

Shelter cluster - Meeting Minutes
Western Visayas (region VI)

Location: Roxas city - Panay island

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Chairs:

- Shelter Cluster, Javier Cidón
- DSWD, Josephine Degala

AGENDA

- 1. FOLLOW-UP OF ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**
- 2. UPDATE OF CLUSTER PARTNERS**
- 3. SHELTER CLUSTER WORKSHOP IN ILOILO**
- 4. DESIGNS OF SHELTERS (RESISTANT TO NATURAL HAZARDS AND GENDER/DIVERSITY-SENSITIVE)**
- 5. COCO-LUMBER UPDATE**
- 6. ANALYSIS OF GAPS**
- 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

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8. FOLLOW-UP OF ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- Share HLP adviser's email address to partners. *Done*
- Email out the maps (include the OCHA flood maps). *Done*
- Invitation to civil society for joining shelter workshop. *Done*
- Develop technical assessment tool on levels of house destruction. *Done*

9. UPDATES FROM SHELTER CLUSTER PARTNERS

ADRA

- Still providing food provisions
- Working on shelter. CGI sheets have been the main request.

CARITAS

- Finishing the distribution of emergency shelter.
- Beginning plans for permanent shelter: land issues are causing the biggest problems.

IOM

- Emergency Shelter stage:
 - 21,000 HH met in Panay
 - Completing this week
- Early Recovery:
 - Planned support for 5,000 HH
 - Assessments begin
 - Issue: Availability of coco lumber especially in Island Barangays where no lumber exists. Requests partners to come forward with information if some Barangays are able to support the provision of coco lumber to HHs outside of their Barangays.
 - Request for partners to share information regarding locations of assessments .

Noticing that self-recovery is in full swing. Draws to attention that tents provided to affected population are being sold to buy other materials.

CARE/ACCORD

- Observation: people within the field able to recover – have recovered.
- Observation: most vulnerable remain 'un-recovered'.

- Observation: use of bamboo for construction – but poor construction. Request for details on good bamboo construction. Scope to create a simple ‘1-pager’ on best practices for bamboo construction.

ACTION POINT:

- ***SC to share info on humanitarian bamboo in dropbox***
- ***Develop 1 page on the use of bamboo for construction (convene specific TWiG?)***

HANDICAP INTERNATIONAL

- In Sigma
- Trying to coordinate with University to run some trainings, also in contact with TESDA.
- Currently working in a flooded region.
 - Trying to work on housing solutions.
 - Coming across LHP problems where people are moving to roadways – unsure that Handicap can support.

ACTION POINT: SC to liaise with TESDA

UNDP

- Requested shelter cluster partners to send requests for coco-lumber

ACTION POINT: cluster partners to send lumber requests to SC coordinator

SOLIDAR

- Distributed 25,000 SRKs to 3 Municipalities
- Providing some training to carpenters
- Has observed the use of their SRKs within Estancia
- Intending to provide 400-500 permanent houses within 3 communities
 - Incorporating the use of the assessment tool (developed by Shelter Cluster) in their assessments.
 - Need to have the proposal written by mid February. Therefore need all assessments complete by this time.

WORLD VISION

- Emergency Shelter:
 - Still have 6,000 tarpaulins. Prioritising those who have not received any support or where tarps have worn out in the rain. Planned to distribute this by the end of the month.
 - Have been providing 2 tarpaulins. After discussion with IOM are happy to provide only 1 tarpaulin per family.
- Early Recovery:
 - Focus on Estancia and Batan
 - Will look at using the assessment tool (developed by shelter cluster).

UNITED SIKHS

- In Pontevedra:
 - Building 51 houses in a small village
 - 10 houses are complete
 - Design: completely concrete (resist typhoon 4)
 - Assisting 45 partially damaged houses
 - Provision of free food (locally bought and cooked) for the entire village (3 times a day) as long as they are constructing houses

ACTION POINT: United Sikhs were encouraged to liaise with Food Security cluster

PRAY

- Trying to organise an assessment in Patanagon Island (coordinating with ShelterBox)

SHELTERBOX

- Continuing assistance in Libacao (observation: still in need of emergency relief)
 - 80 tents up, 280 extra tents have arrived, many more tents available
 - Running assessments, meeting Barangay chiefs
 - Providing for houses that have been completely destroyed

PHILIPPINE RED CROSS

- Still focus on the emergency shelter phase (tarpaulins and toolkits)
- Beginning Early Recovery Phase. Assessments are complete, now waiting for report compiling assessments info.

10. SHELTER CLUSTER WORKSHOP IN ILOILO

- Remind everyone of the workshop & walk-through the agenda for the workshop in Iloilo.

ACTION POINT: cluster members are encouraged to attend the workshop

11. DESIGNS OF SHELTERS (RESISTANT TO NATURAL HAZARDS AND GENDER/DIVERSITY-SENSITIVE)

- Soon a technical advisor is joining our Shelter Cluster hub
- Request for partners to share their shelter designs
- Suggestion to create a technical working group to discuss designs for different purposes
 - One topic for TWiG: costs for different types of shelter (e.g. in flooded regions)
 - Shelter Cluster requests other partners to coordinate technical groups

ACTION POINT: cluster members are invited to share their designs

12. COCO-LUMBER UPDATE

- Topics covered by the Coco-lumber TWiG:

- Ways of prioritising cluster partners that benefit from free coco-lumber:
 - Partners using the SC assessment tool or equivalent (we ensure targeting the most in need)
 - Distance between cutting area and project
 - Coco lumber provided for free to a partner should be numerically proportional to the scale of the program of the organisation (equity)
 - Chronological order of request
 - Agencies must have all other materials ready to build.
 - ...
- We need to clarify with UNDP and PCA the quality of the timber, transport, etc.
- Suggest that Solidar should be a pilot project
- Request on the monitoring system that will be put in place by UNDP/Cluster following coco-lumber distribution (for HI to consider before engaging)
- Lowest grade of coco lumber will be mulched and used by coconut authorities – or for charcoal.

ACTION POINT: partners need to begin submitting requests ASAP

13. ANALYSIS OF GAPS

Action Point: the Shelter cluster is developing an excel sheet with info at barangay level (showing shelter activities and assessments conducted). A request was made for all agencies to note the relevant barangays they intend to do further work and/or assessments. This will then be sent out again to all agencies

ACTION POINT: cluster members to feed/update the new excel sheet informing on shelter activities at barangay level

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

FUTURE MEETINGS:

- Request for suggestions of locations for future meetings (outside of Roxas)
- Cluster partners couldn't suggest other locations (only Estancia).

VISIT PARTNER'S PROJECTS:

- Shelter Cluster is willing to visit partner's work/projects in the field in order to better know the reality and discuss/support on any relevant issues.

COMMITMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

- The humanitarian international community has the commitment with the government to cover the needs of 500,000 affected HHs (from the total 1.1 million of houses affected).
- Therefore all partners need to be aware that we will not be able to cover everything.

COORDINATION WITH GOVERNMENT



- While DSWD remains the co-leader of the cluster, DPWH and NHA have been also invited to actively participate in cluster activities
- At municipality level, MSWD is requesting to share information from partners' activities.
- At family level, all assistance has to be recorded on Family Cards.

ONLINE SURVEY

- The deadline for filling the survey has expired.

Action Point: *SC to share the results from Survey Monkey with all partners.*

15. NEXT MEETING

- From now on, cluster meetings will have a periodicity of two weeks.