

**Disaster management Working Group meeting**  
**At NGO Resource Centre**  
**Time: 14.00 – 16 PM 23 October 2009**

MEETING MINUTES

Chaired by Mr. Nguyen Van Gia – Save The Children  
Noted by NGORC

Detail content:

- 1. Introductions and confirmation of proposed agenda by Chairman and all**
- 2. Approved Meeting Minutes of DMWG september**
- 3. General update**

***a. Risk of the coming storm Lupit***

According to the weather Forecast Lupit will not hit VN. Other forecasts said it is currently heading to Taiwan, Japan, and it may hit Philippines. It is a tropical depression now

b. Special update: International disaster reduction day in Hue 14 October 2009 (Save The Children)

This event organised by Save The Children and supported by JANI. Many ministries, and organizations presented as well as private sector (first time they are involved), Lots of TV, Broadcasting, journalist arrives soon after the event. During the event we were talking much about disaster reduction.

Mr. Gia mentioned the reason why the event was held in Hue that because 10y ago a big flood happened in the area . There is also very strong community and leader support and the event reminded the people how they can reduce the disaster.

Save the Children has produced a report, and an article on the DRR day has been published on the CCFSC website.

***b. Disaster response situation storm No. 9 Ketsana (GOV-NGO-UN)***

Experiences on the Joint Need assessment :

- communication problem in Da Nang, especially in remote areas: no back-up generator, power lost 5-6h before typhoon came and lasted for more than a day, could not reach the people at the affected areas to transfer the govnt announcement/guidance before the typhoon come.
- organisational problems in Kon Tum team, teams could only start working on Monday 5th October till 8th October, because of inaccessability due to landslides. GoV provided sufficient logistical support (by air, etc.)
- Currently, many orgs are delivering relief support to Kontum. A water and sanitation assessment is also being carried out. However, there is not a relief plan or early recovery plan from provincial government (yet)
- Kon Tum: Still information lacking about isolated areas. Before a new team goes, data should be collected.
- Difficult coordination with Department of Health at provincial in Hue, No specific health

information besides general PCFSC data.

- - Still serious damages in isolated mountainous areas ('An lue'). Updates on that region needed

#### **Suggestions for next time of Conducting JA:**

- Before JA team goes, data to be collected should be discussed. Pre-meetings on what particular information is needed for the different organizations involved
- More dialogue needed during assessments among participating organizations, but also other organizations in the field and at central level.
- Relevant authority at provincial level should constantly be involved
- update needed on the needs, Information from local authorities should be continuously collected after the typhoon.

Ministry of Education and Training (MOET) updated the response activities :

- 28.09 MOET also had urgent meeting after the typhoon struck and sent letter to request support to highland where effected areas. 8 Oct Vice Minister Nghia also called a meeting and announced, shared the most updated of 10 affected provinces and discuss the response actions.
- Teams have visited four provinces (Quang Nam, Quang Ngai, Hue, Da Nang) to do the relief activities
- MOET Set up of special steering committee to receive support from different agencies: Department of children affairs: nominated as focal point
- Not only response but also recovery very important
- Request for support, preferably in cash: MOET will assign support to particular region. However MOET doesn't know what type of support is available and what is planned, from organisations but also from government agencies? Mrs. Hien expected to receive the updates from NGOs on what NGOs had supported to the affected area and she said that it would be great that any communication/ information of DMWG can be sharing with this SC of MOET often.

Those information should be informed Vice Minister Nghia so MOET will have appropriate plan.

#### **Questions:**

Q. Percentage of children not going back to school is not available? Why is it taking so long to get data, since it is more than three weeks already?

A. Most of pupil back to their School, however MOET now still collecting more information, some provinces are still influenced by heavy rain and flood. the accurate number will be shared with you very soon.

Q. How coordination between assessment teams? Communication with people here? What was the quality of the information provided? Information sufficient for other organisations to prepare their support? Any one use this information? Which type of formats were used?

A. Before conduct JAT we had meeting to discuss and agreed on methodology, using the same format of data collection from the field, one plan with schedule was made and all 6 team followed up.

About communication with People here in Hanoi. All DMWG member agreed that CCFSC will be the focal point for update/sharing information, PACCOM will do all logistic with provincial authorities. Coordination did happen among teams, and between CCFSC, UN and other organizations.

- Information not always available on the field, especially details More dialogue needed during assessments, Most important: needs and gaps. Assessment reports are general presentations, more detailed information can be get from assessment teams, local organisations and local authorities.
- WVV shared that they use this information from JA to prepare their own plan. It was also used by many Donors.
- JAT try to get the main finding, try to analys the need of people at affected areas, the detail information available on CCFSC and NGORC website

Q: is it possible for CCFSC to compile information from different province/commune? What is government providing in terms of seedlings? More details needed on government support

A: CCFSC collected information on the various provinces. Data segregated per commune or district can be consulted at the provincial PCFSC offices.

Q. Do you use all format of rapid assessment form?

A. Yes we DMWG also used the format of rapid assessment form. The burning need of the people in term of education, disability/ Questionnaire ... we use the same format and the same way of reporting. During the time 6 team also informed together....

***c. Cluster approaches (UN-OCHA) (any update on food-nutrition, WASH, Edu, non food items and shelter?)***

**Nutrition cluster:**

Nutrition cluster meet weekly following Typhoon Ketsana and identified key priorities for protecting the Rights of children and women in the early recovery phase of the current humanitarian situation. The active members include National Institution for Nutrition, Ministry of Health Maternal and child Health Department, Unicef, Plan international, IRD, Alive & Thrive and Save The Children.

