



Mission Report

Country Visit Myanmar during the field trial of the Southeast Asia Primary Learning Metrics (SEA-PLM)

Myanmar

30 November-10 December 2016

A. SEAMEO Officials on Mission

- Ms Lauranne Beernaert, SEA-PLM Project Coordinator

B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity

Based on discussions with the technical institution supporting the development of the metric (ACER) and UNICEF EAPRO and the experience with the field trial in Brunei Darussalam, Lao PDR and Cambodia, it was recognised that there was an immediate need for additional documentation of the first field trial. The main objective being to capture lessons learned and to ensure protocols as defined by ACER for the completion of the field trial are complied with. This work is to be carried out in collaboration between ACER and SEAMES with guidance from UNICEF EAPRO.

The support provided by the SEAMEO Secretariat was as follows:

1. Representation of the SEAMEO Secretariat during this important step of the implementation of the SEA-PLM
2. Documentation of the exercise of the field-trial in Myanmar with a focus on the challenges and lessons learned for the use of the other countries, as well as for ACER, UNICEF EAPRO and SEAMEO's reference.

Deliverable:

- Comprehensive trip report including the lessons learned and areas for improvement of the observations of the test administration in selected schools and of the different interviews and focus group discussions (to be developed by ACER with SEAMES and UNICEF EAPRO's input)

Important Note:

The information below related to the visit to the schools (provinces) is strictly confidential.

C. Participants

The regional team was represented by SEAMEO Secretariat and by a representative from ACER (Ms Jennie Chainey, Research Fellow and Project Coordinator).

They met the following persons through the three activities below:

- 1) Observation of the test administration in selected schools and conduct of meetings with schools principles and school coordinators.
- 2) Interviews and focus group discussions with key persons/groups of persons from the MOE Myanmar who were involved in the preparation/conduct/next steps of the field trial in the country.

Please refer to Section F for the detailed agenda of the visit in the country.

D. Organizers

The meetings were facilitated by the Myanmar Technical Team and by UNICEF Myanmar Country Office.

E. Role/Participation of SEAMEO Secretariat

Due to the pioneering work of the SEA-PLM and as Myanmar was the fourth country to undertake the field trial, it was important for the SEAMEO Secretariat to be represented. SEAMES reaffirmed its support to the Technical Team and met a few high officials of the Ministry of Education. This was an opportunity to congratulate the different teams for the significant work done for the preparation of the field trial and reaffirm SEAMES' willingness to promote further collaboration and sharing of best practices among SEAMEO Member Countries.

F. Agenda of the visit to Myanmar

Date	Regional Team member	Timeframe	Location
1 Dec	Lauranne Beernaert	1 Day	Observation of test administration in School in Mon State and interviews with School Principle and School Coordinator
1 Dec	Jennie Chainey	1 Day	Observation of test administration in School in Yangon and interviews with School Principle and School Coordinator

Date	Time	Timeframe	Location	Role	Department
5 Dec	09:30 –	2 hours	UNICEF, Yangon	Technical Team Manager &	Department of Myanmar

	12:00			National Quality Control Monitor	Examinations
5 Dec	13:00 – 14:30	1 hour	UNICEF, Yangon	Sampling Coordinator (NQCM)	Department of Education Research, Planning and Training (DERPT)
5 Dec	15:00 – 16:00	30 mins	UNICEF, Yangon	Logistics Coordinator (NCQM)	DERPT
6 Dec	09:30 – 11:00	1 hour	UNICEF, Yangon	Data Manager(NQCM)	Yangon Institute of Education
6 Dec	11:30 – 13:00	1 hour	UNICEF, Yangon	Coding Coordinator (NCQM)	Mon State Education Office
6 Dec	14:00	30 mins	UNICEF, Yangon	School Contact Person (NCQM)	Department of Basic Education
6 Dec	15:30	30 mins		Administration Officer (NCQM)	

7 December 2016, 2.00-3.00pm: Wrap-Up Meeting with UNICEF Myanmar

8-9 December 2016: Consolidation of Notes

G. Pictures

Due to confidentiality concerns that are crucial for the proper conduct of the field trial and the observation purpose of this trip, taking pictures was not permitted during all school observations and interviews/discussions.

The pictures below were taken with members of the Technical Team and UNICEF Myanmar Focal Point and the UNICEF Myanmar office in Yangon.

