

EDUCATION CLUSTER MEETING

Friday, 9 October 2009: 1600-1700

Venue: WHO Conference Room (John Williams Building 4th Floor)

Participants:

1. Ms. Moana Petaia, ACEO of MESC-School Operations
2. Ms. Doreen Tuala, ACEO of MESC-Curriculum Materials and Assessment
3. Ms. Phuong T. Nguyen, Education Cluster Coordinator of UNICEF
4. Mr. Mike Frew, Pacific Emergency Programme Manager of Save the Children
5. Ms. Louise Ellerton, Officer of Education Programmes of UNESCO
6. Ms. Mere Aisake Asi, Development Programme Coordinator of NZAid
7. Mr. Kiyoshi Nakamitsu, Education Specialist & Desk Officer of ADB
8. Ms. Filia Tamesese of Caritas Samoa

Agenda Item	Presentation of MESC Assessment of Tsunami-Affected Schools Report		
<p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ MESC presented its assessment report of schools affected by the tsunami of 29 September 2009 with the following findings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 schools (4 Primary and 1 Secondary) from four districts are destroyed or damaged • Affected schools are 1) Satitua Primary of Aleipata District; 2) Vailoa Primary of Aleipata District; 3) Sale'apaga Primary of Lepa/Lotofaga District; 4) Aleipata Secondary of Lepa/Lotofaga District; 5) Manono-uta Primary of Aana 2 District • Teachers of all schools have been requested by MESC to resume work this week to prepare for the full return of students to school the following week. • Teachers have undergone counselling offered by MoH and education psychologists • MESC provided a list of resources required for the full resumption of education which includes student and teacher's furniture, water tanks, tents, portable sanitation units, first aid kits and transportation of displaced schools to nearby host schools • MESC has already provided stationery and textbooks to affected schools • MESC will submit proposal for the reconstruction of severely damaged and destroyed schools under its existing Education Sector Programme/Project Phase 2 with the donor support of ADB, NZAid and AusAid. • The #1 priority for MESC as well Education Cluster is the resumption of schooling for all students soonest. • Exams will take place for Grade 8, Grade 12 and Grade 13 students at the beginning of November thus it is important that these children return to school in order to begin preparing for these exams ➤ MESC report has been submitted to the Disaster Advisory Council (DAC) who is studying this in order to determine what the council is able to support with the school needs identified in the MESC assessment report 	<p>Decision/Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ MESC to inform Education Cluster any assistance to be provided by DAC 	<p>When</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tuesday, 13 Oct. '09 	
Agenda Item 2	Feedback on MESC Assessment Report		

<p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cluster members agreed to await any commitment to be made by DAC to MESC before putting together an Education Cluster response plan ➤ Education Cluster members reiterated its commitment to support MESC to meet any needs gap unable to be fulfilled by DAC ➤ Education Cluster could formulate a rough cost estimate on activity items such as school transportation, tents, water tanks, portable latrines, etc. if MESC does not have this available. 	<p>Decisions/Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ MESC to inform Phuong ➤ Education Cluster to meet following MESC feedback in order to develop a education response plan 	<p>When</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tuesday, 13 Oct. '09
FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS REQUIRED		BY WHOM & WHEN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ MESC to inform Education Cluster any assistance to be provided by DAC ➤ Education Cluster to meet following MESC feedback in order to develop a education response plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Moana/Doreen of MESC & Phuong Tuesday, 13 Oct. '09 ➤ Education Cluster members Tuesday, 13 Oct. '09 	
NEXT MEETING: Tentatively Tuesday, 13 October 2009		