

Recommendations to the Myanmar HCT on the review of the Cluster/Sector Architecture June 2017

The ICCG met on 14 June to review the cluster/sector architecture, and make recommendations to the HCT. This exercise was supported by a background paper describing the current sector/cluster characteristics and changes in context, humanitarian needs and national capacity to coordinate. The ICCG also requested feedback from humanitarian partners via a survey on the current sector/cluster structure and ideas for modifications.

ICCG recommendations to the HCT:

1. The current sector/cluster architecture remain in place. This decision is based on a context of increasing or sustained humanitarian needs in some areas, increasingly restrictive humanitarian access and lack of government coordination capacity.
2. In line with the survey results highlighting a number of functional points, the ICCG recommends improvement of the functioning of the current system through action on several key areas identified through the survey and discussion, including:

Objective	Recommended Actions
Improve information sharing amongst and between coordination groups.	<u>ICCG Yangon</u> : Ensure all meeting summaries are shared <u>ICCG Yangon</u> : Hold a joint meeting each year with sub-cluster coordinators to determine priorities and highlight concerns/issues at the beginning of the calendar year. <u>ICCG Chairs (Yangon and subnational levels)</u> : brief each other after each meeting. <u>Cluster/Sector Coordinators</u> : improve regular interaction with their sub-office colleagues.
Clarify the roles of the coordination bodies in different locations	<u>ICCG Yangon</u> : Complete an org-chart showing all humanitarian coordination elements and their main responsibilities and reporting lines. <u>Cluster/Sector Coordinators</u> : consult with their respective sub-office counterparts to review roles and responsibilities, then consolidate this at the central level.
Increase government participation, interaction and support	<u>Cluster/Sector Coordinators</u> : invite government counterparts to selected coordination meetings. <u>Cluster/Sector Coordinators</u> : consult government line ministry counterparts at State/Region and Union levels during work planning. Commit to annual meeting with Union level counterparts.
Improve humanitarian – development cooperation.	<u>ICCG Yangon</u> : request opportunities to brief the Cooperation Partners Group (CPG) ¹ <u>ICCG Yangon</u> : host a meeting with invitations to development actors to discuss opportunities to improve cooperation as part of the HRP 2018 planning process. <u>Cluster/Sector Coordinators and Participants</u> : to engage directly with development actors within their areas of work.
Improve HCT-ICCG coordination	<u>HCT</u> : provide regular, clear guidance to ICCG on key issues. <u>Cluster/Sector Coordinators</u> : attend AHCT and HCT.

¹ The Cooperation Partners Group (CPG) provides a forum for Cooperation Partners (CPs) (development partners including DAC and non-DAC donors supporting Myanmar) to work together in accordance with international principles on development effectiveness, and was established in July 2016.

	<p><u>ICCG Yangon</u>: provide HCT with recommendations/positions for HCT decision on priority humanitarian issues.</p>
<p>Improve accountability for cluster/sector coordinators</p>	<p><u>ICCG Yangon</u>: OCHA circulate IASC Cluster Reference Module and offer to host a “refresher” meeting for those who require it.</p> <p><u>Cluster/Sector Coordinators</u>: make their work plans available to partners and explore the establishment of SAGs.</p> <p><u>Cluster/Sector Coordinators</u>: undertake a cluster/sector specific performance review by the end of the year.</p>
<p>More participation by national organizations</p>	<p><u>ICCG Yangon</u>: At national level, ask coordinators of relevant local CSO/NGO networks such as the Local Resource Centre (LRC) to attend select ICCG meetings.</p> <p><u>Cluster/Sector Coordinators</u>: regularly meet national NGOs and potentially offer to hold cluster/sector meetings at NNGO offices to facilitate participation for those not in/near Bahan.</p> <p><u>Sub-national sector/cluster coordinators</u> to host inter-cluster coordination meeting (i.e. wash, shelter, health) to seek creative ways to address the issue of one focal point covering various technical areas.</p>