

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

Location: Estancia - Panay island, Save the Children Offices

Date: 13 March 2014, 10.00 hours

Chairs: Shelter Cluster, Javier Cidon

AGENDA

- 1. FOLLOW-UP OF ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**
- 2. UPDATE FROM PARTNERS (ACTIVITIES AND FIELD CONTEXT)**
- 3. UPDATED SC COMPILED INFORMATION (MAPS, DASHBOARD, EXCEL...)**
- 4. FOLLOW-UP OF FREE LUMBER PROCESSING & DISTRIBUTION**
- 5. SUMMARY OF ASSISTANCE, REHABILITATION AND RECOVERY COORDINATION WORKSHOP (HELD IN ESTANCIA 10TH MARCH)**
- 6. SUMMARY OF ROUND TABLE ON NON DWELLINZ ZONES (HELD IN ROXAS 10TH MARCH)**
- 7. MUNICIPAL FOCAL POINTS**
- 8. SC GENDER ADVISORY**
- 9. CASH WORKING GROUP MEETING IN ESTANCIA (MONDAY 17TH)**
- 10. OTHER ISSUES**

PARTNERS PRESENT

Karlgén Samarca	ACCORD
Roberta Cappieri	Concern Worldwide
Melody Nicolas	HEKS
Jobelle Celoso	IOM
Almalbisi Sherylen	IOM
Armon	NCCP
Johnley Lavanza	Save the Children
Adam KALOPSIDIOTIS	Save the Children
Roland Huerlimann	Solidar Suisse
Mark Francisco	Solidar Suisse
Annabelle	Task Force Buliganay/Save our lives, SOS
Wilson Balingit	Task Force Buliganay/Save our lives, SOS
John	World Renew
Nikki Cruz	World Renew

Hilola Van Gyssel
Jeff Cosico

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1. FOLLOW-UP OF ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

1. *All Shelter partners: continue **reporting to MSWD** regarding activities at municipality level.*
2. *All members: please contact SC if any of the information contained in **WWW maps or Barangay list** is inaccurate or not up to date. Please continue providing reporting updates.*
3. *Care/Accord will approach **Ayala Foundation** with request to contact and join the Shelter Cluster.*
4. *All members: inform SC of any **training** taking place, share with SC approaches and materials.*
5. *All members: Submit any **lumber** requests to SC so they have an idea of the demand.*
6. *SC to update partners regarding the **coco lumber project**.*
7. *All partners: please share with the SC **salary rates / tariffs for labours and consultancies** you use (note: info can be processed anonymously).*

2. UPDATE FROM PARTNERS (ACTIVITIES AND FIELD CONTEXT)

CARE/ACCORD

- Working in Estancia: 6 barangays, San Dionisio: 8 barangays
- Training for monitoring teams: 2 carpenters and 1 facilitator per team. These teams provide advise to beneficiaries in barangays

Concern

- Starting to look at Shelter Projects
- Due to funding constraints they are currently limited to training of carpenters and barangay officials, and awareness workshops for beneficiaries to build back better

HEKS

- Completed 213 houses (temporary shelters: coco lumber)
- Starting to ensure implementation of coco lumber techniques taught with Shelter Cluster and TESD and the University last week
- House costs: 20,000php for a 3 by 4m² house (excluding labour costs)
- Encourage people to visit their houses in Pilar
- Building for Yolanda victims within the NBZ while they await relocation

IOM

- On-going distributions of Shelter Repair Kits
- Identified further beneficiaries in Panay
- DRR training planned soon
- Further assessments to come in Roxas
- Partnership with Humanity First
- Assessments running in Estancia – plan to coordinate with other partners

Save the Children

- Completed carpenter training (27? Carpenters). Assessments had to be passed for a carpenter to complete the training
- Working in partnership with TESD

- Not using fixed designs. Making improvements to the designs as the projects progress. Designs are context driven
- Constructing model houses to help show the build back better principles. There will be one of each of these within each barangay that they are implementing projects (a total of 15). These model homes cost 45,000 pesos. Models to show techniques (bracing, cleats, strapping, foundations). They use hard wood for the main structure. Because the model house is constructed using 'best practice', no coco lumber is used.
- In reality Save cannot provide sufficient funds to beneficiaries to build houses like the model house. Beneficiaries are forced to use coco lumber.
- Materials for beneficiary homes come from fallen trees (both hard wood and coco lumber)
- Save provide 10,000 php per house. This is given in two instalments: initially 6,000 php and then 4,000 php if certain criteria are met
- They have funding available for 4,700 households (10,000php each)