A Nutrition assessment will be conducted in 4 affected provinces Kon Tum, Gia Lai, Quang Nam on 29 October 2009. Locally produced multiple micronutrient sprinkles are also being distributed to affected households in the same provinces reaching 24,000 Children under 5 years. Unicef is providing provincial level support in Kontum and Plan International support program in Quang Ngai. SC is present in Quang Tri and they will conduct a nutrition assessment using the same national methodology.

The Cluster has reached consensus on the essential package of appropriate infant and young child feeding interventions during various phases and levels of emergencies. The Nutrition Cluster under the leadership of National Institute for Nutrition and Maternal and Child Health Department in MOH have currently been advocating for and providing guidance on appropriate quantities and quality complementary foods in line with standards for energy, protein and micronutrient content in general food rations.

The next meeting will take place on 6/11/2009 at National Institute of Nutrition

**WATSAN Cluster**: UNICEF is leading and we have 4 INGOs : Oxfam, Plan, SC, WHO, Unicef work together during Ketsana meeting we also have 4 meetings and we find out WHO DONG WHAT in WSS and we are able to relief water, education, hygiene kit for 18 millions people. Next meeting will be held on 26 Oct 2 PM.

**Health Cluster**: 10 participants UNDP, Unicef, IFRC, Care, VNRC lead by MOH we update the need of govnt we share the matrix of Health relief.. the cluster also shared information on damages, responses. The date of the next meeting to be confirmed later.

**Education Cluster**:

Co-leads by UNICEF and SC, the Cluster had meeting with MOET, Developed education matrix, in line with GoV relief matrix

**Early recovery Cluster**:

Early recovery specialist hired by UNDP. NGO resource center website: information focal point for cluster information. Next meeting with Ministry of Planning and Investment, date to be decided

UN suggested that all meeting minutes of Clusters meetings could be posted on NGORC website.

Other updates:

- Plan International: First batch already provided in the first week. The second batch: about to be finished. Now longer term assistance
- American Red Cross  
Provide Cash program in 4 months, 4 provinces, 6,900 families. 1 million VND for each selected beneficiary. It will be Coordinating with IFRC
- CARE: 100,000 USD initial support now: roofing Quang Nam and Da Nang. Care will have Cooperation with DWF in doing this support activity.  
WASS: specialist will visit VN 25/10/2009 and will give advice what care should do in WSS
- Save the Children: Starts pilot cash program next week
- Oxfam: Doing cash program 800,000 in Kontum, 14 communes in Dak nong Intervention for WSS, livelihood recovery. Health care nonfood item.
- World Vision: 1 million USD; focus on shelter, food aid, NFI, child protection, education
- CECI: Relief delivered on 7, 8 October in Kontum with 22 ton of rice for 440 households at Tu Mo rong district. Another relief deliver will be conducted soon on 26 -27 oct in Thua Thien Hue, 4 communes of Phu Loc District (Households kits: 2.100 Set, 4000 school bags,

500 set school desk and chairs. Total of cost is about 126.500 USD. The adding coming relief for Kontum will be 265.200 USD.

### 3. Technical corner (60 minutes)

Mr. Duong of WV presented and led discussion on coordination for emergency support in central Vietnam

Please visit the link for detail information of the presentation

Q&A :

Q. *What are the coordination challenges in Quang Nam?*

A. Information sharing at central level has maybe some challenges, but works very well at district and communal level

Q. How is cooperation with the communities during relief operations? Technical advice, bottom-up selection?

A. We have Outsider/insiders, IFRC shared the experience when they work with community. IFRC will organised training for VRC on methodology and shared with community, pay attention to support on community capacity building.

Suggestion for doing better coordination:

- Clear coordination framework
- Identification of specific gaps in relief support

### WHO DOING WHAT?

In order to avoid the overlap on support activity Mr. Miguel from CCFSC had compiled all relief support of all organisation who doing response to Ketsana typhoon, it is updated daily on the CCFSC website.

Miguel presented the matrix of Ketsana response

Click the link bellow for the detail of matrix

### **4. Other business**

Practitions 's Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia and the Pacific

It was very interesting workshop with the theme of “building safer and more resilient communities in Asia and Pacific”. The Workshop focused on 6 themes:

1. Strengthening linkage between CBDRR and Development

2. Implementing national programmes on CBDRR
3. IFRC Framework for community Safety and Resilience
4. Partnership for CBDRR
5. Innovative approaches for implementing CBDRR
6. Skill Building session on Tools, techniques and Knowledge Sharing

There were about 190 participant from 23 Countries representing DRR practitioners from Govnt, NGOs, National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. 16 participants coming from Vietnam.

3 presentation were presented at the workshop. One from Mr. Le Minh nhat, DDMFC, MARD on National CBDRR Program in Vietnam, the second presentation on JANI by Marten Mylius from Care International, the third one by Phan Thu ha on DMWG 's operation machanism. There are a lot of Questions were raised for our 3 presentations. Special attention on the partneship between DMWG with Govnt agency. How we could make good link with the Govnt on Emergency Response, successful with doing advocacy activities of JANI...

DVD and other material of workshop are available at NGORC, any organisation would like to have a copy please contact [haphan@ngocentre.org.vn](mailto:haphan@ngocentre.org.vn)

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