

Shelter cluster - Meeting Minutes Western Visayas (region VI)

Location: Roxas city - Panay island

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Chairs:

- DSWD, Josephine Degala
- Shelter Cluster, Javier Cidón

AGENDA

1. Follow-up of action points from previous meeting
2. Update from partners (activities and field context)
3. Updated GIS information (maps, dashboard)
4. Follow-up from Iloilo workshop (selection of beneficiaries, awareness strategy, temporary & permanent shelter solutions, cash TWiG, government leadership...)
5. Shelter recovery kits (minimal common elements and tech specs)
6. Livelihoods project presentation (in need of link with shelter)
7. Other issues

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1. FOLLOW-UP OF ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Action point	Status
SC to share info on humanitarian bamboo in dropbox	Done
Develop 1 page on the use of bamboo for construction (convene specific TWiG?)	still not done
SC to liaise with TESDA	still not done
Cluster partners to send lumber requests to SC coordinator	By now only one organization did (Solidar)
Cluster members are invited to share their designs	Some members shared their designs in Iloilo workshop
Cluster members to feed/update the new excel sheet informing on shelter activities at barangay level	ongoing
SC to share the results from Survey Monkey with all partners.	will be shared by email

2. UPDATE FROM PARTNERS (ACTIVITIES AND FIELD CONTEXT)

CARE/ACCORD

- Ongoing delivery of recovery kits to Aklan, Capiz, Iloilo.
- Looking at Barangays to target for the provision of transitional shelter.

- Coming across duplication of efforts (assessments) in the field.

Handicap International

- Project based in Sigma. Currently working on the appropriateness of the response by the communities.
- 200 HH funded, awaiting final decision on support for a further 800 HH
 - Transitional Shelter, Cash Based Approach.
 - Designed a few different models of shelter (to be shared with communities and carpenters).
- Observations from the field:
 - People do not know what is going on regarding the available/planned support from the government and NGOs.
 - They are communicating the message to the public that they can only support the most vulnerable.

IOM

- Working on the validation of beneficiary lists.
- Planning a distribution in Negros (500 + 500)

Save the Children

- Currently running their pilot project.
 - Exploring the intricacies of community engagement.
 - Targeting beneficiaries (with support from Handicap International).
 - Cash interventions; ascertaining whether their current cost assignment per HH is sufficient.

Solidar

- 1st phase (e-Shelter) near completion
- 2nd phase: currently working on recovery kits (CGIs and shelter repair kits)
 - Targeting most vulnerable and working with Barangays.
- Observations from the field:
 - Lots of activity with bamboo.
 - People want coco lumber.
 - Duplication of assessments by shelter partners in the field.

Shelterbox

- Prioritizing remote areas, such as Libacao. Efforts also in Pontevedra.
- Moving to recovery phase; looking to make partnerships with other organisations that provide temporary/transitional/permanent housing solutions.
- Observations:
 - Needs are still prevalent in Culasi and Sebaste.

Tearfund

- Did a couple of brief assessments in Roxas City and Cadiz City on Negros Occidental: this incorporated c. 400 beneficiary questionnaires.
- They have put in a proposal that would aim to support the provision of several hundred permanent/semi-permanent houses.
- Housing designs based on:
 - Concrete base and pillars (use of hollow concrete blocks).
 - Use local materials.
 - Incorporate an educational component to enable HHs to rebuild/make repairs.
 - Intend to find a solution that is typhoon/earthquake resistant.
 - Current proposal suggests 30,000-40,000 pesos per HH.
- Predominantly aim to focus the funding on shelter (would like to support some WASH and Livelihood initiatives also).

Interjection by Shelter Cluster Coordinator:

- By now, several organizations are planning to work in Roxas city, namely Red Cross, Tearfund and Capizned (in partnership with WHH).
Action Point: Red Cross, Tearfund, Capizned and WHH to coordinate with one another to share info and avoid overlapping.

