

Myanmar Rural Sanitation and Hygiene Policy ('Policy') and costed Implementation Plan ('Plan')

National Workshop on draft Policy and Plan,
Nay Pyi Taw, 10-11 February 2020
Concept Note

Background

The Ministry of Health and Sports (MOHS), together with other ministries, departments, and other stakeholders is, through a Task Force, developing a national rural sanitation and hygiene policy, as well as a costed implementation plan. The objective of the policy and plan is to achieve ODF rural Myanmar by 2030.

A series of consultations and deliberations within the Task Force and stakeholders from the government, NGOs, development organisations, at the national and sub-national levels, were held to understand the various perspectives on the policy and the implementation plan. A zero draft and a first draft were presented in these workshops as working documents, for the stakeholders to discuss and provide feedback.

Based on these processes, the final draft of the national rural sanitation policy and costed implementation plan has been put together.

It is intended that the final drafts will be put through a last stakeholder workshop, with representatives from the national and sub-national levels, for deliberation and finalization.

Objective of the workshop

The objective of the consultations is to finalize the national rural sanitation policy and costed implementation plans.

Scope of the workshop

The workshop would discuss on these issues:

- The Rural Sanitation Policy.
 - Finalization of the vision, objectives, principles and strategy
 - Is the strategy for achieving each enabling environment factor / sub-sector outputs comprehensive / practical?
 - The process of costing
 - National and sub-national targets - households, schools, HCFs
 - National and sub-national unit costs – hardware (households) and software (households, schools, HCFs)
 - What is needed at national and sub-national levels to achieve the ODF
 - What is the overall costs for a region/state, districts, townships, urban wards and village tracts?
- The Plan and its costing
 - Finalization of the strategic approach, the investments needs (total software; household hardware) and the source (tbd).

- The way forward
 - Process for approval of the Policy and Implementation Plan to be approved by the cabinet, and issued
 - Process for dissemination of the Policy and IP
 - Next steps in the implementation of the policy and IP

Participants

The workshop would be attended by these participants:

- Representatives from the Department of Public Health, Ministry of Health and Sports
- Representatives from ESD, and other departments in the Ministry of Health and Sports
- Representatives from other ministries and institutions – DRD, DBE, DoP, DoBudget, Central Statistics Office, WRUD, DDM, Dept of Reh
- Representatives from each region / state
- Representatives from the multilaterals, INGOs, national NGOs

Total participants – approximately xx.

Dates and venue of the consultation

The national level consultation is scheduled on 10-11 February 2020 and it will be held at Nay Pyi Taw.

Costs of the workshop

The costs related to the workshop will be borne by UNICEF/WHO, as part of the process of their support to the Government of Myanmar for the development of the Sanitation and Hygiene Policy and costed Implementation Plan. The costs to be borne includes the workshop venue costs, travel of participants (TBD), per diem (TBD).

Schedule of the workshop

A broad session plan for this two-day workshop is given in the following page.

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Session plan

1. Registration of participants

Objective: List of participants

Process: Details of participants (name of participants, organisation, contact details); ID card / sticker for easy identification; issue agenda, other documents, stationary

2. Opening speech

Objective: Welcome and setting the tone for the workshop

Process: Speech by the DG, DPH

3. Opening remarks

Objective: Understanding the perspectives of various stakeholders

Process: Remarks by the DG (DRD), DG (DBE), Representative of UNICEF

4. Photo session

Objective: Photo documentation of the workshop

Process: Group photo of all the participants

5. Introduction of participants

Objective: Understand the profile of the participants

Process: Identify the group of participants; participants stand and be identified, based on their representation – Ministry of Health, Ministry of Water, Other ministries, sub-national stakeholders (region/state/town councils), multilateral agencies, international NGOs, national NGOs, media, others

6. Objectives and process of Workshop

Objective: For participant to understand the purpose of the day and the agenda

Process: Plenary

1. Explain the objectives of the Workshop as defined in the agenda
 - To present the drafts of the Policy and Plan to the participants, to get their views, discuss and finalize.
 - To ratify the strategy adopted in reaching the objectives of the policy and agree on the costs of implementation
 - To discuss the way forward to approve the Policy and Plan, disseminate them, and start implementation.

2. Talk through the agenda, emphasising the importance of participation and contributions from everyone

7. Presentation on the draft of the National Policy on Rural Sanitation and Hygiene

Objective: Understand the National Policy and assess whether it comprehensively incorporates the needs of the sector

Process: Presentations on the National Policy, group discussions and plenary presentations / discussion

- Vision and objectives – content, clarity, is it inspiring?
- Are the targets clear? Achievable?
- Principles – includes all? additions / deletions; clarity
- Policy Elements – does this lead to overall holistic creation of an enabling environment
- Sub-sector Strategies – will the strategy lead to outputs/outcomes

8. Presentation on the strategy and costing of the Implementation Plan

Objective: To understand the strategy and costing of the implementation plan to assess whether the strategy and costing is realistic, comprehensive and lead to the intended objectives.

Process: Presentations on the strategy and costed Implementation Plan

9. Strategies Costing the regional/state and sub-sector plans

Objective: for participants from national and regions / states to discuss on the strategic approach proposed and, analyse and evolve a budget for achievement of the Policy goals in their area

Process: Participants from each sub-sector (Household, School, HCF, Public places, Emergency) at national level, and regions/states to sit together to discuss the strategy and budget for their area. Group discussion and presentation.

- Service delivery elements – comprehensive, leads to results?
- Sub-sectors – comprehensive, does it lead to ODF rural communities
- Strategies – clear? Will it lead to results – is the results chain clear? Need for strengthening
- Funding framework
- Populating the plan – physical and financial (hardware for HH only, and software for all sub-sectors); fill up the templates for their geographical and/or sub-sector units.
 - National level – national level relevant stakeholders (5 or less groups)
 - Sub national level – region/state wise groups (or clusters)

10. What next?

Objectives: To inform participants of the next steps of the Policy and Plan preparation process.

Process: Plenary presentation

1. Give Presentation: What's next
2. Answer any questions arising

11. Closing

Process: Plenary

1. Representative/s from the stakeholders provide a summary of the Workshop (main points that they will take away) [*to be prearranged*]
2. Run the evaluation form on the workshop!