09.08.2018 – Special HCTT Meeting Minutes

Venue: MoDMR Conference Room, Dhaka.

Participants:

- MoDMR Secretary, Md. Shah Kamal, HCTT co-chair
- United Nations Resident Coordinator, Ms. Mia Seppo, HCTT co-chair.
- Satya Brata Saha, Additional Secretary, MoDMR
- A.K.M. Musha, CD, Concern Worldwide (INGO Representative);
- Abigail Nyukuri, UNICEF, Nutrition cluster Coordinator;
- Alex Maclean, DFID (Donor Representative);
- Amir Kumar Das, FAO, Food Security cluster;
- Arif Abdullah Khan, UNDP, Shelter cluster;
- Ashiq Aziz, World Bank;
- Atishay Abbhi, World Bank;
- Boniface Karanja, UNICEF, Education cluster;
- Daniela D’Urso, HoO, ECHO (Donor Representative)
- Dilruba Haider, UNWomen, GiHA;
- Dr. M. Ehsanur Rahman, ED, DAM (NAHAB NNGO Representative);
- Hasan Mohiuddin Ahmed, WHO, Health cluster;
- Hasibul Bari Rajib, IFRC, Shelter cluster;
- Ignacio Urrutia, World Bank;
- Jaleb Ahmed, Ministry of Education;
- Kaiser Rejve, CARE, Needs Assessment Working Group (NAWG);
- Md. Abdul Mannan, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs,
- Md. Mijahidul Islam, L.G.D.;
- Md. Monir Hossain, MoDMR;
- Md. Shakhir Ahmmed Chowdhury, MoDMR;
- Md. Siddique Rahman, Ministry of Housing and Public Works;
- Md. Zakir Hossain Aranda, MoDMR;
- Mohammad Anwar, MoDMR;
- Mohammad Mainul Hossain Rony, FAO-WFP, Food Security cluster (FSC);
- Mohammed GolaM Muktadir, DPHE;
- Moustapha Niawg, UNICEF, WASH cluster;
- Mr. Khurshid Alam, UNDP, Early Recovery cluster;
- Murshida Akhter, UNFPA, GBV cluster;
- Naoki Matsumura, JICA;
- Purnobroto Das Goutam, MoDMR;
- Sanjay Srikantha, World Bank;
- Shabbir Ahmmad, MoDMR;
- Sharif Shah Alam, MoDMR;
- Suleiman Namar, World Bank;
- Sultana Sayeeda, MoDMR
- Surendra Regmi, IFRC;
- Swarna Kazi, World Bank;
- Syed S. Arefeen, WFP, Logistics cluster;
- Kazi Shahidur Rahman, UN RCO
- Henry Glorieux, UN RCO
Agenda:

1. Opening remarks and round of introduction
2. Report on progress of the implementation of the HCTT 2018 Workplan
3. Update on national floods preparedness
4. MoDMR’s strategic guidance to strengthen humanitarian coordination
5. Planned events
6. AoB

Minutes:

1. Opening remarks and round of introduction

MoDMR Secretary and UN RC opened the meeting. All participants introduced themselves notably in specifying which clusters or working groups they were representing, when applicable.

2. Report on progress of the implementation of the HCTT 2018 Workplan

RCO made a presentation which provided (1) background information on the establishment, mandate and composition of the HCTT; (2) an overview of the HCTT workplan 2018; (3) a report on progress on workplan implementation; (4) a presentation of key achievements made by HCTT, clusters and working groups; and, (5) a recap of key upcoming events. The presentation also included several challenges as well as a proposed way-forward. The presentation and related documents are accessible here:

- Presentation: https://www.dropbox.com/s/jz77w6uupv3zee/Special%20HCTT%20meeting%20draft%20final%20Presentation%20%20.8.2018.pptx?dl=0
- HRP and JNA: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/yky060lbr0oe1g8/AAD0MDRuuviU92cwzza9OIlReRa?dl=0
- HCTT documents: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/7jy4vb2l7uxtgvp/AABJnWzDeShOon4RhZvmoBi6a?dl=0

Among the challenges highlighted/discussed were the following:

- Collaboration with national counterparts to be strengthened;
- Strategic direction of HCTT’s work to be provided;
- Information Management Working Group (IMWG) to be re-established;
- Engagement with the private sector to be strengthened;
- Coordination of the entire Disaster Risk Management (DRM) cycle in country to be clarified to ensure linkages b/w DRR –Preparedness –Response and Recovery efforts;
- Detailed information to be shared by national authorities on GoB’s led response to ensure that when/if required, complementary assistance by the humanitarian community is adequately planned/provided;

Action points:

- RCO to propose how best to guide the nexus b/w humanitarian affairs and development agenda;
- MoDMR will share detailed information on allocations;
- MoDMR will inform HCTT members of the focal points on the side of the national authorities;
HCTT co-chair send a letter to the focal points to request their participation in all future HCTT meetings;

On engagement with the private sector engagement, the RCO, in consultation with the HCTT, will present a proposal to the MoDMR for the organization of a consultation b/w national authorities, humanitarian community and private sector.

3. Update on national floods preparedness

Action point:

- Clusters and working groups which were still required to send their inputs to HCTT Floods Response Preparedness Plan following the ad-hoc HCTT meeting of August 1st agreed to send those by August 15.

4. MoDMR’s strategic guidance to strengthen humanitarian coordination

Linkages between the HCTT and the wider humanitarian architecture in Bangladesh are still to be strengthened. Participants informed the need for recommendations from MoDMR on how inter-cluster cooperation could be optimized at local level, in support of DMCs and UDMCs.

While strengthening humanitarian coordination in Bangladesh, MoDMR Secretary insisted that mechanisms promoted by the humanitarian community continue to be respective of the Disaster Management (DM) Policy, DM Act 2012 as well Standing Order on Disaster (SoD).

Action point:

- Clusters to make a proposal respective of the disaster management policy to optimize the effectiveness of the cluster approach at local level (with DMCs and UMCs). It is expected that the modality will help to complement the transfer of information from the local level to the national level to facilitate decision-making processes.

5. Planned events

- DREE Final Planning Conference: 16 August 2018
- DREE 2018: 7-11 October 2018
- Earthquake Workshop in Sylhet and Chattogram - TBC
- CMCoord (SLS and Cox’s Bazar Training): October 2018
- Emergency humanitarian supply chain management at Dhaka: August/September 2018

6. AoB

HCTT Members agreed to the organization of a Special HCTT meeting every three months.

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