

SHELTER/ NFI CLUSTER MEETING (FEDERAL)

Wednesday, 11th July 2018, 13:00 am, IOM Office, Addis Ababa

Present: IOM, CRS, NRC, PARDA, IRC, OCHA, Save the Children, UNHCR, ICRC, GOAL

Agenda

1. Update on humanitarian developments in Guji-Gedeo
 2. UNHCR CERF Allocation
 3. EHF Allocation
 4. SNNPR Regional S/NFI Regional Meeting Update
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1. Update on Humanitarian Developments in Guji –Gedeo and S/NFI Cluster Response

The Cluster updated on the latest figures in Guji-Gedeo - There are over 150,000 IDP HHs with 113,000 (75%) targeted for ES/NFI assistance. So far, some 5,900 kits and 3,100 cash grants have been distributed by Shelter and NFI and partners but the response so far has been extremely slow to mobilise. Some 15,517 partial kits from NDRMC have also been distributed in Gedeo and another 12,500 are being mobilized. In addition to full/partial kits and cash grants, NDRMC also distributed 7,976 plastic sheets and blankets, IOM distributed 1000 blankets in Bule woreda and World Vision will be distributing a total of 2,400 blankets and plastic sheets in the coming week.

Resources have been identified to cover the ES/NFI needs of some 17,500 households in the coming weeks (via Care, Goal, Save, IRC, NRC, & World Vision) and the overall gap remains approximately 60,000 households.

Some partners are mobilizing additional resources, ICRC conducted an assessment in Kochere and will build communal shelters and informed the Cluster that they intend to cover entire gap of 10,000 households in this woreda. IOM is also mobilising support from DFID and ShelterBox to support households in Gedeb and Yirga Chefe.

UNHCR noted that with the expected CERF allocation of \$7.5m, it may be able to procure up to 50,000 kits that could arrive within two weeks.

IOM, has been making several deployments into the affected zones - a team of 15 national staff has been in Dilla since last week supporting shelter, WASH and SMS activities, as well as DTM assessments. IOM will start the distribution of 10,000 dignity kits in the coming week. In addition, four communal shelters are being built in TVET site in Gedeb, and a further 40 are planned to be constructed alongside communal kitchens; establishing sanitation committees, launching cleaning campaigns and conducting hygiene promotion.

IRC was the first agency to start cash distributions in West Guji and has so far distributed cash to over 2500 households in the last week. Distributions are being finalised this week, and will be followed by more distributions by NRC.

The S/NFI Cluster has mobilised a team including to conduct a market assessment in Gedeo and assess the feasibility of cash interventions, building on the assessment conducted by Save the Children.

It was highlighted that the large majority of the households are living in host communities - approximately 60% and this needs to be carefully considered when planning the response.



2. UNHCR CERF Allocation

It was confirmed by UNHCR that with the CERF allocation of \$7.5m, the agency will be able to procure up to 50,000 kits that will be airlifted and could arrive in 2 weeks. UNHCR will confirm exactly arrival dates with the Cluster and is looking at developing an operational plan and seeking partner support for covering distribution costs.

The plan is to organise transportation per type of item and conduct packing at 3 central hubs closer to the affected areas. UNHCR requested which the 3 hubs should be mentioned they have been liaising with WFP on warehousing needs. The Cluster advised to provide all support in Gedeo and a large coverage of the support has already been mobilised for West Guji and the key gaps remain in Gedeo zone particularly Yirga Chefe and Gedeb.

It was estimated that between \$150,000 - \$400,000 is required to cover distribution costs depending on the location to which the kits would be transported to – hub level or site-level. There was concern amongst partners that it would be difficult to raise funds at such short notice for such a large amount of kits and that the transportation would not be of a full kit but packing would need to be done after staggered arrival of items. Partners and UNHCR were informed to check with their agencies on how best to support this effort. The Cluster cannot have 50,000 kits arrive in country that are stored in a warehouse without a clear distribution plan and funding to support this.

Action	Who	When	Status
UNHCR requested to see if internal funds can be mobilised to fund distribution costs or CERF modification to include this cost	UNHCR	COB Today	
UNHCR to confirm to partners if the kits procured under CERF will include transportation to 3 central hubs or site-level	UNHCR	COB Today	
Partners to check with SMT at their offices if funds could be mobilised to cover distribution costs for a certain # of kits	All	COB Today	

3. EHF Allocation

Partners were not interested in modifying their EHF proposal to cover any distributions costs for the CERF kits as it was already too late to change plans and modify proposals. Proposals will continue to be submitted as per the agreed preliminary plan from last Thursday's meeting.

