Minutes of the National Child Protection Sub-Cluster Meeting

19 January 2012
14:30-16:00hrs
Plan International Office, House 9, Street 32, F-7/1, Islamabad

Participants:
1. Samina Sardar – Plan Pakistan
2. Tasaduq Shah – Plan Pakistan
3. Aasia Akbar – GDCO
4. Talal Bin Aftab – HRDS
5. TM Tariq – RHD Foundation
6. Rafiullah Khalil – World Vision
7. Kazim Shuaib – GCC, NDMA
8. Raja Abdul Ashraf – KWES
9. Suhra Sharif – KPF
10. Imtiaz Ahmad – SPARC
11. Jawad Ullah – Save the Children
12. Irenevan Rij – UNHCR
13. Abdul Dayan – UNHCR
14. Lucie Dechifre – Handicap International
15. Talal Waheed – Aging and Disability Task Force
16. Zilay Huma – IRM
17. Ayesha Aftab – PODA
18. Patrick Okoth – UNICEF
19. Elizbeth Cossor – Child Protection Sub Cluster Group
20. Umar Daraz - Child Protection Sub Cluster Group
21. Asma Ansari - Child Protection Sub Cluster Group

Apologies received: Nage Pakistan

1. Review of minutes and action points of the last meeting:
   - Minutes accepted and follow up/action points were shared with members
     I. Change in Sindh CP sub cluster as the Coordinator, Susan Prosser, has finished as of the end of 2011. The post has been announced and currently the Sindh IMO, Zahid Jalbani is acting as OIC. This and other sub cluster staffing changes (for Balochistan, KP) are posted on Pakresponse.
     II. WWOP’s IEC material has been uploaded on Pakresponse website (http://pakresponse.info/MonsoonUpdates2011/Clusters/ChildProtection.aspx). Material from SPARC will be uploaded once soft copies are finalized.
   - Action: Sindh CP Sub Cluster Coordinator to follow up with Sindh Protection Cluster Coordinator to confirm this was done as part of the training and/or request report from trainings.
     It was confirmed from UNHCR Sindh that feedback has been given to the organizations’ representatives for those projects that were not selected in the Revised Response Plan. The training report is not yet ready as soon as it is received will be disseminated.
• Action: Sindh CP Sub Cluster Coordinator will share the objectives identified by the Sindh CP sub cluster for the next 6 months. Capacity assessment results also to be shared when ready.

  Capacity Assessment data is available with IMO Sindh. Objectives still under review.

Standing Action: All members are requested to share useful and interested IEC material and resources to aansari@unicef.org to upload on Pakresponse child protection page http://pakresponse.info/MonsoonUpdates2011/Clusters/ChildProtection.aspx

2. Updates from members on Sindh / Balochistan flood response

• **World Vision** will continue their emergency plan and exit plan for the next 3 months. Early recovery phase will continue until end of June, 2012.

• **Plan International** will share their updates with CP sub cluster IMO to incorporate in 4Ws analysis.

• **Save the Children** shared last 2 weeks updates (in writing after the meeting):
  - Hiring of supervisors for all 24 child friendly spaces in Mirpurkhas was completed in this reporting period and recreational kits were delivered. An orientation was given to the supervisors and government teachers to better understand the roles and responsibilities at TLCs and CFSs.
  - 24 meetings with community members (60 women & 111 men) including religious leaders, elders, parents and partners organization were held with a specific focus on child protection, education and disaster risk reduction.
  - To date, a total of 910,857 beneficiaries have been reported in all programs (6,604 beneficiaries in child protection program, 8,315 in Education program, 574,770 in Food Aid program, 154,190 in Health Program, 43, 026 in Nutrition program, 206,662 in Shelter Program and 18, 496 in WASH Program ).

• **PODA (UNICEF’S Implementing partner)** has achieved 60,163 beneficiaries (17, 572 women, 31,192 children, 11,399 adolescent) at 50 PLACES (20 in Shahid Banazirabad, 20 in Badin and 10 in Sanghar).

• **CP sub cluster** has not received any information from Balochistan based project owners working on Response to Flood Emergency in 2011. In general target reaching status as sub cluster has performed very well.

Action: All members are requested to share their updates on Balochistan and 4Ws with CP Sub Cluster’s IMO Umar Daraz on udaraz@unicef.org

3. Updates on early recovery frameworks Sindh/Balochistan and FATA

• **Sindh** – Due to the suspension of the revised response plan, a new Early Recovery Framework has been proposed for Sindh & Balochistan. The same projects included in the revised response Plan have been included in the ER Framework, but with only early recovery activities included. The projects have been approved by the DGs of Sindh & Baluchistan PDMAs. NDMA GCC Representative updated members that NDMA is expected to take action by 20th Jan, 2012.

• **FATA** – Several important initiatives have been taken for FATA since the last meeting:
- An Early Recovery Framework for FATA, led by FDMA and UNDP, has been drafted. It follows on from the FATA ER assessment and includes a number of proposed projects. The ER framework, once finalised, will be presented to donors.
- Although the FATA ER Assessment included child protection, GBV and protection questions (through inputs from the CP sub cluster), the draft findings were very weak as it seemed very often the protection related questions could not be asked or were not able to solicit a response. The main CP finding showed a high number of ‘separated’ children for FATA but it is not clear how well the term was understood during the interviews. The findings, once finalized, will be shared with all members for their reference.
- CERF funding of $15 million will be made available to humanitarian activities for FATA / FATA IDPs in KP. The sectoral allocations are being coordinated by OCHA and the clusters in Peshawar.
- New child protection policy for FATA has been signed by the Governor of KP in the last week which is a very encouraging sign. The Policy refers to the establishment of Child Protection Units in all Agencies and provision of CP services.

