

EDUCATION CLUSTER MEETING

Thursday, 15 October 2009: 0930-1030

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. Ms. Louise Ellerton, Officer of Education Programmes of UNESCO
5. Ms. Mere Aisake Asi, Development Programme Coordinator of NZAid
6. Mr. Kiyoshi Nakamitsu, Education Specialist & Desk Officer of ADB
7. Ms. Nikhat Shameen, Education Specialist of UNICEF

Agenda Item 1	Feedback from recent joint MESC-MoH School WATSAN Assessment		
<p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ MESC presented its latest update of schools affected by the tsunami with the following findings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 8 students will resume schooling in nearby host schools on Wednesday, 14 October. Lower grade students will resume schooling gradually in the coming days. • Some schools, e.g. Satitua Primary, Sale'apaga Primary and Falealili Secondary will need to be relocated inland. Discussions are on-going between MESC and village school committees on the relocation for the long term arrangement • MESC is supporting the transportation of students through the hiring of vans thus all transportation needs are met by MESC. • Schools damaged but not destroyed, e.g. Lalomanu Primary and Aleipata Secondary are considered suitable for use as per MESC-MOH joint assessment. • Samoa Water Authority began reconnecting water supply to schools • The priority is to ensure all children return to school soonest possible within the next seven days. 	<p>Decision/Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ MESC maintenance team to undertake repair work required of broken school latrines ➤ MESC to follow up with the Samoa Water Authority (SWA) to ensure all schools are connected back to water source 	<p>When</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Now and continuously until complete within the next days/week 	

Agenda Item 2 Needs Gap Following Support Commitment from Disaster Advisory Council (DAC)		
<p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Though MESC and DAC has provided some support including stationery and textbooks, tents, water tanks and transport, there is a still a needs gap including additional water tanks, and tents, first aid kits, portable latrines and student and teacher furniture. ➤ The Education Cluster support to fill the needs gap is required. ➤ UNICEF is committed to supporting parts of the needs gap and have started to look into the possibility of obtaining tents outside of Samoa but in the nearby region, e.g. Papua New Guinea. Another possibility is to obtain from its warehouse in Copenhagen though that may take some time ➤ UNESCO has some funds (USD 50,000) it may be able to tap into for support as required. ➤ Through its ESP2 funds, NZAid, ADB and AUSAid will be able to support MESC to meet the needs gap. However, the costing of the needs gap require to be budgeted first. ➤ Costing of all the materials is required in order to determine which agency is able to support which areas of the needs gap identified. 	<p>Decisions/Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Phuong/Cluster Coordinator/UNICEF and Louise/UNESCO to obtain quotations of supplies needs such as furniture, water tanks, tents and portable latrines and share with all Education Cluster members ➤ Phuong to provide complete needs gap costing and share with MESC/Education Cluster 	<p>When</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 16-17 Oct.'09
Agenda Item 3 Education Response Implementation Plan		
<p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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. ➤ Education Cluster members to make commitment of support upon receipt and discussion of needs gap costing to be provided by Phuong/Cluster Coordinator/UNICEF ➤ Education Cluster members to move rapidly to ensure any committed funds or other resources be made available to MESC 	<p>Decisions/Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ MESC to decide upon the set of supply hiring/procurement options to be provided by Phuong ➤ Education Cluster members to agree on what commitment each agency is able to provide to MESC ➤ MESC to draft official letter of request upon receipt of needs gap costing for each category of resource requirement 	<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"> ➤ Phuong/Cluster Coordinator/UNICEF to provide education resource costs and budget requirement to MESC and all Education Cluster members ➤ MESC to decide on resource hiring/procurement options and inform Education Cluster ➤ Education Cluster to make commitment of support to MESC upon receipt of resource material costing/budget meet ➤ MESC to provide an official letter of resources needs, including budget required ➤ Education Cluster members to ensure rapid disbursement of funds and/or other resources to MESC 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Phuong/Cluster Coordinator/UNICEF (17 October 2009) ➤ MESC (19 October 2009) ➤ Education Cluster members (19 October 2009) ➤ MESC (19 October 2009) ➤ Education Cluster members making commitment to MESC (19 – October 2009)
<p>NEXT MEETING: Tentatively Monday 19 October 2009</p>		