4. SNNPR Regional S/NFI Regional Meeting Update and Govt Request to S/NFI Partners

The first Regional S/NFI SNNPR Meeting was held in Dilla on Tuesday 10th July at 11:00. The meeting was attended by 8 partners, OCHA and Ato Mulune from NDRMC.

The Cluster announced that it has been informed that an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been set up and activated yesterday in Dilla. The government has mentioned that all coordination will happen on the ground and all response coming from partners has to go through the EOC. The EOC is compiling information on needs per location - they have representatives at each site, linking up to a woreda FP, Zonal FP up to Regional FP that are coordinating the response.

Distribution Challenges: - All partners were notified of the challenges faced on the ground by various agencies over the weekend when beginning distributions. Three agencies - IRC, Save and Care halted distributions. The government has been requesting the splitting-up of the 15 item Standard ES/NFI kit. SCI continued to distribute the kits but agreed to split their caseload of 600 full kits into 1200 partial kits to move forward. As the needs have been very slow to mobilise and funding has not come in, the needs as described by Ato Mulune at the meeting on Tuesday are extremely desperate and there is a need to share items. 'People are sleeping on the ground – with nothing to protect them and the weather is very cold'

Flexibility Requested during distributions: - In this effort to try and assistance to be reaches as many people as possible, the government is requesting flexibility during the distribution of the kits. It seems necessary to support the government structure in as much as possible for organising the support collectively with a joint agreement and message until more support can come in. Once the situation is stabilised kits can be distributed as a whole again.

It was discussed amongst partners what their opinions and capacities were on splitting kits, which is the best way forward and if they are willing to support this. It was mentioned by IOM staff that has been to the field recently that as blankets are a key priority so we shouldn't ignore the request despite the challenges – also people live together in communal centres and we cannot always use the household approach

ICRC is very concerned about the split given that the average household in the location is above the national average. How can we report that a HH has been assisted when there is insufficient items already and even 2 blankets per HH are not enough? The communal shelter approach could mean HH's are targeted differently?

NDRMC suggested that 1 kit could be provided to 3-4 households just for the moment but partners mentioned that it is impractical to have 3-4HH signing for each kit. They mentioned splitting may be complicated.

The Cluster proposed we could have flexibility in splitting the kits into 4 types of kits (**shelter kits** - tarp and rope, **bedding kit** - blanket, mats mosquito nets, **kitchen set** (which can be shared by a number of HHs) and **hygiene kit**. Partners could also look at communal approaches and accept some partners distributing loose items that are very much particularly blankets.

NRC doesn't think this request is operationally feasible but also mentioned that that IDPs have their own social cohesion so don't want to split the kits. The idea should be for 1 person sign and encourage them to share with others in need.

The Cluster emphasized that the intent of each family gets a little bit of assistance and particularly the blankets and mattresses. Tarpaulins can also be split to allow the building of communal shelters or use this for the ground

UNHCR agreed to split the items if this is the Cluster recommendation – they plan to dispatch by type and this would mean these wouldn't need to be packed. UNHCR also suggested using the Score Card approach but partners insisted that there is insufficient time to conduct assessments such as these. Most if not all people are in need and priority is being given according to vulnerability criteria.

In terms of vulnerability ICRC mentioned that even this is complicated as communities are all homogenous. They conducted a quick assessment in all 45 sites in Kochere and verified the lists and aim to respond for all with meaningful support

Action	Who	When	Status
ICRC to share assessment report and distribution plan for all 4 sites	ICRC	ASAP	

Targeting and Selection: - In terms of targeting and selection the Cluster recommends using the standard approach using vulnerability criteria to prioritise HH. Criteria can be shared with the official at each site and there is an IDP committee that is on the site that can help with verification of lists once provided.

Way forward for compromise: - The key issue is mainly related to high need for blankets/mats and tarpaulins. In order to reach a balance and compromise between agency accountability and targeting and government requests the Cluster suggests a blanket distribution of blankets/mattresses to target at least 1 per HH as per the needs identified by the IDP committee in conjunction with the agency and agencies to continue to maintain the standard ES/NFI kit which can be distributed to the HH with the greatest need. The tarp can also be reduced to 1 per family as most HH are in collective centre situations. This will be the communication to the technical NDRMC team in the field for consequent approval and will be adjusted as more ES/NFI items arrive, where the full standard ES/NFI kits will be distributed.

Action	Who	When	Status
SNFI Cluster to send agreed Cluster message on the splitting of kits and way forward to NDRMC team in the field leading coordination	SNFI Cluster	ASAP	

Next SNFI Cluster Meeting TBA

