

SPHERE Community Bangladesh (SCB) Meeting

Venue: BRAC Centre (18 F), 75 Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212

20 December 2016

A meeting of SCB was held in BRAC Centre (18th floor meeting room) on December 20, 2016 from 2.30 – 5.00 pm.

Agenda	Discussion Points	Decisions
1. Review of last meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No opinions on the previous meeting minutes that was shared • The following updates were shared: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thanchi response on Food crisis (By BRAC): Cash support provided to 1,000 families; each household was provided with BDT 4,000 in two installments. Seven child centres were opened and managed for 3 (three) months. Lessons learned were shared. Example: Beside Thanchi to Lama and Cox's bazar road some para have been developed where mix community (Khiang, Mro, Chakma etc.) people are living together which was not found earlier. ○ Cyclone Roanu interventions by CARITAS: Around 1,400 households were provided with emergency support. Support activities included distribution of WaSH kits comprising nine items, CFW and housing in Anwara, Swandip and Bashkhali upazilas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last draft meeting minutes was accepted as the final draft
2. Presentation on Srilanka training (SHATHEE forum)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This session was conducted by Khaleda Khanom, Programme coordinator, BRAC and Ferdous Ara Rume, AD, COAST with their experience sharing from the training • The Sri Lanka training was divided into different sessions which included the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Promoting effective coordination and common barriers. -Sexual and gender based violence definitions, roles of all sectors in preventing and responding to sexual violence, support to survivors etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SRH (Sexual and Reproductive Health) issues should be understood, raised and advocated for at different forums. • Different global clusters must address SRH aspects. • Incorporate sexual and reproductive health (SRH) in humanitarian assistance and disaster risk reduction (DRR).

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Maternal and new-born health services -Technical sessions on HIV/AIDS. -Way forward on reproductive health in crises. -DRR experiences in Bangladesh -Development of next plan of action for Bangladesh • SPRINT is a global programme managed by the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) and funded by Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Started in the Asia Pacific region in 2007 and extended to Africa in associations with UNFPA and UNHCR in 2009. 	
3. SCB secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on last meetings discussion, SCB secretariat lead is discussed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BRAC will lead the secretariat and IFRC will be the co-lead. The time period for secretariat is 2 years (2017-2018) as per the ToR of SCB.
4. Brief on sphere for under graduate students	<p>It was found that, in undergraduate curriculum there is no course/session on SPHERE project. All Universities which has disaster management curriculum should teach about SPHERE project. Universities should be influenced to incorporate SPHERE project principles and the concept should be rolled out to teachers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the earliest, a day-long session will be arranged for final year students of Disaster Management department in Dhaka University. The session will be carried on any weekend as the students may be involved in internship programmes. • Later a ToT will be conducted for the teachers of different universities who are teaching in Disaster Management department. • Expenses of these trainings/sessions will be shared by SCB members (and universities).
3. Yearly work plan for the year-2017	<p>To prepare the yearly work plan, short meetings are not sufficient.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members view and comments for the upcoming year's plan will be collected by the secretariat first. Then, the compiled work plan will be shared and finalised in next meeting. • BRAC will develop a webpage for SCB. It will

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		be the administrative responsibility of secretariat to update the page timely and effectively.
4. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The issue on the newly arriving refugees in Cox's Bazar was discussed where BRAC will carry out child protection activities. Lessons learned from each humanitarian response/project should be shared with SCB members so that they can learn and apply it to future projects More members from national and international NGOs should be influenced to attend SPHERE community meetings so decision-making becomes easier 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BRAC will share update and lessons learned for their humanitarian response activities. Similarly, each member is also requested to share their learnings. Later it will be shared on the web page, once it is ready. Next meeting will be held on 8 February 2017 at 9.00 to 13.00. Venue will be confirmed later. Work plan of 2017 will be finalised at that meeting.

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