

Cebu Shelter Cluster Meeting minutes

21 February 2014 – Cebu City

Co Chairs

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Attendance

Allied Recovery International, Caritas Switzerland, Christ For Asia, Danish People's Aid, Habitat for Humanity, IOM, Lands Aid, LGU – Daanbantayan, LGU – Sogod, LGU – Tabogon, LGU – Tudela, OCHA, Pagtambayaong Foundation Inc, PSWDO, RAFI, ShelterBox, Yicsal Foundation

1. Coordination

The plan is for the Shelter Cluster meetings to be held every second week in three different locations on rotation: Cebu, Bogo, and Bantayan Island.

There will also be workgroups (locally coordinated by focal points) created to help with local coordination based in Bantayan, Bogo, and Camotes.

The first of these groups has been formed in Bantayan Island and Islamic Relief Worldwide has agreed to be the focal point.

The first meeting was held on Feb 21st and the next will be on Friday 28th* (time and place to be confirmed).

The minutes will be circulated only to the members of the working group. If other members want these please contact Steve Barton (<mailto:coord2.phil@sheltercluster.org>)

The Shelter Cluster is looking for partners in Camotes and Bogo to act as focal points to those local working groups.

Shelter and Wash meetings are now (where possible) to be held back to back on the same day and location to help cross-pollination between clusters and to take less time from the agencies.

2. Information Management

Information Management products from the Shelter Cluster were explained and are available from the Shelter Cluster website.

- 1) Regional dashboard: Summary of activities and facts for Cebu
- 2) Shelter cluster regional reports: Tables summarizing the reported data (the detail behind the dashboard)
- 3) Maps: Gap map. Who's working where

Action: SB will include these products in email with Meeting Minutes

Other products are available on request for example:

- Dashboard by municipality

Information management capacity is being increased in the Provincial Government. The method and reasons why were explained. 12 Municipalities out of 16 have currently attended an Information management training session conducted by Shelter Cluster. An information management working

group has been set up to help facilitate information flow (initially in shelter) within and between the PSWD/MSWD/Paglig-on/Shelter Cluster

It is emphasised that the LGUs, Paglig-on, PSWD and Shelter Cluster are communicating and cooperating in the process of delivering the response.

3. Vulnerability versus damage

A discussion was had on who are the most vulnerable and how to collect information on this. There is emphasis that not all HHs will be reached with significant shelter support and that there should be a focus on reaching the most vulnerable. A note was also made to remember that vulnerability is also linked to location in terms of No Build Zones and tenure.

4. Updates

Protection cluster update

- Developing key messages regarding relocation
- Addressing closure of tent city
- Commission for Human Rights monitoring station Bantayan Island

Progress of the No Build Zone clarification was discussed and it is suggested that agencies talk to the local mayor and the protection cluster to get a better picture on how to approach locally. It is suggested that demountable houses could also be a solution. Good communication with beneficiaries is emphasised.

MSWD Protection concern

MSWD is very concerned that careful consideration is given to social preparation for any HH moving or being relocated. This preparation can take a very long time even years. Partners including LGU need to be very aware of this.

Wash Cluster

- Water Supply issues making steady progress
- Need for more wash partners particularly on mainland
- Some people on remote Islands use 50% of income on water
- Significant issue needing to be addressed is gaining permission for tenants to have toilets on private land

Updates from shelter partners attending

Shelter Box

Still working on emergency shelter, based on Bantayan and Daanbantayan, currently investigating emergency shelter activities. Looking for shelter recovery partners to support with remaining funding.

Habitat for humanity

Focused on recovery, distribution of GI sheets and repair kits. Started construction of permanent houses in Santa Fe and Daanbantayan. Currently aiming for 800 permanent houses.

Caritas

Currently in assessment phase

Danish People aid

Built 90 units, looking for funding partners. Worked only in one barangay, met half of the needs of one barangay. There are questions about temporary residence and opening bank accounts and the difficulties this raises for agency workers.

Action point: PSWD to ask about temporary residence, using temporary bank account, to clarify as possible to cluster partners

5. Technical matters

1) A library will be formed of technical information within the PSWD

Action Point: SB ask for agencies to send in their designs to Shelter Cluster for the library

2) Shelter Cluster have produced and continue to produce materials for building back safer.

These Information Education and Communication (IEC) materials are available and should also be included in the MSWD technical library. They are available on the Shelter Cluster Website

3) The shelter cluster engaged a consultant to investigate debris removal etc. and from this a useful report on coco lumber and related matters has been produced.

Action Point: SB to send out coco lumber report

4) MSWD discussions with San Carlos University

Prompted by discussions by MSWD with Sab Carlos University a discussion was held on using motor oil to treat wood to make it last longer. Province to run campaign on obtaining used motor oil. San Carlos University have materials on interlocking blocks and might be designing semi masonry house plans available for shelter partners.

5) There was discussion on the emergency market mapping tool used on CGIs (EMMA). This is useful for understanding market forces for a particular product.

Action: SB to send out EMMA on CGI

6) Information on website

Visit sheltercluster.org to obtain Shelter Cluster technical material.

<https://www.sheltercluster.org/Asia/Philippines/Typhoon Haiyan 2013/Pages/default.aspx>

6. Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP)

There was discussion as to why good communication with affected population is vital. The UN OCHA AAP specialist can provide valuable assistance.

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7. Any other Business

Discussion was held regarding whether a Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) is needed for the shelter response. Habitat for Humanity and SC support this. It was agreed that it should be set up in PSWD with Shelter Cluster supporting the process. Initial provincial SAG (PSAG) was held after the shelter

cluster meeting with an agreed first PSAG coordination meeting to be held at PSWD on Monday 3rd at 3pm.

UN OCHA feeds back that NGOs need to talk to municipalities more. It is courteous and increases coordination to avoid duplication.

The next Shelter Cluster meeting is to be held on Friday March 7th at 12.30 in Bogo City.