



**Gaza WASH Cluster Weekly Meeting:**

**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> March 2009,

**Place:** UNICEF Meeting room

**Time:** 14:00 – 15:30 pm

**Organizations represented:**

UNICEF	ACF
CHF International	CARE International
UNRWA	OXFAM GB
PHG	PWA
IRD	IWE
OCHA	Save the Children
CMWU	

**Meeting Chairperson:** Tim Forster

**Points set for discussion:**

- 1- Handover of Gaza Cluster coordination
- 2- Information Management
- 3- Advocacy group/ part of the cluster
- 4- Updates and actions

## Discussion:

- Welcome from the chair
- **Handover of WASH cluster coordination** and introduction of Graham Henderson and Najla Shawa. . Graham Henderson being the WASH Cluster Focal Point in Gaza and Najla Shawa the Gaza WASH Information Manager.
- Special thanks to Eman Aqeel, the UNICEF WES Officer for assuring the WASH meetings as well as doing her own UNICEF work.
  
- **WASH Cluster Information Management:**
  - Weekly Sit-rep (Nina) after March will be every 2 weeks. It needs updated photos. Organizations should provide a short paragraph of key activities.
  - **Monitoring:** 1- Response Activity Database / 3W tool. 2- WHO/MoH epidemiological surveillance will be discussed and facilitated with MoH, UNRWA, and WHO. Evidence based approach for the sectors and sub-sectors a household survey with a representative sample in Gaza Strip. A Questionnaire is drafted. ToR was sent to the PCBS to design a study and train people such as PHG staff and use the Wash Cluster resources. This aim is to assess any WASH related health problems and diseases. The questionnaire is to be sent again to all the members for comments. The system will be created by the WASH Cluster. This aims to enable the cluster (WASH and Health) be able to respond to any outbreaks.
  
- **Planning/ & Coordination:** CMWU Suggested having a workshop in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April to come up with a comprehensive master sheet to include the strategy and the plan which can be given to donors. Tim showed the CMWU list of projects, which is very useful for advocacy and for. CMWU and the Gaza WASH Cluster should be the owners of this list and keep it updated.
  - **Sub-groups** within the cluster will be created for: hygiene/health, water tankering, engineering/technical group, and advocacy groups.
  - **Water Tankering:** CMWU suggests that the organizations which do water tankering are to coordinate with them so that they work upon needs. A special session can be held to discuss the water trucking issue.
  - **Hygiene promotion/** Oxfam team (Ghada) called for the inclusion of health promotion along with the actual provision of the services to communities, which Oxfam does. MoH/ Health Department Dr Kairri will help health promotion working group.

- **Municipality of Gaza (MOG):** ACF had further consultations with the MOG to agree on frameworks to coordinate with at technical level during the implementation of a water networks reparation activity in Gaza City which is part of a larger DFID funded program throughout Gaza Strip.
- **Disaster Waste Recovery (DWR)** should come to Gaza to conduct an assessment on solid waste management and rubble removal. ACF will facilitate specialists' entry to Gaza and logistics in both Jerusalem and Gaza. Funding opportunities may follow. This is a resource put forward by the WASH Cluster and is also a means of mainstreaming the "environment" into WASH activities.

**Action points:**

- WASH Cluster meetings will take place in UNICEF each Tuesday at 2:00- 3:00 pm (1 hour only) for the rest of March.
- CMWU to invited WASH Cluster fir a workshop on cluster strategy.
- Cluster working groups to be discussed. These may include health promotion, water tankering, technical, and advocacy.
- The WASH cluster will cooperate with the Health cluster on surveillance and monitoring to provide a sustainable evidence base for our work.
- The tankering working group to meet as soon as possible to strengthen the reporting to the WASH Cluster (Response Activity Database- known as 3W tool)
- WASH Cluster to prepare for the CAT (Comprehensive Assessment Tool) workshop in Gaza asp.

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