



MoM – EWASH Meeting

Day/Date: Thursday 4th June 2009, 11:00 am

Place: PWA, Ramallah

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

- Update from Gaza
- Drought response update
- OCHA Humanitarian reform evaluation indicators
- CAP update
- Advocacy task force

Update from Gaza

Mark Buttle, new WASH cluster focal point for Gaza was introduced and gave an update on the top 3 priorities in Gaza:

- Entry of material and access issues
 - Although 44 trucks with WASH material have entered Gaza, lack of material such as cement and pipes, is still the biggest constraint for development
 - Access to the waster water treatment plant in Beit Lahiya is high priority, since monitoring of water levels is critical both day and night. Currently CMWU is prevented from monitoring during the night.
 - Mark, Gaza cluster focal point will meet with CoGAT on June 11th to discuss these issues
- Contingency plans
 - There is ongoing work in Gaza to update and improve the contingency plans and data preparedness.
 - The current plan will be circulated and then discussed in a workshop

- The West Bank cluster also needs to work with the contingency plans and will follow the same planning
- Handover from WASH cluster to EWASH
 - When the WASH cluster is being phased out, there must be a smooth transfer back to the EWASH platform

Water scarcity response update

With the ECHO funding, the largest part of the water scarcity will be covered. However, there are still some gaps and OCHA is actively looking for funding to cover these

PWA is working on doing an update of the map of filling points, since some data no longer is accurate. The update is expected to be finished by Tuesday 9th.

PWA will present the joint water filling points proposal to the JWC on the next meeting on the 9th.

OCHA Humanitarian reform evaluation indicators

The IASC is going to do an evaluation of the humanitarian reform and the cluster system, with focus on how the cluster system impacts the actual response. A preparatory visit has been made to explain the methodology to the clusters.

One part of the evaluation will be to use cluster specific indicators. The proposed WASH cluster indicators were presented for input. See annex for original indicators and proposed changes.

CAP update

The final submission to OCHA after the CAP midyear review was as follows:

- Total sum of WASH projects: 31,520,412 dollars
- Reduction with 9,407,243 (23%) from original 40,827,55 dollars
- 38 projects submitted
- 7 new projects were added and 11 projects were cancelled

Advocacy task force

Oxfam has submitted the revised proposal for the advocacy task force to ECHO. The current proposal focuses on two issues: The entry of material into Gaza and the issues with permits in Area C in the West bank. The aim is to have the task force up and running by the beginning of July.

A media event was planned for June 11th, however there is now some uncertainty if it will take place.

A press briefing with focus on water and sanitation is planned for mid-August, but still needs to be confirmed.

Action points

- Ghassan to circulate West Bank contingency plan

WASH cluster indicators - original

Proposed by OCHA

- Direct links exist between provincial coordination, national coordination and the HC/RC Sector strategy includes emergency response and rehabilitation components
- Partnership agreements with international NGOs and small scale funding agreements has contributed to improving the actual response, ensuring coverage and filling the gaps
- Inter-cluster linkages forged with relevant clusters (health, CCCM, shelter, education, protection, nutrition) according to agreed checklist of roles and responsibilities

WASH cluster indicators - changes

- Direct links exist between provincial coordination, national coordination and the HC/RC Sector strategy includes emergency response and rehabilitation components
- Partnership agreements and implementations with international and national NGOs, as well as local municipalities and councils, and small scale funding agreements has contributed to improving the actual response, ensuring coverage and filling the gaps
- Inter-cluster linkages forged with relevant clusters (health, logistics, early recovery shelter, education, protection, nutrition) according to agreed checklist of roles and responsibilities
- Extent to which commonly agreed upon standards are being used when implementing projects

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