



## **MoM – EWASH Weekly Meeting**

**Date: 29<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2009, Thursday**

**Place: PWA Office/Ramallah**

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

- Update from WASH Cluster
  - Progress to date
- Update on Gaza
  - Situation on the ground
  - Flash Appeal projects discussed with WASH partners in Gaza.
  - CMWU Comprehensive Needs Assessment
- Information Management
  - Update from Nina – 3 W matrix
  - Needs Assessment – Subha PHG
  - Discussion on further Needs Assessment requirements?
- Feed back from WASH Partners
  - Round table
- Funding issues and UNDP Early Recovery Assessment
  - UNICEF CERF funds
  - Early Recovery
- Feedback from Majeda, Right to Water workshop in Amman
- Drought Preparedness Plan

## **Updates**

- Information Management: Nina is collecting information by visiting some of the organizations and putting it in a usable 3 W format. The information will be mapped for clear visual representation. Organizations are encouraged to provide information, contact Nina in case of any questions. A WASH Cluster website is in the pipelines.
- During his visit to Gaza, Tim organized a cluster meeting chaired by UNICEF with participants and key informants from the sector. CMWU has been working on identifying the needs and delivery of services, but meetings tend to be infrastructure oriented, thus an additional meeting on a household level was suggested. There is no dedicated coordination thus there is a suggestion to put a resource in one of the NGOs since the UN staff is limited in movement. This will help supplement resources already

available in taking minutes, documentation and centralization of information. An Information Manager in Gaza was hired by UNICEF.

- Flash Appeal: In the process of finalization, official launch will be on Monday. The Humanitarian Coordinator went through them yesterday, none of the projects were rejected but some were referred to early recovery. Projects were submitted by UNICEF/PHG, ACPP, CHF, ACF, CARE, COOPI, GVC, HWE, IRC, Oxfam GB, PHO, PU, RI, SCF and UNRWA.
- Emergency repairs are underway; however there is still a lot to be done. There is a lack of material in the market and a bag of cement now costs 300 NIS.

### Roundtable update about the organizations' activities

A brief description of the activities being implemented by each organization was reviewed as in the Table below:

Organization	Activity
Save the Children	Bottled water in the pipelines Planned: water and sewage network repair, household repair
UNICEF	Distribution of collapsible tanks Distribution of 500 water kits Urgent repairs by CMWU Chlorine is now requested Water tankering is planned
PWA	Repairs Coordination for material entry
Oxfam GB	Water tankering Distribution of 1000 hygiene kits 100 household water tanks have been repaired and will be distributed
PHO	A project including water tankering and agricultural activities is suspended, waiting for an assessment for possible changes in activities.
ACF	Water distribution Reinforcement of sewage lagoons Cleaning of sewage
GVC	Through an ECHO funded project a desalination plant is being prepared and is expected to be ready in two weeks, after which coordination will be sought to deliver the unit inside Gaza.
CARE	Provided 1000 hygiene kits
ANERA	Damage Assessment Distribution of hygiene kits

ICRC	Coordination and escort Delivery of material
ACPP	Distribution of roof tanks
HWE	Funding raising with partner PEF
PHG	Distribution of water tanks Water tankering Repairs Rapid Needs Assessment on Community Level

- A separate meeting was organized to discuss the Early Recovery interventions with organizations interested in being involved Sunday at 10 am.
- It was also agreed that Thursday's meeting include the regular EWASH meeting which will include issues about the West Bank and the anticipated Drought.

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