



Minutes of Meeting of Multi Sector Strategic Leads

**19th March 2020 at 3 pm
(Skype call)**

A. Background

Sphere India in partnership with Unicef India has initiated “**Network Approach to Emergency Preparedness for Response**”. A group of multi sector strategic leads is formed to oversee the progress made across sectors and also support the same.

In this regard, a Skype meeting for the strategic sector leads was organised on 19th March 2020 with the following agenda:

1. Review progress following the sector meetings held in February 2020
2. Nomination of Authors for the handbook and commitment of time
3. Identification of Govt. focal persons/ counterparts for each sector
4. Evolving emergency scenario and role of sectors

B. Proceeding

The multi-sectoral meeting of strategic leads started by welcoming all the participants. This was followed by an overview of the NAEPR project and the progress after the first meeting of multisector leads.

Key Discussions

- Sector meetings were organized for each sector in February 2020.
- The sector leads will not only lead the sector, but also contribute to the development of policy guideline/ handbook in a collaborative manner.
- Entire process will be a wide collaboration of sector committees, development networks, UN, as well as leadership from corresponding government department
- The Multisector leads group will come back each month to steer the process and see that we are proceeding well. Sector leads will bring authors as well as suggest other organisations/ individuals who can contribute as author.
- An organisation may be a lead on one sector but by virtue of footprints in other sectors also, will contribute to the other sectors as well.
- Six sectors are being looked at overall. Food Security and Nutrition is seen as a core sector with three sub sectors- Food Security and livelihoods, Livestock, and Nutrition. We will expect sub sector leads not only to participate but also lead the writing of respective sections.
- Protection sector traditionally has been treated in isolation. Cross cutting issues such as protection will be a part of each sector, besides a separate section for Protection as a core sector.



- We need to clearly define marginalized groups such as marginalization based on caste, tribe, religion etc.
- There are two issues- one is having writers for individual sectors. The other is a need for someone to look at cross cutting issues and inter-linkages. There are many aspects each agency brings in and there will be a need to coordinate.
- Authors nominated by all the agencies will come together and look at inter-linkages as well. We will also do a multi-sector write-shop of authors to look at the entire sector and linkages.
- Updates on emergency scenario and response actions
 - IAC calls were organized and JRNA exercise was conducted for Delhi violence. GO-NGO coordination meetings are happening every day. Sector committee meetings were organized for different sectors. WASH sector committee was activated to look at the WASH issues in Idgah camp.
 - On COVID there have been meetings with Government officials.
 - Skype call of 21 state IAG and local conveners was organized to discuss the interventions on preparedness and response.
 - More than 400 local partners, and approx.. 800 individuals are being mobilized.
 - There is a need for guidelines for CSOs for COVID response
 - URS matrix is being populated.
- As a coalition, can the sectors assess the areas still untouched where there are gaps. There is a need to connect to govt. officials. Also identifying issues that need a dialogue with Govt needs to be done.
- For agencies willing to respond to Delhi violence, there is an option of a joint communication with Delhi Govt., offering support. The agencies can also individually attend the daily meetings held for GO-NGO coordination
- There is a concern that in some cases the compensation has not been given in full, saying that the rest of the amount will be given later. There are also issues of cases being made by people who are not eligible for compensation. For such issues, we can officially communicate to the government as a collective.
- CSOs should come up with collective effort for COVID response.
- Govt. should share the complete needs assessment information so that CSOs can plan response. Data of affected families will be required.
- For the situation in Khambat, Sphere India should come up with a communication/appeal, so that those who can respond can be mobilized.

Key decisions and suggestions

- Authors for handbooks need to be finalized from each sector. Lead agencies to submit nominations. From Water Aid, Hemalatha Patil will be available for drafting the handbook.
- Minutes of previous sector meetings need to be shared with all the multi sector strategic leads, along with the structure of document.



- Members will nominate Govt. focal persons for high level meetings and facilitate/join these meetings.
- An expression of solidarity to be released by Sphere covering the situation in Khambhat and Manipur.
- URS matrix on COVID response will be populated and shared, and all members will update their actions.

Annexure –I: List of participants:

Sr. No.	Name	Organization
1.	Mr. Ambarish	RTE
2.	Mr. Pankaj	Oxfam
3.	Ms. Lee	NCDHR
4.	Mr. V R Raman	WaterAid India
5.	Mr. Justin Jebakumar	Habitat for Humanity India
6.	Mr. Hansen	World Animal Protection
7.	Mr. Sarabjit	Unicef
8.	Ms. Marije	Unicef
9.	Ms. Pradnya	WFP
10.	Mr. Jose	Handicap International
11.	Mr. Vijay Rai	WHH
12.	Mr. Sunny	Doctors for You
13.	Mr. Wasi	CARE India
14.	Ms. Eilia Jafar	Sphere India
15.	Mr. Vikrant Mahajan	Sphere India
16.	Mr. Saikhom Kennedy	Sphere India
17.	Ms. Naveelah Ishtiyaque	Sphere India