UNHCR

- Last week did assessments in Negros Occidental, Iloilo and Antique.
- Observations:
 - Needs variable geographically
 - Negros Occidental has been impacted by the Typhoon to the same extent as Panay
 - In Negros there are some private organisations responding, IOM was there in the beginning for an assessment.
 - Needs of indigenous peoples higher than other (e.g. in Negros Occidental)
 - In terms of Shelter, Water, Health
 - Uncertainty whether this is due to Typhoon or more chronic problem

Interjection by Shelter Cluster Coordinator:

- Reminder of the need to focus on those impacted by the Typhoon (with sustainable interventions that offer improved livelihoods/conditions). Not able to solve chronically problems.
Action Point: Shelter Cluster, OCHA and IOM are going to run an assessment in Negros Occidental at the end of February.

WHH

- Complimenting the activities of IOM distributing tarps
- Have had a look at the residual needs in Roxas City (site visits with Capizned)
 - Needs very context driven

DSWD

- PDRRM validating lists (available by February).

Action Point: SC to share MSWD contact list (provided by Rose) with the partners so they can coordinate their activities with the government at the municipality level. This list also contains Mayors (for courtesy visits).

3. UPDATED INFORMATION COMPILED (MAPS, DASHBOARD)

- Updated maps were distributed.
- New dashboard format was distributed.
- Shelter Team welcomes suggestions regarding IM products that partners would like to have.
- A link to online maps to be sent out to partners biweekly.

4. FOLLOW UP FROM ILOILO WORKSHOP

- A brief summary of topics discussed at workshop was given. Full report will be provided in the next week.
- Particular topic that time was spent on: **Awareness Strategy on Building Back Better (BBS)**
 - Philipinos have an extraordinary capacity to support themselves.
 - We want to boost this capacity by providing information on BBS.
 - Cluster partners provided on initial draft on how to encourage/explore this strategy.

Action Point: Work on this BBS strategy

- Specific mention of **civil society organizations** that attended the workshop.
 - Local organisations should be a key player in emergency contexts.
 - Shelter Cluster wants to coordinate activities with these organisations and give them visibility.

5. TECHNICAL ISSUES

- Introduction of Alex van Leersum as Shelter Cluster Technical Advisor to the Roxas hub.
- Proposal that several Technical Work Groups (TWiG's) can be held to discuss specific (technical) issues. E.g. regarding T-shelter designs, remedial techniques, structural design, Cocolumber, technical assistance, trainings, IEC materials, etc.
- Objective of TWiG's = enhance harmonization, avoid 'reinventing the wheel' and improving quality and efficiency of efforts.
- TWiG's should be demand driven, hence shelter partners are invited to voice suggestions/requests.

Action Point: SC to convene TWiG for developing a harmonized and adequate Shelter Recovery Kit (including bamboo fixings). Cluster members are invited to share list of materials and specs of their own kits.

6. PRESENTATION OF LIVELIHOODS PROJECT

- Development projects that had halted in the aftermath of Typhoon Yolanda are now beginning to restart.
- One such project is a carbon credit project run by Philippine backyard biogas corporation:
 - A HH is provided with one pig/month and feeds (for six months) and a biogas digester that converts the organic material from the pig manure into biofuel. After six months, the HH sells one pig/month, buys a replacement piglet and feeds and can earn between P3-4,000/month.
 - They are looking for a partnership with shelter cluster partners (as they are targeting Typhoon affected HHs with houses destroyed).
 - For more information contact Maria Gracia Banido at mariabanico@yahoo.com on 09174700874.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- COCO LUMBER
 - Capiz has started cutting and hauling of trees.
 - Cascofamco have been funded to produce locally made sawmills.
 - Next week, cutting will begin for Solidar's coco lumber requirement.
 - Currently discussing how best to use the scum materials from coco lumber.
 - Partners want to understand the process of applications for coco lumber i.e. what are they accountable for? Who regulates the prices of coco lumber? We need to monitor the prices of coco lumber?

Action Point: *SC to finalize the criteria for receiving & processing lumber requests.*

- 100 DAY ANNIVERSARY OF TYPHOON YOLANDA
 - On the 16th February
 - Requests to share photos (rebuilding) for an exhibition.
 - Send pictures to the provincial capital (email to be confirmed).

8. NEXT MEETING

- Next regional Shelter Cluster meeting to be held in two weeks time. Details (time, date, location) to be confirmed.
- Shelter Cluster meeting to be held in Estancia on Tuesday 11th (details to be confirmed).