



MoM – EWASH Weekly Meeting

Date: 19th Feb. 2009, Thursday

Place: PWA Office/Ramallah

The main items set to be covered during the meeting included:

1. Update from WASH Cluster
 - Gaza Cluster Lead
 - Minimum standards for hygiene kits
 - Waste management/rubble clearance

2. Update from Gaza
 - CMWU
 - e-WASH (PHG)
 - Water quality issues (WHO)
 - PWA (see information request attached)

3. Information Management
 - Update on maps + website

4. Priority Items + Advocacy - Update for Jerusalem/Ramallah
 - Setting up a WASH advocacy group
 - Strengthening lobbying for WASH materials

Updates

- Gaza Cluster Lead: As part of the coordination efforts a Cluster Coordinator has been recruited arriving today in Jerusalem next week to Gaza hosted by Oxfam GB. PHG will be part of the needs assessment cycle by monitoring the indicators previously developed by the Cluster for the purpose. A local Information Manager will also be recruited to be based on-ground in Gaza.

- The contents of some of the hygiene kits are not adapted to the situation such as the basic linen used for nappies. A list will be developed to include minimum standards for the contents of the hygiene kits.

Action point: Members that have distributed hygiene kits in Gaza send a list of the contents to Tim as soon as possible.

- An offer has been made by the Disaster Waste Recovery (DWR) Mission an NGO based in the UK specialized in solid waste and rubble management to assess the situation in Gaza, they are seeking an NGO to host them during their stay and COOPI has expressed their interest. They will be looking into the removal of solid waste and rubble on household level during the immediate stage by practical approaches including cash for work, they will coordinate with the ER Cluster to avoid overlap.
- A letter has been circulated by the Mayor of Gaza Rafeek Salem Makee stating that coordination regarding water and sanitation projects in Gaza should be through the Municipality.
- CMWU express their concern that the disinfection of the water supply, chlorination, is not done effectively while the MoH have stated that everything is working well. WHO has been contacted by Tim insisting that they be part of the Cluster.

Action point: All members that have results from any recent water quality monitoring activities distribute information to the whole group.

- Access of materials is still identified as a major problem, a meeting was held yesterday between CMWU, PWA and Israel that seems to be positive. However, more advocacy is still needed.
- Nina is training the group in Gaza on filling out the 3W that now has a dynamic form, and is working on setting up a monitoring program.

Notes

- Meetings have now been decided to be held on a biweekly basis.
- A request has been put in that coordination efforts be invested alongside the 3W.
- Further discussion has to be done for the advocacy process.

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