

MINUTES OF THE MHM PLANNING MEETING HELD ON 2ND DECEMBER 2014 AT THE MOES, LEGACY TOWERS

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Absent with Apologies

- Chemisto/SNV
- Margaret Kasiko/MOES
- Semakula Henry/MOES
- Build Africa Team

AGENDA

1. Opening prayer
2. Communication from the chair
3. Review of previous minutes for meeting held on 26th August
4. Feedback on the International Day of the Girl Child October 11th (MoES)
5. Update on 16days of activism (Nienke Voppen)
6. Update on the inter-ministerial task force on MHM (MoES)

7. Plans for MHM day 2015
8. Update on establishing an MHM hub (Chemisto)
9. Update on MHM conference 2015 (NETWAS)
10. A.O.B

<p><u>Minute 1/12/14:</u> Opening prayer was said in Dutch by Nienke Voppen</p> <p><u>Minute 1/12/14: Communication from the Chair</u> The meeting was chaired by Mr. Peter Kabagambe of NETWAS-U. In his communication,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He welcomed the members to the 2nd Post conference meeting, • He informed the members that the meeting was intended to build on the momentum generated from the actions of the MHM conference in August this year. • The Chair congratulated the members and partners on the motion that was passed by the Uganda Parliament on 13th Nov.2014 which was tabled the Parliamentary WASH Forum. He informed the members that what remains to be done is a translation of the issues into complete actions. There is also need to make comparisons with other African countries to see whether their parliaments have ever any resolutions on MHM. He asked the inter-ministerial force to do a follow up on the motion. • The chair informed the members that the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) has been tasked to coordinate sanitation programmes in Uganda. The meeting was informed that a meeting had already been convened and was attended by several stakeholders. We need to follow up to see what transpired in that meeting. • He requested members to continue with the national level advocacy to ensure fulfillment of the MHM conference resolutions. 	<p>ACTIONS</p> <p>All to note</p>
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Minute 3/12/14:Review of the previous meeting 26th August:

The minutes of the previous meetings were reviewed and members gave updates on the status of MHM since the conference.

- The Recommendations and resolutions were reviewed and presented. There is a need for an expert(s) who will analyze the resolutions and formulate a charter which will become our key document to guide our future operations, similar to the UN Declaration on Human Rights of 1948. Mary Namwebe of Plan U volunteered to draft the Charter.
- MoES informed the members that after the conference, they were able to disseminate the Menstrual Hygiene Reader to Karamoja, Soroti and Busoga regions. The Ministry also trained senior women and men teachers on how to make local sanitary towels. The meeting asked the Ministry to share with the members a brief of both activities.
- MoES has trained staff on issues of gender and members from Construction Management Unit/MoES have shown key interest to engender construction designs
- Members were informed that the conference report has been finalized and will be printed with support from SNV. Members should submit their logos to ensure they are included on the final report.
- Members wanted to know how the MHM tent is taken to lower levels during dissemination of MHM information.
Members were informed that the MHM tent was a donation from water supply sanitation and collaboration council). SNV was given the custodianship of the tent. We need to follow up with SNV on the utilization of the tent.
We could take it to Parliament ensure it gets as much coverage as possible and it is known
- Members also suggested that we need to have master trainers to disseminate MHM.
- Need a follow up on the partners who had exhibitions and those who wish to have them engage on their disseminations
- On the issue of low cost incinerators, one of the members shared her observation of some schools with low cost incinerators such as St. John's Wakiso. We could look at those made out of bricks or clay other than metal.
- Need to share information on MHM technologies.
- Partners can contact MoES to get copies of the MHM reader
- Members were informed that from the appeal made by MoES to the partners to support the printing of the MHM Reader, Plan-Uganda supported MoES on reprinting 5,000 copies, save the children 30,000 and another program aligned to USAID is reprinting 10,000 copies for their target districts.

