Republic of South Sudan

Local ETC Working Group meeting

Date: 27/10/16 TIME: 10:00 UTC+3

Attendance:

WFP/ETC:	Richard Egwangu
	Solomon Welle
	Ruby Senin
WHO	Butrus Mbimbi
UNDP:	Eric Kivavi
UNICEF:	Marc Dieng
Samaritan's Purse:	Collins Miser
Bridge of Life:	Ngota Charles
UN OCHA:	Peter Mumo
UNFPA:	Ayub Maswa

Agenda:

1. ETC response updates & Action points from previous meeting
2. Inter-Agency Projects updates and Road Map (DMR and HISP deployment)
3. Roundtable discussion
4. AOB
5. Agenda for next meeting

Security Update

- Security situation in South Sudan remains volatile. Several security related incidents reported in main supply route to Juba from Ugandan borders. The deteriorating situation will affect and may delay shipment of any equipment via road from Uganda.

Minutes:

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) response update

	DESCRIPTION	BY WHOM	BY WHEN
1.	**ETC Update** • ETC services in Wau will remain up to the end of December 2016 due to demands. • Leer and Koch response will be carried out by 2017. • Issues on communications equipment licensing remain a challenge as the government have no clear policies yet on what will be the official procedures in registering the equipment. • Issues with government being able to access to WFP radio channels and claiming it is their channel is a concern in Wau. • ETC is trying to get hold with the concern authority to discuss matters relating to the issue on licensing and frequency interference.	Richard Egwangu (WFP)	
2	**Digital Mobile Radio** • Technical staff from the global service provider have received their clearance to enter the country from the Foreign Ministry and expected to arrive on third week of November. • The mission will install the digital repeaters in identified sites in Juba. The equipment will eliminate the frequency interference during radio transmission in the radio coverage area and provide full digital functionalities. **Roundtable Discussion** • Government representative had asked some organizations in some states to register their VSAT equipment, otherwise, will be confiscated. • UNICEF ICT officer suggested that the issue on registration should be escalated to the	Solomon Welle (WFP) Collins Miser (Samaritan Purse) Mark Dieng (UNICEF)	

3.	Operations Management Team (OMT), Office of Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).		
	• How the ETC can support the government needs to have internet service?	Eric Kivavi (UNDP) Richard Egwangu (WFP)	
	• ETC has to find a solution for government request with National application.		
	• MTN will be invited to attend next ETC meeting to explore partnership on providing the government Corporate Internet.		
	• LTA should also be pursued with MTN, ZAIN and VIVACELL (local service providers for GSM and internet)		
	• OCHA requesting hands-on training of staff on installing VHF radio in vehicles.	Peter Mumo (OCHA)	
	• Target training date for VHF installation in vehicles will be on second week of November for 30 participants.	Richard Egwangu (WFP)	
	Action Points:		
	• ETC to escalate the issue on registration to the Operations Management Team (OMT), Office of Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).	Richard Egwangu (WFP)	
	• ETC partners should forward the latest list of their staff radios from their agencies with serial numbers to be inputted in the digital system.	All Organizations	
	• ETC to pursue getting Long-Term Agreements (LTAs) through the OMT with various IT equipment suppliers to facilitate the procurement process.	Richard Egwangu (WFP)	
	• WFP to provide partners a copy of billing on Security Telecommunications and year-end total cost-sharing discount given to agencies.	Solomon Welle (WFP)	
	AOB No other business.		

Agenda for next meeting

- ETC response update
- Inter- Agency Projects updates
- AOB (partners to contribute topic they want to add for next meeting discussion)

Next Meeting

The next Local ETC Working Group meeting will be held on **Thursday 10th November 2016** at 10:00 UTC+3, online through webex, Juba, South Sudan.

Acronyms

AOB	Any Other Business
CRS	Catholic Relief Service
DMR	Digital Mobile Radio
ETC	Emergency Telecommunications Cluster
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organizations
HISP	Humanitarian Internet Support Project
IOM	International organization for Migration
OCHA	Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
OMT	Operational Management Team
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
VHF	Very High Frequency
WFP	World Food Programme
WHO	World Health Organization

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