessment tools and/or use of new tools for urban disasters;
- Disaster administrative data to be validated by Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) in order to become official data;
- Availability of official disaster data needs to be improved in order to speed-up national disbursement of funds (e.g. in the education sector);
- Efforts are required to facilitate the mainstreaming of early recovery in clusters’ work;
- Food Security cluster’s national government counterpart(s) is/are not yet formally identified; national Government counterpart of the Cash Working Group (CwG) needs to be reconfirmed.

HCTT Members agreed to promote joint trainings when possible on cross-cutting matters of interest to most clusters and working group e.g. climate change, gender and, to update the HCTT training calendar. The organization of training/workshop on clusters working modalities should be planned at divisional level.

Follow-up actions:

- MoWCA to examine the revised draft SOD and to indicate as soon as possible to the MoDMR if any change is required and/or any other recommendations;
- Prior the finalization of the revised SOD, each cluster and working group will submit their recommendations to MoDMR with respect to (1) the existing SOS and D-forms and possible multi-sectoral changes required and, (2) the data collection, analysis and validation process;
- Logistics cluster group will develop/adapt logistics database to facilitate the review and the regular updating process;
- Early recovery cluster to organize an inter-cluster meeting w/ RCO to facilitate mainstreaming of early recovery in clusters’ work;
- Disaster Management Wing of MoDMR is requested to form a “Committee” to review the government ministries’ involvement and participation in the clusters’ work for food security cluster (FSC), cash working group (CwG), communication with community (CwC), early recovery (ER), shelter and other clusters and working groups, if necessary.
2. Approval of HCTT 2019 workplan

HCTT Members agreed the HCTT 2019 workplan with the understand with the mention “Government counterpart” will be added to the list of entities responsible for its implementation to promote joint efforts. The plan will be reviewed time to time to see the progress and commitment of the stakeholders. Plan will finally be evaluated at the end of the year to see the progress made by the HCTT.

Follow-up actions:

- “Government counterpart” will be added to the list of entities responsible for and circulate;
- Clusters will finalize its workplan of 2019 based on the HCTT template and link with the HCTT result and submit to HCTT co-chairs;
- Continued review of cluster progress through HCTT meetings to facilitate overcoming possible challenges.

3. AoB

It was recalled that as soon as information on the planned Simulation Exercise in Cox’s Bazar, it will be shared with HCTT Members.

Approved by HCTT Co-chairs:

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