

MEETING NOTES

TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP: GUIUAN

Monday 10th February, 1 PM, IOM Office, Tacloban City

Agenda:

1. Introduction recap of last meeting
2. Beneficiary selection criteria and methodology
3. Communication with Communities
4. AOB. – Topics for future TWIG

Present: IOM, OCHA, CwC, ZOA, Secours Islamique France,

Action Point:

1. SC team to send out 8 DRR Key messaging from IOM
2. Next meeting to focus on temporary/transitional shelter designs

Meeting Notes:

1. Introduction and recap of last meeting
2. Beneficiary selection criteria and methodology
 - Sharing and overview of Region VI's Beneficiary Selection Criteria for Shelter Support by Humanitarian Organisations. The key points stressed in this regard is that vulnerability is not a fixed stage or category, but rather something that requires consideration and weighing in of different factors that will make families vulnerable in terms of shelter support. The key criteria include: pre-existing vulnerabilities, level of destruction, land and property tenure, recovery capacity, relocation, access to material, displacement and host families.
 - The document then went on to highlight key available lists for potential beneficiaries – including the Pantawid (4Ps) and the National Households Targeting System – for Poverty Reduction (NHTS-PR) as well as the damaged/destroyed houses and Persons with Disabilities (PWD) lists.
 - The document stresses the importance of verification and cross checking as part of the process for beneficiary selection.
 - 2-way communication was also highlighted as an important component in beneficiary selection process in order to clarify concerns from the communities, inform programming, and help identify any persons who may have been missed out in the selection process.

Agencies present then went on to share their practices and experiences:

- IOM: targeting involves joint planning process with the municipality, both the mayor and MSWDO. In general, the mayor provides lists of priority barangays, and the MSWDO provides updated master list of beneficiaries, including damage data. IOM then targets those still living in make-shift shelters on 4P and NHTS lists, with particular attention to those who have not been able to rebuild. A joint validation process is then carried out with MSWDO and barangay health worker. This involves house-to-house assessment of the 30% of targeted population.
- ZOA: is working in consortium with other dutch and local NGOs and has to date carried out initial assessments in 3 municipalities. The list of targeted barangays have then been prioritised and provided to the agency by LGU. The master beneficiary list is provided by DSWD/MSWDO, which is then verified by barangay council. ZOA is current starting its

house-to-house assessments in 1 barangay and will be carrying out blanket coverage in that barangay. This then results in either full shelter material package or a smaller shelter repair kit – though contents of the kits can be adjusted as needed. It is with their experience that master lists provided by MSWDO do need to be verified, some of those on the list have since moved away, etc.

- Secours Islamique France: has carried out initial assessments that resulted in the targeted municipalities. At this point, after carrying out a assessment to verify data received (30% sample size), it was found that a lot of differences exists on the ground – accounting for those who have moved to join their families in Manila, as well as varying condition around categorisation of partial or total damage and that house-to-house assessments are needed. Talking to MPDO also showed 3 barangays with no other organisations working in.

In regards to No-Build Zones, bunk houses and relocation:

- Flooding in January had caused emergency evacuation of families into bunkhouses prior to MSWDO's readiness with beneficiary profiling. This process has now been completed.
- A small parcel of land (3-4 hectares) has been identified in barangay 4 in Guiuan for families currently living in NBZ.
- It was shared that an advisory paper on NBZ was being drafted for the HCT in Manila. Different opinions were expressed regarding humanitarian positions on support to families currently living in NBZ. Some are of the opinion that we need to respect the government's decision / announcement, while others propose that given realistic timeframe for relocation site preparation, more support will be needed to what is now the most vulnerable population. Proposed were also support other than shelter – such as communal WASH facilities, awareness raising, DRR training on evacuation and preparation, etc.
- The group agreed that it will wait to see outcomes of meetings in Manila.

3. Communication with Communities

- OCHA's Communication with Communities (CwC) shared that it is clear that robust communication strategies are needed to ensure that affected population are aware on what is being planned, how it would affect their lives and what are their options.
- CwC is now broadening the spectrum of communication channels which now include radio, church network (printed material), DILG, Barangay briefings and Philippines Information Agency (PIA).
- The cluster mention that IOM has also developed 8 key messages for its DRR training and is willing to share this information that CwC can then adopt for radio messaging.

AOB:

Next meeting:

- For the next meeting: next Tuesday 17th February 2014
- Topic: sharing and discussions of temporary shelter design.