

Minutes of the 66th National Coordination Meeting On Water, Sanitation and Drainage

Date : 27/06/2008
Time : 09 30 AM
Venue : Conference Room at Ministry of Water Supply & Drainage
Chair : Mr. T. Asoka Peiris Secretary (Ministry of Water Supply and Drainage)

AGENDA: 67th NCM on 25th July 2008

1. Introduction
2. Matters Arising from the Minutes
3. Care and Maintenance of Transitional shelter Sites
4. Permanent Housing and un-served areas
5. Emergency Issues
6. International Year of Sanitation
7. Water Quality Surveillance
8. Sector Wide Approach
9. Any Other Business.
10. Date of next meeting.

Minutes

Proceedings commenced at 0930 with Mr. T.Asoka Peiris, Secretary Ministry of Water Supply & Drainage in the Chair with the adoption of the minutes of the 65th National Coordination Meeting held on 30th May 2008

Agenda Items	Discussion/Action required	Responsibility
Emergency Issues	<p><u>Matters Arising</u> Proceedings commenced with the adoption of minutes of the last meeting</p> <p>Emergency Issues UNICEF requested to take up the emergency item before others as the UNICEF focal person Leslie Morris had to leave for another meeting and the chair allowed this request.</p> <p>Leslie Morris-Iveson gave the emergency update. The previous month's emergency monitoring indicators were distributed for June, along with the minutes from the WASH cluster meeting in June. The situation continues to deteriorate in the north and there are more displaced people in un-served areas and Sphere standards are still not being met. General displacements trends were discussed. Restrictions on NGOs activities continue, including lack of fuel for field activities and items not being imported to support construction and basic WASH items.</p> <p>UNICEF officer also informed about the workshop held in Killinotchchi</p>	<p>Director WS M of WS&D</p> <p>To take action to bring this matter to a close</p>

<p>Cost of water Supply and other services to Tsunami affected people</p> <p>Permanent Housing and Un-served Areas.</p>	<p>with the partners who are active in watsan sector. GM NWSDB asked about the participation of NWSDB staff it was reported that absence of a responsible officer from NWSDB was felt as a gap. GM NWSDB will discuss with Killinotchchi staff regarding collaboration in future. It was also reported on the issue of water borne diseases in Killi and IRD is promoting Sodis as a house hold water treatment option in this situation. Especially for the population cut off due to conflict. Discussed the situation in the east situation is somewhat tense due recent development.</p> <p>UNICEF thanked the Ministry for participating in getting approvals for relief items such as hygiene kits and water containers for displaced civilians in the north. However, the MOD has rejected permission to the Ministry request to bring in relief items.</p> <p>Situation with regrds to provision of relief water and sanitation is further aggravated due to movement of 2400 families from Manthai</p> <p><i>Cost of Providing Water Services by Bowsers</i></p> <p>This has been a long outstanding matter and Secretary M of WS&D has spoken to the Ministry of Disaster Management on this issue as there is an arrangement through DMC to reimburse the cost to the District Secretaries. GM,NWSDB requested the Ministry to obtain details of fund transfers to GAs . Mr. Rohan Wijesooriya of NWSDB presented the situation with regards to the outstanding dues to NWSDB. GM informed that NWSDB is not in a position to continue with this service and requested other agencies to meet the fuel cost for the bowsers. There are two bowsers in Killinotchchi which can be used to supply water to temporary shelters if fuel cost is met.</p> <p>Munas IRD will consider possibility of using these bowsers.</p>	<p>DWS/M of WS&D to write to M of Disaster management</p>
<p>Ecological Sanitation</p>	<p><u>Discussion</u></p> <p>The International Agencies represented in steering group who are also the members of STF have agreed to provide funds for the translation of the book on Ecological Sanitation and the PHI manual that is being reviewed by the specialized group.</p> <p>It has been brought to notice that PHII have not allowed to construct Eco-san toilets since there are issues with PHIs who are not aware of the circular issued on the Eco-san by Ministry of Health. GM NWSDB suggested requesting DDG PHS of the Ministry of H&N take further steps to facilitate wider acknowledgement to the circular.</p> <p>Malteser International has introduced composting latrines to people living in areas where the water table is high. Some of the practical problems</p>	<p>M of WS&D, M of PC&LA M of H&N and UNICEF with partners</p>

	<p>associated with these toilets are, bad odors, special training needs for children to use and also difficulties to ensure proper use at all times. Ranjith commenting on the issue mentioned that it is not an easy thing and require time for adaptation</p> <p>Malteser has been requested to share all the experience in the next meeting through a presentation. UNICEF requested to produce a good manual with detail drawings and BOQs for practicing community.</p> <p><i>International Year of Sanitation-</i></p> <p>Discussion on the Local Government Week and IYS action plan –GM NWSDB requested DWS/M of WS&D to contact Mr.D.P.Hettiarachchi Additional Secretary Ministry of PC&LG regarding the programme on 9th July.</p>	<p>Malteser to prepare for the presentation next meeting</p> <p>STF to take up the manual</p>
Water Safety Plans and WQSS	<p><i>Discussed on The Draft Cabinet Memorandum</i></p> <p>UNICEF mentioned that this has been outstanding for sometime require action. It was suggested that to take this up at higher level with two secretaries. GM NWSDB requested to set a target before the next meeting. Mr. H.G.Thilakeratne mentioned that the capacity building programme has been finalized with the agreement with UNICEF and the first meeting to form Steering Committee will be held in Matara.</p> <p>The other outstanding activity under this component is National Workshop for Water Quality Surveillance for which a committee has been appointed by the NCM group.</p>	<p>Director WS to coordinate The committee to organize the National Workshop</p>
SWAP in the Water Supply and Sanitation Sector	<p>Mr. A. M. Chandrapala presented and updated the activities and informed a primary analysis of stakeholders has been completed. He has already discussed with Ananda and Ranjith on the workshop to be organized for detailed stakeholder consultation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initial stake holder consultation done and a report submitted to UNICEF 2. Committee is meeting in organizing Stake Holder Consultation Work Shop and fixed 31st July as the date. 	<p>Consultant M of WS&D and WASH Specialist UNICEF</p>
AOB	<p>Professor Ms. Ratnayaka of the University of Moratuwa representing the Civil Engineering Sectional Committee of the IESL mentioned that the Sectional Committee would like assist with their expertise to an ongoing activity in order to raise the profile of IYS activities.</p>	<p>Prof Mrs Ratnayake</p> <p>Mr. Ranjith Wirasinha</p>

	Ranjith Wirasinha brought a pressing issue related to the castle street hospital with regards to the waste management as there are number of building blocks constructed at various times pausing a waste management problem. Civil Sectional Committee will be able to provide technical support to identify and propose a solution. Ranjith Wirasinha will link the relevant parties to help the hospital authorities and to invite donor funding.	
Next Meeting	25 th July at 9.30 am. At the Ministry of WS&D	UNICEF / M of WS&D

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