

**Activities of past month (per accountabilities)**

**1) Specific Agency Support**

- Training for Mercy Corps Senior Management; SCiM Senior Managers (round1!); and WHH/GAA. Senior Management trainings for Oxfam is planned for the 22<sup>nd</sup> May; SCiM (round 2) on the 25<sup>th</sup> May; World Concern's is postponed to early June due to travel constraints; KMSS/Cafod is due in early June.
- Self Assessment trainings – 2 trainings staff from all agencies, including others (Oxfam's partner; LRC accountability & monitoring coordinator; and CBI staff); Others from Care and PK were invited but unable to attend.
- Mercy Malaysia is receiving support for their self assessment process this month, including support from one QAP officer; Oxfam is planning theirs for later in month; Other agencies are planning to do theirs in June.
- Supported Sphere training (carried out by Annie Lloyd, consultant) while here for a 2 week visit. Training for Wash, Health clusters; follow-up training for TOTs and introductory (2 days) training for staff from the 8 agencies on Sphere. The number of participants for the Health, Wash and ToT follow-up trainings was low which was disappointing; Reasons for this varied from: some reports of lack of information, commitment or interest from agencies / clusters; other demands and priorities (see Sphere report for more details)
- ACT partners training – 1 day training for partners and local staff of ACT members (16 out of 25 participants) on accountability and the HAP standard.

**2) Promote complementary approaches**

- ALWG meetings – to discuss DRR, Social Audit, Sphere training, Sphere revision, Committees (LRC shared preliminary findings from their research on 6 committees in the Delta areas);
- Met with LRC Coordinator (who has just returned after being away on study leave for several months) to discuss options for ALWG and other future options
- Attended informal meeting to share learning and explore issues for ways forward in the future from Pyopin (DFID funded livelihoods) project which works with 14 LNGOs partners
- Member of Steering Committee to coordinate committees activities – to try and pull together the different strands and look to share with ALWG and Early Recovery group – and explore areas where we might be able to work together for the future. (Developed TOR for a consultant to pull together all the work into a working document which may form the basis for a workshop or toolkit to inform agencies in the future for improved ways to work with community committees/CBOs)
- IASC contingency planning – reviewed 11 sector plans and tried to ensure explicit commitments to aspects of quality and accountability standards, mechanisms or processes

**3) Facilitate and document lessons learnt**

- Translations of HAP standard & handbook nearly completed but needs reviewing for accuracy, appropriateness and general proofreading before printing.
- Sphere handbook translation – is finished but it is now being checked and corrected and proof read for the accuracy and quality before going to print. It has been slower than hoped but it is hoped to be completed by the end of June/early July. We will have another meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> May to check progress.
- Sphere focal point – Latt from CBI ([mishwelatt@gmail.com](mailto:mishwelatt@gmail.com)) has agreed (with the support of the CBI director) to be the Sphere focal point. They are setting up a group email of the TOTs and planning some joint trainings and materials development over the next 6 months; Further support from QAP coordinator will be provided to try and maintain this momentum and ensure these efforts are supported by the various agencies' senior management.

- INEE translation checked and being printed; facilitator's guide and workbook have been translated and being checked before being printed.
- INEE training being organised by SCiM with support from several other agencies (UNESCO, UNICEF, Plan etc and the first round due now to take place in late June)
- Evaluation for DFID – evaluator appointed and will start the evaluation from late May / early June including a visit to Myanmar.

#### **4) Advocacy and collaboration**

- Met with DFID to update them on progress of project (including the Evaluation TOR) and discuss issues of accountability noted to date.
- 1 year on anniversary events held – issues of further funding raised as a significant issue facing the ongoing response; Shelter issue remain problematic for many in the Delta.
- Attended IASC meetings – issues of visas raised and remains a challenge. IASC has approved an evaluation of the Nargis response to date; Globally, IASC are also planning a global review of the Real Time Evaluation process, include the RTE in Myanmar. This process will take 13 weeks to complete and requires several country visits and significant cost.
- Met with the SCUk's CEO while she visited the SCiM programme for the 1 year on anniversary – raised the issue of HAP membership for the wider Save the Children's Alliance members which she commented was something she was advocating for
- Met with SCiM's M&E advisor to discuss their outcomes tracking which includes 6 accountability questions – data is still being analysed in the first round of collecting this data (responses will be collected every 4 months)
- SEA – HC/RC would like support to train and raise awareness of UN and other agencies of SEA issues and would welcome HAP's support, though does not have funds for this.

#### **5) Other issues / activities**

- Recruitment of NGO Liaison replacement – still on-going.
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> May were official holidays (worked with Sphere consultant)
- Issues of visas and travel authority – still considered problematic with many still awaiting responses on their visa approvals which is in turn making it difficult to ensure travel authority to the Delta areas is granted.
- Support for 2 staff – to help them develop their facilitation and presentation skills on going.

### **Tentative schedule of next month**

#### **1) Specific agency support**

- Meetings with SMs from Oxfam, CAFOD, World Concern and the second training for SCiM planned between late May-early June
- Planned HAP visit – 4 day CRM training (with field visit) planned for end May;
- Stock take session with 8 agencies (possibly with evaluator)
- Support 1-2 agencies in their self assessments (GAA, WC, SCiM). Cafod/KMSS is going to use the evaluation recently done to identify issues of accountability and develop their action plan on accountability using information from this process.

#### **2) Promote complementary approaches**

- Will encourage and support LRC accountability coordinator to develop training and support for Local NGOs
- Support Committees research (PK and UNDP to present at next ALWG);
- Action Aid to share lessons from their community fellowship programme and community targeting practices
- Support SCiM in finalising INEE training arrangements
- Meeting with ALWG - encourage review of this group

#### **3) Facilitate and document lessons learnt**

- DFID evaluation – provide logistic and other support for the evaluation
- Finalise DFID report
- Finalise translation and printing of materials
- Debrief meetings with key stakeholders to be held in Yangon & London
- Put together CD of key materials

**4) Advocacy & Collaboration**

- SEA – make connections with UN to look at SEA training issues

**5) Other issues**

DFID final report

Support to staff – facilitation training & practice

**Visits / highlights / case studies or practice examples (for publication)**

Case study from ASEAN on accountability training - attached