



## **Gaza WASH Cluster Weekly Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 24<sup>th</sup> March 2009

**Place:** UNDP building 4<sup>th</sup> floor. **Time:** 14:00 – 15:00

### **Organizations represented:**

UNICEF	GVC
WHO	ACF
OCHA	Islamic Relief
ECHO	CMWU
Al Azhar University (IWE)	Relief International
Ma'an	CARE International
UNRWA	Oxfam GB
PHG	PWA
IRD	Save the Children

**Meeting Chairperson:** Graham Henderson

### **Points set for discussion:**

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Minutes of the last meeting – action points followed up:**
  - ToR for the Water Tankering assessment prepared by the WASH Cluster was approved by the WASH Cluster Water Tankering Working Group. The interviews will be held on Thursday at Palestinian Hydrology Group. The panel will represent: ACF, Care International, PHG and Oxfam GB.
  - Working groups briefing discussed further in the meeting.
- **Feedback on the CAT Monitoring Tool Workshop:** WHO, Dalia Salha briefed on the Comprehensive Assessment Tool; one of the main WASH Cluster activities was discussed in details in a WASH/ Health clusters' group. The workshop took place at

WHO office on March 19<sup>th</sup>. The indicators and the questionnaire were discussed extensively. Lynette Larson from UNICEF led the workshop discussions and contributions were noted down for re-drafting of the questionnaire.

▪ **Working groups update:**

**Water Tankering:** The Tor is finalized. The panel from the Water tankering group nominated three names to be asked for their resume and invited for the selection to conduct the assessment.

**Health Promotion:** the group will include: IRD, Oxfam, Azhar University (IWE), CMWU, ACF and Save the Children.

**Advocacy:** the group will meet next week. The group will consist of: Oxfam, CMWU, IRD) in addition to key players from outside the cluster. Such as media organizations, Human rights associations, etc.

- **Information Management:** Cecilia Utas from OCHA addressed the importance of the database activity to be able to let all organization be visible on the reports and maps generated from the database. Cecilia also encouraged all partners to give any feedback on the use of the database and on any further ideas to improve it as relevant to the WASH Cluster activities. On April 1<sup>st</sup> OCHA will publish the generated maps.

▪ **Updates:**

**OCHA:** was informed that 12 trucks of WatSan materials will be cleared by the Israelis for entry, according to the Israelis. No further details were provided.

**Action points:**

- 1- GPS is now available for the WASH Cluster partners who want to use it.
- 2- The advocacy and the health promotion groups will plan for meetings next week.
- 3- List of projects compiled by CMWU to be updated upon priorities of the materials for entry coordination and advocacy.
- 4- Proceed with selection of a consultant for the Water Tankering assessment.
- 5- WHO, MoH, CMWU and the WASH cluster team to discuss issues around water quality monitoring and surveillance

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