Action: CP Sub Cluster coordinator will share Child Protection Policy for FATA with all members in the next meeting.

4. Child-Centered DRR (Presentation by Plan International)

   I. Plan involved in Humanitarian Response, Reactive approaches, Small scale responses, Afghan Crisis post 9/11, Earthquake response 2005—Response and Rehabilitation in mainly structural mitigation, constructing safer schools etc

   II. Program Goal: all girls and boys are raised in a protective and resilient environment where the duty bearers are responsive to their rights without any gender discrimination.

   III. Objectives:
       - Strengthening of communities’ awareness and resilience to disaster related risks
       - Capacitating civil society organizations and local governments in Child Centered Disaster Risk Reduction and Response
       - Contribute to the positive changes in national policy and practice on National Disaster Risk Management— by promoting the importance of child-centered community-based disaster risk reduction.
       - To make Plan Pakistan’s programming more risk sensitive, by building the capacity of staff and partners on Disaster Risk Management

   IV. What is child centered disaster risk reduction
       - Working with children and youth and helping to make their voice heard to build community resilience to disasters
       - Supporting children and youth to learn about disaster risks and take action to reduce them
       - Promoting the voice and agency of children on DRR within their communities and local, national and global networks
       - DRR within DRM that is sensitive to the rights, needs and concerns of children

   V. Key Elements of a Child Centred Approach to DRR
       - Governance: Participation, organisational development, Resource development, Partnerships, Advocacy
- Risk Assessment and Planning: School and community vulnerability and capacity assessments, School and community DRR and contingency planning
- Knowledge and Education: Awareness raising and capacity building, DRR in the curriculum, Research and learning
- Risk management & vulnerability reduction: Small scale risk reduction activities, Mainstreaming into child centred development programmes
- Disaster preparedness and response: Preparedness activities, Disaster response, DRR in disaster recovery

VI. Community Resilience:
- Value addition “children and youth engagement”
- Aiming at resilient communities
- Strengthen relationship between rights holders and duty bearers
- Safer Schools
- Contingency planning vs Development planning

VII. CSO engagement:
- Why CSO?—link between State Actors and People
- Selection process initiated together with District Govt.
- 5-8 NGOs selected in each district
- Capacity Assessment leading to Capacity Building using Organizational Development processes
- Governance
- Program Impact
- Financial Management

VIII. Initiatives with Govt:
- Adopting a complementary approach
- Strengthening local governance and improve responsiveness
- Train the trainer at the frontline [teachers trg institutes, civil defence department, Social welfare dept
- National Volunteer Movement
- Parallel relationship

- NDMA requested materials that have been developed by organisations on child-centred DRR and other CP in Emergencies materials – a request also made during 2011 to members. World Vision and Save both noted that they had shared materials with NDMA and it would be useful to have feedback on how they are planned to be used.

Action: Agreed that 2012 CP Sub Cluster work plan will be discussed at the next meeting with a specific point regarding use of members’ training materials and follow up on the possibility of having a consolidated training manual on CPiE for NDMA with materials referenced by member organisations.

5. Cross-sectoral/ cross-cutting IEC and learning materials for use in CP programs

- **Handicap International**
  - Handicap International has been working on IDP crisis and floods’ response and early recovery with different sectors activities in Sindh and KPK: wash, shelter (in Sindh only), Disability and Vulnerability Focal Points, mine risk education (KPK only), child-friendly inclusive spaces (KPK only) as well as inclusive disaster risk reduction. All projects are meant
to be accessible for all, targeting most vulnerable persons including older persons with functional limitations, persons with disabilities, etc. and utilizing assessment tools which allow proper identification of those groups and response to their needs.

- As part of the ADTF (Age and Disability Task Force), Handicap International promotes inclusive approaches to stakeholders involved in humanitarian response. Likewise, HI’s accessibility technical unit may also provide support and build capacities to ensure wash, shelter, and community restoration projects are barrier-free and accessible for all.
- HI presented its IEC material on mine risk education, child rights, disability checklist in emergency context in the child protection sub cluster meeting at January 19, 2012.

**Action:** HI will share soft copies of the material with the sub cluster after checking with different departments.

- **Ageing and Disability Task Force (ADTF)**
  - ADTF is a consortium of 11 like-minded organizations working for the rights of persons with disabilities and older persons in Pakistan. It aims at mainstreaming the rights of persons with disabilities and older persons in humanitarian response and development initiatives through awareness-raising, advocacy and capacity-strengthening of relevant stakeholders.
  - ADTF and/or its members can provide technical support to organizations interested to improve the inclusiveness of their projects, through sensitization sessions, training, assessment or project review, diffusion of tools and resources, etc. depending on their needs.
  - Guidelines on how to make shelter, wash, health emergency and early recovery response inclusive will be launched shortly.
  - Organizations are welcome to contact ADTF coordinator Talal Waheed by email: agedisabilitytaskforce@gmail.com and cell no 0341 50 17 834

- **UNICEF (WASH) – postponed until the next meeting due to time limitations**

6. **AOB**

- UNICEF WASH Cluster coordinator and C4D focal person will be invited in the next CP Sub Cluster meeting to encourage sectoral integration.
- While the final version of NDMA’s SOPs on Separated Children are still waiting for final approval by the Commission for Disaster Management, the last soft version will be shared with all members and provincial sub clusters who have been eagerly awaiting it.

**Next CP Sub-Cluster meeting TBC for February**