

Myanmar Cluster/Sector Performance Review Workshop

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Coordination

Actions	Focal Point with OCHA support	Status as of 19 May
The Inter-sector working group should agree on a work plan for 2014.	Inter-Sector Working Group	SUGGESTION: DONE - the inter-sector group has agreed to use this matrix as a preliminary work plan.
Inter-sector coordination/assistance will be strengthened through improved cooperation with cross-sector leads such as early recovery, gender capacity and leadership in collaborative processes including information management, communications with affected communities and IRA process. Support and agreement on how to proceed on these processes should be taken centrally to ensure consistency.	Inter-Sector Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DONE - ER components were integrated into relevant sector response plans in the 2014 Myanmar Humanitarian Strategy to strengthen inter-cluster assistance. DONE - GenCap advisor has been deployed since Jan 2014 to support inter-cluster/HCT in gender related issues. IN PROGRESS - The IM Network and OCHA have been reviewing IRA at sector level with progress made on Food so far
Operations in Kachin and northern Rakhine States are complex due to access constraints, and, a lack of information, capacity and partners. As the present focus is more on Rakhine State, there is a need to strengthen our strategies and coordination for other priority locations such as Kachin and northern Shan States.	HCT, Sector Leads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DONE - The 2014 Myanmar Humanitarian Strategy focuses on Rakhine and Kachin/northern Shan States. At the same time, it takes note of humanitarian needs in other parts of the country, including the southeast, Meiktila and Chin state. IN PROGRESS - In order to improve coordination, Area HCT and inter-cluster meetings are being organized in Kachin and Rakhine. Information flows are being strengthened. IN PROGRESS - HCT will review strategies in north Rakhine and for the Kachin situation including northern Shan and for resettlement/relocation strategies. IN PROGRESS - Access monitoring systems under review.

Information Management/ Assessment and Monitoring

There is a need to improve a two way information exchange between Yangon and field locations, including regular sharing of feedback/result with field partners.	HCT, Sector Leads, HACWG, Sector IM Focal Points	IN PROGRESS - Information flow mapping and further stream lining coordination fora underway. There is a need to predictably feed recommendations and challenges through respective coordination/sector bodies to resolve operational issues and to empower each level of leadership.
There is a need to put in place a more robust data collected system of agreed indicators that are in line with the agreed strategic objectives. Indicators should both measure progress and inform decision making and advocacy efforts. This will also strengthen the country programme cycle and support better understanding of situation across the country.	Sector IM Focal Points, Sector Leads	IN PROGRESS – A sector monitoring framework has been developed as part of the 2014 Myanmar Humanitarian Strategy. Commitment from sectors to regularly monitor and report on the progress against agreed indicators in the strategy as well as in the respective response plans is needed.
There is a need to identify the weakness in information/ assessment sharing monitoring requirements for 2014.	Sector Leads, IM Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DONE - IM Network developed a data disaggregation and standardization guideline. IN PROGRESS – agreement on monitoring indicators and monitoring as outline in the 2014 Myanmar Humanitarian Strategy PENDING – assessment strategy to target Rakhine people in ‘host’ and in ‘isolated’ situations. Generally, there is an immediate need to identify area assessment plans to inform future strategy development

Communications and Advocacy

The HCT Advocacy and Communications Strategy needs to be prioritized and operationalized.	HACWG [HCT]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DONE - HACG ToR approved • IN PROGRESS - Action plan for implementation of the strategy being developed.
A lack of Government's plans undermines sectors' / clusters' collective planning. Increased advocacy with state and union level governments will be a priority for 2014.	RC/HC, HCT	IN PROGRESS - On 2 May, the Union-level ECC committed to share its plan for Rakhine. A follow-up action is needed.
Planning		
A practical Inter-agency Contingency Plan (including simulations) is required to support strategic planning including strong linkages with the Government's plans.	HCT, OCHA, Sector Leads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IN PROGRESS - Emergency Response Preparedness Package (risk assessment, minimum preparedness action, contingency plan, SOP) is being developed in consultation with sectors/clusters. • DONE - The 2014 Myanmar Humanitarian Strategy also outlines activities aimed at strengthening preparedness to respond to natural disasters and other emergencies. • PENDING – IASC Sim-EX scheduled for mid-August 2014.
Priority cross-cutting issues will be integrated into 2014 planning process, including advocacy, communications with affected people, conflict sensitivity, durable solutions, early recovery and gender.	HCT, Sector Leads	DONE – Cross-cutting issues captured in the 2014 Myanmar Humanitarian Strategy include conflict sensitivity, DNH, principle of participation, relief, recovery and development, advocacy and gender. (See page 11 to 12 of the strategy)
Accountability - Cluster Activation/Deactivation		
Clusters and sectors should discuss and agreed with partners a method to collect feedback and review performance. Discussions with Global Cluster Leads are also suggested to help identify tools and strategies to assist in the review.	Inter-Sector Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DONE - The first sector performance review was collected through a one day meeting where all sectors participated in sharing challenges and best practices, this matrix is a product of the session • PENDING - In May 2014 the HC requested all sectors and clusters to proceed with a formal review of each sector to commence at mid-year 2014.
<p>In the review of the cluster/sector activation mechanism, a task force will be formed to put forward recommendations to the HCT, including sector capacity, analysis of criteria, contingencies for deterioration in humanitarian situation, etc. The group suggested the following steps be undertaken in the coming weeks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Form a task force to make recommendations on process to activate / deactivate clusters, which is then discussed at the Inter-Cluster Coordination meeting; ✓ Convene a meeting between the task force, seek feedback from Global Cluster leads and sector leads to finalise the recommendation; ✓ Submit recommendations to HCT for decision; ✓ HCT to discuss with relevant Government entities; ✓ HC to inform ERC. 	Taskforce, Inter-Sector Working Group, HCT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PENDING - OCHA to seek appropriate process to raise recommendations to the HCT