

## HIGHLIGHTS

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## HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND SITUATION UPDATE

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## HEALTH CLUSTER RESPONSE

### 1. Disease Surveillance

- One national epidemiologist has been recruited to support the Health Cluster's Early Warning Alert and Response System (EWARS).

- Two other national officers have been recruited to provide support in Pyapon and MwaliMyagon township.

## **2. Health Action**

- WHO is supporting IOM's referral initiative, which aims to provide transportation facilities for sick mothers, children and other severely sick people.
- Dengue prevention and control activities are being intensified. WHO is supporting the Ministry of Health in these activities.

## **HEALTH COORDINATION**

- WHO is supporting field-level health coordination by other agencies in different townships. UNICEF, Merlin and Save the Children will be involved in health coordination in different townships.
- Other Clusters:
  - **WASH Cluster**
    - WASH has put August 15, 2008 as the deadline for completing all pond cleaning activities.
  - **Nutrition cluster**
    - Nutrition cluster is analysing data available from a separate in depth assessment done in the delta area. This analysis will help identify gaps in the nutrition sector.

## **NEXT STEPS**

- The revised appeal will be launched on 10 July in New York.