

Batticaloa Emergency Watsan Coordination Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: 16 May 2007/ 9.30AM

Location: UNICEF

Chair: NWSDB/ UNICEF

Attendees: ACLG, Oxfam GB, Archenova, World Vision, Solidarite, ACF, ACTED, HI/CAMID, ICRC, UNOPS, IRD, WUSC, DPDHS, ACLG, OCHA, UNHCR, PS Eravur Patru, ICRC

1. Area update by DS Division:

Vaharai:

- Acted informed that there is Garbage collection problem at Alankulam Camp. Discussed DS with Valaichenai PS, but still no action has been taken.
- NWSDB asked the representative from ACLG to follow-up with PS Valachchenai
- UNICEF provided a summary of the well cleaning report received from PS Vaharai.
- World Vision - Requested clarification about the status of the Alankulam 2 site. UNICEF recommends that the issue should be discussed with UNHCR.

Action Points

- ⇒ ACLG to follow-up with PS Valachchenai about garbage collection in Alankulam.
- ⇒ UNHCR to provide clarification about Alankulam 2 site status.

Valaichenai:

- ⇒ Oxfam reported that they are decommissioning emergency toilets but not semi permanent.
- ⇒ Oxfam is using guidelines to decommission toilets and will provide to UNICEF for review.
- ⇒ NRC conducted analysis of camp populations based on place of origin to develop a plan for the consolidation of camps.
- ⇒ A meeting will be held on Friday at 3pm to evaluate the infrastructure at the camp locations.

Action points:

- ⇒ Oxfam to send decommissioning guidelines they are using to UNICEF

Chenkalady:

- World Vision informed that they plan to implement Hygiene promotion activities where they are bowsering water.
- PS large bowser is not working, they have mobilized 2 tractor bowzers and are coordinating with World Vision to cover the bowsering needs.
- Next hygiene meeting World Vision will coordinate with Acted to divide up hygiene focal point roles at Chenkalady camps.
- Oxfam informed that at Savukady, Iyankerny camps on-site water supply is in place, so no bowsering is needed.
- NRC informed that they are planning to construct the internal access road to provide gully sucker access to the ZOA toilets at NRC Eastern University Camp. World Vision can provide contacts.
- IRD and UNICEF finalizing garbage collection agreement with PS Secretary to fill gaps and increase collection frequency.

Action points:

- ⇒ World Vision to provide update about the bowsering situation in Chenkalady.
- ⇒ World Vision to coordinate with Pradesa Saba and Zoa for the new bowser schedule with Zoa phase out.

Manmunai North:

- UNICEF reported that there are still camps that are considering relocations to new camp areas. Maintenance problems with handpumps and toilets have been identified at various camp locations and referred to the responsible agency or UNOPS quick fix team.

- NRC informed that the IDPs at Sarawatha Vidyladam Camp will likely relocate to Palameenmadu 3.
- UNICEF reported that there are gaps in the response to gully sucking requests. However, recordkeeping is needed at the camps to verify whether the service has occurred.
- ACF reported gully sucking in its own sites. MC-Batti representative was not present to respond.
- ACF is supplying drinking water from on-site sources. Water quality testing is on-going for Thiramadu North and Thiramadu-World Vision Sites.
- Archenova informed that DPDHS had reported cases of diarrhea at 2 sathurkondan camps (hospital and old camp).

Action points:

⇒ UNICEF to follow-up with MC-Batti about gully sucking program.

Arayampathy:

- UNICEF clarified that Mavilankanthuri and Olikulam Camp are actually the same site.
- Oxfam to clarify agreement with Arayampathy about the operation of the Oxfam Gully Sucker.
- NWSDB asked if WUSC could support gully sucking operations in Arayampathy. WUSC to discuss need with Oxfam.
- IRD starting the installation of the UNICEF emergency toilets at the NECDEP and Mavilankanthurai camps.
- Acted will consider emergency toilet installation at the Kirankulam beach site.
- Acted and IRD to coordinate emergency toilets. NWSDB request IRD to discuss with Merlin (division focal point).
- World Vision coordinating the movement of water tanks to new sites after the shifting from the schools to the new camp sites.
- RKM school needs longer gully sucker hose to reach toilet pits. Oxfam to follow up.
- Archenova informed that they are planning Kirankulam new sites-5 tube wells, and Selvanagar East Annex tube wells as needed.

Action points:

⇒ Oxfam, WUSC to discuss with PS Secretary and consider support for gully sucking in Arayampathy Division.

⇒ Merlin, Oxfam, ACTED, IRD to coordinate toilet construction activities.

Kaluwanchikudy:

- Solidarite informed that the government plan is to resettle 23,000 individuals over a 10 day period. Water bowsering is on-going by Solidarite, World Vision, and APV. Solidarities reported that there is a problem with 1 bowser that was in traffic accident in the morning. Solidarities reported security problem this week for its staff. Two of the organization's motor bikes were taken from the Sri Lankan staff by STF members. NWSDB told to inform DS of the situation.
- IRD informed that garbage collection is on-going by the PS and that IRD is monitoring and collecting the weekly reports.
- Solidarities informed that toilet construction on-going. Solidarities requested to DS regarding the locations of the camps selected for longer-term occupancy.
- NWSDB informed that 3 bowsers will be using Mankadu borehole to supply water to the returnees in Velavelly division. They requested that Solidarite and World Vision use the Kurrukalmadam borehole to avoid wait times for filling the bowsers.
- UNICEF informed that coordination with ZDE is underway to assess damage to the water and sanitation infrastructure at schools caused by the occupation by the IDPs. A program will be established to rehabilitate this infrastructure.

Action points:

⇒ UNICEF to discuss program for rehabilitation of water & sanitation facilities at schools.

⇒ Bowsering agencies to provide updated details of operations in writing to NWSDB, PS Secretary, and UNICEF.

DPDHS update

- Diarrhea was reported in Palacholai camp by Merlin. Possible cause is interruptions in drinking Water supply program in Chenkalady.

Resettlement:

- NWSDB informed that currently 1 bowser is making 2 trips to Velyvelly per day, providing 14,000 litres. Pradesa Saba well cleaning program is underway, 100 wells have been cleaned to date. Guidelines are needed to avoid damaging the well. Two additional 6000L bowsers will begin working from today to provide additional water supply. GA is trying to get approval from Defense Department for UN and NGOs to enter the area.
- NRC requested official documentation from GA stating that NGOs are permitted to enter the area and conduct humanitarian aid response.
- UNOPS requested any information about the drinking water supply in Vaharai West.
- UNICEF is planning an assessment of Porateevu Pattu (velavelly) division on Friday & will support coordination of the water & sanitation response.
- UNICEF informed that although information was provided that money had been allocated by the Ministries for the resettlement, the local government agencies have been experiencing delays in receiving reimbursement for their running costs. The PS Vaharai informed that the laborers have still not been paid for their work cleaning wells during the March resettlement.
- IRD informed that they have 2 pumps available and that likely GTZ has water pumps.
- WUSC has well cleaning equipments. WUSC trainees are available but need training in well cleaning methods. Oxfam to consider training for WUSC trainees.

AOB:

- Meeting on consolidation of camps on Friday at 1500 hrs.

Next meeting: Wednesday 23rd May at 09.30 AM at UNICEF conference room.