

Shelter cluster - Meeting Minutes
Western Visayas (region VI), Estancia

Location: Estancia - Panay island, Save the Children Offices

Date: 13 Feb 2014

Chairs: Shelter Cluster, Alex van Leersum

AGENDA

- 1. Minutes from last meeting and action points**
- 2. Updates from Partners**
- 3. Shelter Cluster Information and Updates**
- 4. Technical Support**
- 5. Coco Lumber**
- 6. Any other business**

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1. MINUTES AND ACTION POINTS FROM LAST MEETING:

- Action points from previous meeting were discussed, most action points are finalized. Remaining / new actions from that discussion were:

Action points:

- **General [all Shelter partners]: continue reporting to MSWD regarding activities at municipality level.**
- **Save the Children and LGU Sara (Iloilo) to harmonize info on distribution activities of Save.**
- **Care/Accord will approach Ayala Foundation with request to contact and join the Shelter Cluster.**

2. UPDATES FROM PARTNERS:

IRC

- Closing 1 programme in March – materials and cash for house building.
- Distributions will finish next week - will have reached 4000 households.
- Started carpenters 1 day training, in collaboration with TESDA.

ACCORD / Care

- Have got a final lists for cash distributions on Estancia and Panay.
- The first distribution, funding for roofing, has been done in one barangay.
- Local organisations helped with the selection.
- Now planning from further implementation activities.

WORLD RENEW

- Working in Pa On.
- Looking to move into two other barangays who haven't yet had support.
- Will be distributing NFI's until the end of the month then moving onto recovery activities.

Save the Children

- Started training of carpenters, provided by TESDA. Training is 10 days long, results in a National Certificate II. Each training will build an model house in the barangay.

- Starting DRR community trainings, led by engineers. Each session will be 2-3 hours for 25 people. It is a pre-requisite for receiving assistance.
- Save will have review after the first sessions.

Action point:

- **After first reviews, Save will share lessons regarding training of carpenters and DRR.**

CFSI

- Reached 389 households in Pa On.
- Working in partnership with MSWD and IOM.
- Moving into further away areas to try to fill the gaps in provision. For example Poblacion Zone 2 has not yet received any support.
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World Vision

- NFI distribution is done for about 3.000 households
- Conducting assessments for shelter kits distributions, coordination with LGU (for data) ongoing.
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Ministry of Public Works and Highways

- In Estancia 10 bunk houses are being built. So far 3 are completed; the remainder should be finished by end of Feb.
- In Concepcion 10 bunk houses are being built. So far 7 have been completed.
- Local gov should be providing water and electricity before they are handed over to beneficiaries.
- Each bunk house has 24 rooms (2 rooms per family).
- The families to move in need to be discussed as there are some concerns from population over the distance from livelihoods and other issues.
- There was a delay in starting to build due to delays with LGU turning over the sites.

Note (input from chair): the Shelter Cluster team is also liaising with other actors (e.g. MSWD, MPWH, CCCM) to address topics of concern related to the bunk houses. The involvement of the Shelter Cluster is limited to technical advice. CCCM is leading the whole process.

Solidar Suisse

- Finishing recovery shelter kits distributions – worked in 3 municipalities, 5 barangays in each.
- Assessing for permanent housing building support – targeting 500 households.
- Implementing a chainsaw project to provide chainsaws for people to process fallen wood around their properties.
- Solidar Switzerland has mentioned its concern about the 100% overlapping in Bin-an and Tanao, both Batad by IRC's shelter voucher project. IRC has distributed to exactly 100% of Solidar's beneficiaries its vouchers of PHP 10'000/each. Solidar Switzerland has handed over the beneficiary list to IRC in order to prevent overlapping, unfortunately IRC did exactly the contrary and considers the vouchers as complementary.

MSWD

- Assessing beneficiaries for the bunkhouses and addressing the concerns raised.

3. SHELTER CLUSTER INFORMATION AND UPDATES:

Data maps

- SC to forward the colour versions

Action point:

- **SC to send updates of maps by email.**
- **All members: please inform SC if any of the information is inaccurate or not up to date.**

4. TECHNICAL SUPPORT:

Technical / Carpenter trainings

- Many partners are currently exploring approaches for carpenter training and community awareness trainings. The SC aims to bundle experiences and viewpoints.

Action point:

- **All members: please inform SC of any trainings taking place and the approaches used.**

Technical assistance / recovery packages

- Based on the request from shelter partners, the SC will organize a Technical Working Group (TWG) to discuss appropriate packages for shelter recovery. E.g. in quantity and quality of materials and/or regarding appropriate cash/voucher values.
 - o This will be further discussed at the TWG group on Monday 17 Feb.

Action point:

- **If you would like to attend please let SC know. Meeting is at 1pm in Roxas Business Centre on Monday 17 Feb.**

Note: the invitation email is already sent, if case you have not received this email, please inform the SC.

5. COCO LUMBER PROJECT:

- UNDP and Philippine Government Authority are processing the fallen lumber in Capiz Province. 60% of this lumber will be sold through the markets and 40% will be distributed to partners by SC.
- The process is being clarified including cost, distributions, timescales.
- A technical working group is discussing the details.
- Pilot project is ongoing with Solidar Swiss.
- Is there an alternative local option? Could project be extended to cover other provinces too?
NOTE: PCA and UNDP are considering to expend the Capiz pilot project to other provinces.

Action point:

- **Submit any lumber requests to SC so they have an idea of the demand.**

6. AOB:

- Department of Trade and Industry fix maximum prices for building materials. SCI trying to get this list, and will circulate when it is received.
- Is this meeting useful for partners? Please let SC know.

7. NEXT MEETING

- **Next SC meeting in Estancia will be on 27 Feb 2014, in Save the Children offices, Estancia**

- Note: the general SC meeting in Roxas will be held every two weeks, alternating with this SC meeting in Estancia.