

Meeting Minutes

Shelter cluster meeting in Estancia

Location: Estancia

Date: 16.01.2014

Chair:

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AGENDA

1. UPDATES FROM CLUSTER PARTNERS
2. SHARING OF UPDATED DATA MAPS
3. OTHER ISSUES
 - LAND AVAILABILITY
 - SOLIDARITY FAMILIES
 - SCHEDULE CLUSTER MEETINGS IN OTHER MUNICIPALITIES

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1. UPDATES FROM SHELTER CLUSTER PARTNERS

REDR

- Observation: perception amongst the community is that the government will not provide funds to HHs who rebuilt affected houses, therefore some HHs are 'holding back' from re-building, afraid that they will not receive support.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

- 2,500 Emergency Shelter Kits still available
- Concerns/questions over what can be covered by the funds they are providing a HH (30,000 per complete destroyed/ 10,000 per partially destroyed):
 - That money doesn't cover the cost of materials
 - Vulnerable households unable to rebuild by themselves (need to hire labour)
 - Assessing how far this budget can get in the pilot project
- Conducting an assessment covering 'what do people want in their new house & what materials do they desire?'
- Problem appears to be lack of materials: Roofing is most in demand but HHs do not want co-co lumber. They prefer good lumber and cement.

Action Point: Save will share the outcome of 'household preference' survey

- Training:
 - Save have agreed a 10 day training (altered syllabus & DRR added) – certificate for completion
 - Approached TESDA (Technical Education and Skills Development Authority) to provide certificates for trained carpenters
 - Need for more trainers from other areas (currently limited capacity)
- Conducting focus discussion for carpenters:
 - What are the current skills/experience?
 - How did they get that knowledge?
 - How do they treat wood?

Action Points:

- *Save the children will share the report on carpenters' skillsets*
- *Shelter cluster to share dropbox folder with technical material for carpenters.*

IRC

- Have been in touch with TESD
 - 2 full time carpenters in Iloilo
 - Having problems with the availability of trainers and also the admin costs.
 - They are aiming for short term training (1 of 5 beneficiaries, 1 day training).
 - Approaching Capiz University (Roxas) to provide training for carpenters

SOLIDAR SUISSE

- Working in three municipalities (Sara, Batad and Estancia)
- First phase:
 - Distributing "Shelter Recovery Kits" (including CGIs and tools)

- Monitoring: (no assessments yet of how SRKs are used)
- Trainings:
 - Self help guide for heads of households
 - Intention to train several hundred
- Chainsaws: purchased 8 chainsaws that will be distributed to Barangays
***Action Point:** Rescue will share government policy for the registration of chainsaws in the island*
- 2nd phase: build permanent housing for 400+ HH

IOM

- Assisting communities impacted by the oil spill:
 - Provided 390 full kits to HHs that remain in Potongo Baranguay
 - 384 HHs in the evacuation centre
- Hope to support 400 HHs with recovery kits (either 1 or 2 Barangays)
 - Targeting vulnerably population: trying to work with DSWD to identify beneficiaries
 - Beneficiaries will receive materials + info.

MSWD Estancia

- MSWD aimed to support panawid beneficiaries with partially and completely damaged houses. Lack of budget.
- MSWD is in charge of collecting data from partners regarding humanitarian activities at municipal level
- Some organizations are reporting to MSWD, but others not.
Action Points:
 - *All cluster members will report to MSWD on activities conducted at municipality level.*
 - *Ask Red Cross about activities in Estancia and surrounding municipalities.*

Carles Municipality:

- Only Ayala Foundation is working in Carles (covering 10000 HHs in 14 barangays with coco lumbers, CGI, nails).
Action Point:
 - *Invite Ayala Foundation to next meetings.*

2. SHARING OF UPDATED DATA MAPS

- Provided latest maps: 3W Maps. Emergency Shelter Needs and Support to Self-recovery for Region VI.

- Action point:***
 - *Email out SC maps*

3. OTHER DISCUSSIONS/ISSUES

LAND AVAILABILITY

- Very little public land exists (2,2 Ha) to re-house people that are forced to relocate due to no-build zone and oil spill.
- Municipality has no resources to buy land.

- Municipal government is allowing building temporary houses in Non-Build-Zones.
- There is a private island, inhabitants were evacuated due to Typhoon and now cannot come back. It is necessary to negotiate with land owners to convince them to allow the people to continue living in their original places.

SOLIDARITY FAMILIES (living temporarily with relatives)

- In the Philippines would this shelter temporary solution be preferable over bunkhouses?
- Barangay captain informed that there are two solidarity families in his barangay.
- Group observation: it is happening already but the general conclusion is that it would probably only be a preferable solution for 1-2 months (due to privacy and family relationships).

BARANGAYS NOT COVERED

- Barangay Captain explained that no support has been given to his barangay.
- He also expressed his concerns about the families living in NBZ.

SCHEDULE CLUSTER MEETINGS IN OTHER MUNICIPALITIES OF THE REGION

- No other municipalities were identified by the participants as in special need of coordination meetings.
- Affected population mistakenly believes that they will continue receiving food for years if they move to bunkhouses.

4. NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting will be held in the Governors Building, **Friday** January 24th at 4pm.

Action point:

- *Participants were requested to identify and invite civil society organizations that are implementing shelter activities in the area to participate in next cluster meetings (ex. Ayala Foundation).*
- *MSDW to invite Public Works Authority.*
- *Shelter Cluster team would be very glad visiting partners' projects.*