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Minute 4/12/14:Feedback on the international day of the girl child:

- Rosette shared from MoES about the round table discussion organized for Top

<p>Management and other MoES staff. It was facilitated by Hon. Justice Batema on Gender Sensitive Legislation and Margaret Kakande of MFPED on Gender and Equity Budgeting. The Gender Unit also carried out advocacy by putting up posters in all departments in the Ministry to raise awareness. The turn up for the round table discussions was good.</p> <p>Members were also informed that from the roundtable discussions, members were invited to attend a short course on Gender and Equity Budgeting and all members fully participated in the training.</p> <p>The meeting asked MoES to share a brief on the round table discussions. Let us take stock and start doing advocacy initiatives with which we shall share come next October 11th.</p>	<p>All to note</p> <p>All to note</p>
<p><u>Minute 5/12/14:Update on the 16 days of activism:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nienke Voppen made an update on the advocacy by the MoES for the 16 days of activism. She shared that the National theme is “Act Now: Stop Teenage Pregnancy, Child and Forced Marriages”. She shared that the gender unit has developed information such as a fact sheet on teenage pregnancy and child marriages in Uganda; it then collected a number of newspaper articles on the above issues. These posters have been shared to the different departments to sensitize and make staff aware of the issues of teenage pregnancy and child and forced marriages. Rosette Nyanzi also shared an update from the Ministry of Education and Sports whereby it intervened in a case in Nazigo PTC where a student had been refused to sit her examinations because she was pregnant. The gender unit managed to successfully handle the case thus enabling her to sit her exams. 	<p>All to note</p> <p>MoES</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Gender department in Plan-Uganda has started a weekly gender prize-winning campaign whereby Plan Uganda staff respond to specific questions 	<p>All to note</p> <p>All to note</p>

intended to create awareness among the respondents. They are judged every week and the winner gets a prize.

- The chair asked for a moment of silence for those who have been victims of violence, or passed on because of violence and the survivors

Minute 6/12/14: Update on Inter-ministerial task force on MHM

Members were informed that the Gender unit contacted the Director Basic and Secondary Education and he advised the task force to develop TORs and the Ministry has started to develop them and they will be shared at the next meeting.

Minute 7/12/14: Plans for MHM day 2015:

- Set up a task force to develop a concept with the international theme. Members suggested that the taskforce should be more inclusive so that the views all members are taken into consideration.
- Members were informed that NETWAS Kenya was tasked to organize the next MHM international conference. The organizing team will benefit from the experiences of the Uganda team acquired in organising the previous conference. The organization of the conference will be rotational. But the inter-ministerial council can decide to have a national conference as part of the activities for May Day.
- The task force could organize a conference on MHM day as part of the activities to commemorate the MHM day. The task force could have this concurrently on the agenda for May Day.
- Members agreed that a small task team comes up with a concept note which will be presented to the bigger group.
- The challenge could also be thrown at each district to organize its own activities. In such a case the districts need to be informed early so as to include May 28th activities in their budgets.

Composition of the team:

MOES

NETWAS

SNV

PLAN-U

AFRIPADS

MoES

<p>DAYS FOR GIRLS</p> <p>IRC</p> <p>There is need therefore to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • send an email to these individuals to inform them of the suggestion. • engage MGLSD and get them on board. • continue to share more ideas in due course on email 	<p>All to note</p>
<p><u>Minute 8/12/14: Update on establishing MHM Hub (Chemisto/SNV):</u></p> <p>Mr.Chemisto was not available to share. But the meeting reaffirmed its interests and commitment to establishing the MHM HUB and SNV is expected to update the next meeting.</p>	<p>Chemisto</p>
<p><u>Minute 10/12/14: A.O.B</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members were reminded that The WEBINAR is on tomorrow 3rd Dec 2014. The first one will start at 11:00am Uganda and end at 12:30pm, the second one starts at 5:00pm. This webinar is in preparation for MHM day 2015. It will be hosted by WASH UNITED in Germany. The link will be resent. 2. Lydia will send minutes of the last meeting. 3. FENU sends out awareness updates and requested any information which the team would like to broadcast/disseminate 4. The MOES or MHM Promoters should send out a MHM Christmas message to the public as MHM promoters. Suggestion to include it in the Gender Eye, FENU updates, or request for airtime from CIM to host the team. 5. Next Review and Planning Meeting was scheduled for January 20th 2015 at 10.00 a.m at the MOES Legacy Towers. 	<p>All to note/MoES</p>

The meeting adjourned at 1.00 p.m

Peter Kabagambe

Seremba Claire

CHAIRPERSON:..... **SECRETARY:**