

**Resolution of Meeting “Formation of Displacement Management Cluster in Bangladesh”
18 June, 2020**

**Chairperson: Mr. Md. Shah Kamal, Senior Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management & Relief
(MoDMR)**

Participants:

Representatives of various ministries and divisions.
Representatives Of various United Nations Agencies

Annex 1: Meeting Notice

Annex 2: Presentation of the meeting

Background:

Natural disasters and climate change displace large numbers of people in Bangladesh each year. The nature of displacement varies from temporary for cyclone and flood to permanent in case of riverbank erosion, or embankment damage. An earthquake of severe magnitude can also displace large number of people, which will have its own challenges due to the likely destruction of infrastructure and limited preparedness and experience amongst key responders. Protecting lives and livelihoods of these displaced population along with providing lifesaving services require involvement of many public entities along with all the humanitarian stakeholders. Coordination, information management, rehabilitation of affected community and capacity of field level responders often become key challenges in responding to such displacement situations.

Humanitarian Coordination Task Team (HCTT) was established to coordinate the humanitarian stakeholders and assist the government of Bangladesh in case of major disasters. Under the framework of HCTT, ten clusters (Food Security, Health, WASH, Shelter, Nutrition, Logistics, Education, Early Recovery, Gender Based Violence, Child Protection) and six inter cluster working groups (Emergency Cash Coordination, Needs Assessment, Information Management, Private Sector Liaison, Community Engagement, Gender in Humanitarian Action) are operational; contributing to the humanitarian response in the country. Humanitarian response by cluster system has been incorporated in the Standing Order of Disaster 2019 also. Considering the current gap in managing displacement thorough a whole of government approach involving all the stakeholders, a displacement management cluster was proposed to be formed to complement the cluster approach.

The objective of this meeting was to discuss and reach a consensus on the formation of a displacement management cluster under the HCTT umbrella and leadership of Ministry of Disaster Management & Relief and IOM. The scope of operation of the cluster, its terms of reference along with potential membership were also discussed.

Agenda:

Time	Issue	Remarks
3.00PM-3.10PM	Welcome Address	Mr. Moyazzem Hossain, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management & Relief (TBC)



3.10PM-3.25PM	Overview of global cluster operation	Ms. Wan S.Sophonpanich, Global CCCM Cluster Coordinator, IOM Headquarter
3.25PM-3.45PM	Overview of draft Terms of Reference for the Cluster	Ms. Peppi Siddiq, Manager-Emergencies and Displacement Unit, IOM Bangladesh
3.45PM-4.10PM	Open Discussion	
4.10PM-4.20PM	Summary & Decisions of the Chairperson	Mr. Shah Kamal, Senior Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management & Relief
4.20PM-4.25PM	Vote of Thanks	Mr. Giorgi Gigauri, Chief of Mission, IOM Bangladesh

Mr. Moyazzem Hossain, Additional Secretary, MoDMR provided the opening remarks and welcomed participants to the meeting.

1. Overview of global cluster operation

- Ms. Wan Sophonpanich, Global CCCM cluster coordinator provided an overview of the UN cluster system and global CCCM operations [Presentation attached as Annex 1]

2. Overview of draft Terms of Reference for the Cluster

- Ms. Peppi Siddiq, IOM Bangladesh presented the draft terms of reference/scope of operation for the cluster in Bangladesh. She highlighted the displacement scenario in Bangladesh and the different areas of operation like advocacy and resource mobilization, capacity building, preparedness, humanitarian response, monitoring and reporting, transition, etc.

3. Open Discussion


- Brig. Gen. Manzoor Hasan, Armed Forces Division, requested to clarify the scope of work of the proposed displacement management cluster in the light of the Standing Order on Disaster (SoD) and other clusters. It was clarified that the proposed cluster will complement the efforts of other clusters in addition to assisting the implementation of the SoD.
- Mr. Nazrul Islam, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, enquired about the previous practice of managing displacement in the past. It was clarified by the chair of the meeting that displacement is a vital issue for Bangladesh and previously managing displacement was mixed with other priorities. The proposed cluster will provide a dedicated platform for managing displacement. Mr. Nazrul Islam added the scope of linking this proposed cluster to global processes such as Platform for Disaster Displacement.
- Ms. Nilima Akter, Additional Secretary, Roads and Highways Division praised the initiative and confirmed the full support of her division to work with the cluster.

4. Summary & Decisions of the Chairperson

- The chair of the session, Mr. Md. Shah Kamal, Senior Secretary, MoDMR concluded the session with an appreciation towards the initiative to institutionalize the cluster and announced the formal launch of the Displacement Management cluster. He also made following decisions:

Follow-up actions:

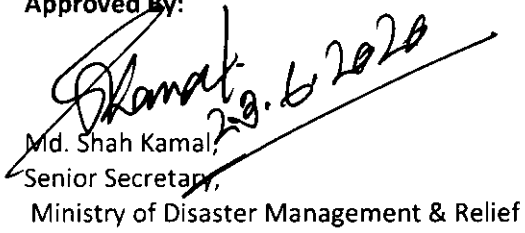
- Mr. Moyazzem Hossain, Additional Secretary, MoDMR were nominated as the Co-Chair and Mr. Abdul Quader, Deputy Secretary, MoDMR as the focal point of the Displacement Management Cluster on behalf of MoDMR.
- The ToR for the cluster will be finalized at the 1st meeting of the cluster, which will be organized as soon as possible ideally by next month.



5. Vote of Thanks

- Mr. Giorgi Gigauri, Chief of Mission, IOM Bangladesh gave vote of thanks, expressing his gratitude to all the participants at the meeting.

Approved By:


Md. Shah Kamal,
Senior Secretary,
Ministry of Disaster Management & Relief