

Venue:DDM Conference Room, Mohakhali, Dhaka.

Participants:

- Satya Brata Saha, Additional Secretary, MoDMR, HCTT Co-chair;
- Abigael Nyukuri, Nutrition Cluster, UNICEF;
- Amina Mohammad, Representative GLC (Log Cluster Representative);
- Arif Abdullah Khan, Early Recovery and Shelter Cluster, UNDP;
- Atwar Rahman, CWG Coordinator, Oxfam Bangladesh;
- Belal Hossain, Director-DRM, BDRCS;
- Boniface Karanja, Education Cluster, UNICEF;
- Damien Joud, FAO/WFP, Food Security cluster coordinator;
- Dr. Rahima-e-Zannet, Project Manager, NCDC, DGHS (Health Cluster Government Counterpart);
- Dr. M. Ehsanur Rahman, ED, DAM (NNGO Representative);
- Dr. Mohammad Zahidur Rahman, NPO-EHA, WHO;
- Golam Morshed, WASH Cluster Coordinator, UNICEF;
- Hasibul Bari Rajib, IFRC, Shelter Cluster;
- In Hye Sung, Emergency Specialist, UNICEF;
- Jacklin Rebario, Save the Children, Education Cluster;
- Kaiser Rejve, Humanitarian Director, CARE (Representative NAWG);
- Malik Kabir, Emergency Officer, WFP (Log Cluster Representative);
- Mohammad Mainul Hossain Rony, FAO-UNICEF-WFP (Information Management);
- Omar Farook, Humanitarian Advisor (Donor Representative);
- Rezaul K. Chowdhury, COAST (NNGO Representative);
- Richard Lace, Shongjog Platform (Communication with Community Representative);
- Roman Majcher, HOO, ECHO, (Donor Representative);
- Samrawit Assefa Melles, GBV Cluster, UNFPA;
- Shabnaaz Zahereen, Child Protection Cluster, UNICEF;
- Shakib Nabi, CD, ChristianAid (iNGO Representative);
- Kazi Shahidur Rahman, UN RCO, HCTT Secretariat;
- Henry Glorieux, UN RCO, HCTT Co-chair.

Agenda:

1. Follow-up on agreed actions
2. Preparedness for earthquake (follow-up on March workshop)
3. Preparedness for cyclones/floods/landslides
4. Updates from clusters and working groups
5. Upcoming major events
6. AoB

Minutes:

1. Follow-up on agreed actions points

HCTT Members approved the minutes of the HCTT meeting organized on 05.02.2018. MPCG operational guidelines prepared by the CWG were adopted. It was agreed that the guidelines will be translated in Bangla. HCTT Members' comments on the proposed CFW Daily Wage Rate 2018 prepared by the CWG are expected until 10 June 2018. The final version will be circulated for adoption prior the next HCTT meeting.

Cyclone Signal: The revised SOD should confirm which cyclone signal must be used as the humanitarian community is using the one recognized by Bangladesh Meteorological Department.

2. Preparedness for cyclones/floods/landslides/Earthquake

- HCTT co-chairs thanked HCTT Members for their inputs to the Cyclone Contingency Plan and informed that further updates can be sent as required.
- To avoid duplication of efforts, HCTT Members agreed to review the existing 2014 national Floods Contingency Plan and identify possible areas that could require strengthening. A summary version of the national contingency plan would then be prepared to facilitate preparedness and response efforts.
- HCTT co-chairs informed that following the 2017 historical landslides-related disaster, an inter-ministerial committee was formed to make recommendations to prevent similar disaster in the future. The report is now available in Bangla, will be translated to English and it will be circulated to HCTT Members ASAP. Based on the report, HCTT Members will identify possible areas of support to national authorities in terms of disaster preparedness.
- Feedback on the proposed revised SOD from all concerned ministries was collected by MoDMR which is now revising the draft revised SOD accordingly. The document will be circulated soon to the humanitarian community for final review. HCTT earthquake SOP will be finalized in line with the Government revised SOD institutional structures.

3. Updates from clusters and working groups

Clusters and working groups updated HCTT Members on their current and planned activities. Clusters informed on the level of pre-positioned stocks, capacity mapping, response packages, capacity building interventions and the re-establishment of sub-clusters at district level, when applicable. Shongjog informed being developing a SOP for emergency response using CwC best practices, the NAWG informed having updated NA tools and being developing a NA approach for urban needs assessment and the Logistics cluster informed that it is undertaking a capacity mapping of all humanitarian agencies in country and that a logistics dashboard will be prepared.

HCTT Members debated several issues synthesized here below:

- HCTT Members expressed concerns about HCTT's and clusters' ability to operate as usual given the great attention understandably given to CXB and the impact the situation has on the level of participation to cluster meetings;
- HCTT Members expressed concerns about the HCTT's ability to mobilize funds to support national authorities-led response to natural disasters, given the fact that most of humanitarian funds are mobilized and, yet insufficiently, for the JRP;
- HCTT Members expect clarification from competent authorities on the geographical coverage of the ISCG;
- HCTT Members expressed also concerns vis-à-vis the negative impact of severe wages disparities b/w national and international organizations on national NGOs' capacities in the framework of the JRP implementation and the risks associated with this situation.

4. Upcoming major events

- June 21: RCG Mid-year consultations: HCTT co-chairs informed HCTT Members that relevant information will be sent for interested members to participate to the event.

- June 26-29: INSARAG Regional Exercise: HCTT co-chairs informed HCTT Members that as a follow-up to the March MoDMR-led Earthquake Workshop, a delegation comprising representatives from MoDMR, DDM, FSCD and AFD will participate to a regional INSARAG exercise in the Philippines. The four delegates will act as INSARAG operational focal points in country. Debriefing will be organized for HCTT Members.
- DREE: Final Planning Conference in August; exercise in October. HCTT Members will be invited to participate to the exercise which will test elements of the HCTT Contingency Plan for earthquake.

5. AoB

- HCTT Members welcomed the new Logistics Cluster Coordinator, Ms. Amina Mohammed;
- HCTT Members thanked the Food Security Cluster Coordinator, Mr. Damien Joud for his leadership of the FSC and his invaluable contribution to the work of the HCTT;
- HCTT Members welcomed BDRCS's interest to participate to all HCTT meetings and related work;
- MoDMR HCTT co-chair will be sending a letter to cluster national counterparts for their standing invitation to HCTT meetings.
