



MoM – EWASH/WASH Meeting

Day/Date: Thursday 3rd December 2009, 11:00 am

Place: PWA Office/Ramallah

The main points that were included on the agenda to be covered in this week's meeting include:

Agency reporting – Round table: who is doing what and where
Update from Gaza – House hold survey
Update from Advocacy Task Force
EWASH Membership Forms and revision of EWASH ToR
Area C
Update on APIS
Update on Area C pending projects
Capacity building: Learning Needs Assessment

Agency reporting – Round table: who is doing what and where

The agencies present reported on ongoing projects in the West Bank and Gaza. Detailed information is included in the WASH December Situation Report.

Update from Gaza – Household survey

The WASH Cluster in Gaza has been advocating on preparedness for the winter. The risk of flooding has been assessed and work has been done to reduce the water levels of the wastewater lagoons. In close collaboration with the HCT, the WASH Cluster has been working on improvement of material entry into Gaza. As a follow up of the UNEP report on Gaza, the recommendations of the report are studied. The nitrate contamination will be studied in more detail. UNEP and UNICEF will coordinate such a study.

In the aftermath of the Israeli military operation on Gaza of last January, the WASH Cluster had identified the need for a more detailed study of the WASH situation in Gaza. The Cluster has contracted PHG to undertake a large-scale household survey. Since August 1250 households have been interviewed once a month. The surveys have been analyzed using global cluster indicators. The final results will also

be cross-checked with the GRAD. PHG presented a first overview of the mid-term finding of 3 months of the survey. These findings will be published soon.

Action points:

- *PHG will publish the mid term results.*

Update from Advocacy Task Force

Amongst other activities in the past month, the EWASH Advocacy Task Force (ATF) has been involved in a debate and film showing at the Willy Brandt Center in Jerusalem, has briefed a group of German journalist on demand of the German representation and has organized field trips for journalists.

In Gaza, the ATF has involved in the organization of various field trips for journalists, UN-staff and diplomats. The ATF has also actively supported the HCT advocacy event on winterization.

In the past week, Lifesource has organized community workshops, 2 in Gaza and 2 in the West Bank.

Work on other end products of the ATF is in progress. Fact sheet 2 is signed of by a majority of the EWASH members and Fact sheets 3 and 4 are in a final stage. The 3 remaining films of the EWASH are in process as well.

The EWASH ATF has been approached by the HCT members to produce a summary of the UNEP report for advocacy purposes, since the report itself is rather technical. The EWASH group approves the ATF working on such a summary report. Also, the EWASH group endorses the idea that end products of the ATF can also be signed of by other AIDA members.

The ATF reports on the preparations for the right to water campaign taking place from 9-13 December in commemoration of Human Rights day. The campaign will be anchored around a open debate on 9 December, including an ATF film screening. In Gaza a youth leader training has taken place, which will result in a photo exhibition on water and sanitation issues. As a follow up of the community workshops, events will take place in cooperation with these communities, in cooperation with Lifesource. Filed visits for journalist will be organized and bottles of contaminated water (from Gaza, Salfit, south Hebron, etc.) will be handed over to diplomatic missions.

Action points:

- *Fact sheets 3 and 4 will be awaiting final sign off by the EWASH members.*
- *Film 2 on Hebron will be screened for commenting and final editing.*
- *EWASH members are invited to participate in the campaign activities*

Capacity building: Learning Needs Assessment

Mid November an evaluation of the Cluster approach took place in the oPt. Overall, the work of the WASH Cluster was appreciated.

The WASH Cluster has received some feedback on the learning needs assessment from the group and will build upon this for organize capacity building workshops in January-February 2010.

Action points:

The partners are urged to send in additional information asap.

EWASH Membership Forms and revision of EWASH ToR

Based on last month's Steering Committee meetings, a draft of the updated EWASH guidelines has been circulated to the EWASH members for commenting. Only 1 comment has been received, from UNICEF. As the Global WASH Cluster lead agency, UNICEF requests to be taken up as a designated agency in the EWASH Steering Committee.

Action points:

- *UNICEF's comments on the update of EWASH guidelines will be shared with members for feedback*
- *Steering Committee will convene over this update of guidelines and organization of elections, and will present the result to next EWASH meeting.*

Update on Area C pending projects

In cooperation with OCHA, PWA and the partners, the WASH Cluster is finalizing a list of 15 urgent humanitarian projects in Area C, that have been pending for permits. These 15 projects are merely the tip of the iceberg of needs of vulnerable communities living in Area C. Building on the Needs Assessment Framework of the CAP 2010, under humanitarian standards is understood communities that receive less than 60 liters per capita per day and/or pay more than 20 NIS per m3 of save water.

Action points:

- *Cluster will finalize caseload of 15 projects.*
- *OCHA will present the pending WASH projects as part of there area C strategy.*

Update on APIS

Given the urge of the WASH Cluster to start tracking its interventions in sufficient details (especially for the West Bank) a minimal technical adaptation will be foreseen to be able to start using APIS asap as the WASH Cluster. Thanks to the mature status APIS and its dedicated maintenance structure adaptation of the database for WASH interventions can be facilitated without a large investment.

A technical meeting has been organized between the WASH Cluster, FAO and APIS programmers to study the technical feasibility. As a result of this, a scroll down list of different WASH activities is presented to the EWASH for commenting.

In the future the user friendliness of APIS and its applicability to the WASH Cluster needs will be evaluated and addressed in a second stage.

Action points:

- *Scroll down list will be shared electronically and partners are invited to provide feedback.*

- *WASH Cluster and FAO will work to include WASH activities asap in the online database.*

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After the regular EWASH meeting, the first cut of the second ATF film '*Filling Point*' produced by Lifesource was screened for commenting. The film focuses on the WASH situation in the South of Hebron. The EWASH members provided their comments to the production team, that will take them into account for re-editing of the film.

Action points:

- *Lifesource will incorporate the comments iterated at the first screening of the Filling Points' film.*

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