Solidar

- Finding Yolanda victims waiting for more/better aid – stops the recovery
- Having to pull out of Barangays because other agencies are starting to intervene there
- Distributed 2500 emergency shelter kits beginning in January to 17 barangays and schools
- They have been working to get co-co lumber for their projects. Acknowledge that coco lumber not the most sustainable solution but it is easy to get and cheap
- They have access to 12 chainsaws
- Have trained carpenters
- Defined three groups of beneficiaries from those that have not recovered that should be receiving carpenter assistance (elderly, women-headed households and **DPWH**)
- Spend 1200 php on 2 carpenters for 2 days
- Permanent house designs have been concrete. Likely to change to a bamboo structure because there is concern from the donor regarding safety in earthquakes
- Each house will cost 60,000 php including labour costs
- Aim to use local, sustainable materials – not likely to use hard wood due to limited supply/deforestation
- Retrofitting some of their houses due to structural changes

Task force Buliganay

- An organisation that works across Iloilo.
- Provided information by NCCP (National Council of Churches in the Philippines) about communities in need: selection criteria: present situation (not recovered yet), poor, vulnerable, disabilities, single parent. Task force Buliganay help NCCP gather data.
- Two types of housing support:
 - o If beneficiary has land: construct light materials, hollow blocks for lower half and plywood for upper.
 - o If beneficiary is only renting, only temporary, light housing solutions provided
- Donated funds by Caritas
- Work in 5 barangays in Estancia, 3 barangays in Batad, 3 in Capiz area
- Provide 30-50 shelters per community

World Renew

- Finished initial phase of the relief: Distribution of NFI's and cash for work
- Still working on assessments for permanent housing within municipalities: Ma-Ayon, Calinog, Estancia, Concepcion
- Shelter projects just beginning. World Renew will be overseeing the construction – hiring carpenters
- Partner with CRCP (Christian Reformed Church of the Philippines) to help gather information

- Intend to work with the shelter cluster: to learn and coordinate, avoid overlap.
- Method of beneficiary targeting – very similar to the Shelter Cluster approach: focusing on totally destroyed houses, considering land tenure, No build zones. Always discuss beneficiary selection, criteria use with the local community.

3. UPDATED SC COMPILED INFORMATION (MAPS, DASHBOARD, EXCEL...)

- Reporting to the Shelter Cluster is biweekly. Report by Friday afternoon (March 14th, March 28th), email reporting.phil@sheltercluster.org to request reporting form

4. FOLLOW-UP OF FREE LUMBER PROCESSING & DISTRIBUTION

- UNDP have cancelled this project.
- Solidar Suisse are still buying coco lumber from Cascofamco. They have ordered 1 million units (this will keep CascoFamco capacity busy for the next 3 months).
- Cascofamco are willing to work with other organisations. There might be potential to increase their capacity. Solidar advise to contact and arrange purchasing/processing of lumber through them (i.e. approach Cascofamco with Solidar)

5. SUMMARY OF ASSISTANCE, REHABILITATION AND RECOVERY COORDINATION WORKSHOP (HELD IN ESTANCIA 10TH MARCH)

6. SUMMARY OF ROUND TABLE ON NON DWELLING ZONES (HELD IN ROXAS 10TH MARCH)

- On March 10th there was a round table discussion on no dwelling zones with a number of Mayors of Region VI.

- The outcome of the meeting was that 13 Mayors signed a Declaration to say that they were against the no dwelling zones.

- It was agreed that the 40m no dwelling zone does not follow the constitution of the Philippines and that rights must be respected to those evicted (following international and national constitution)

ACTION POINT: To send to partners the document that summarises and 'legislates' the outcome of the round table that they can refer to in their operations (This will occur after further work is done on the document and once more Mayors have signed it)

7. MUNICIPAL FOCAL POINTS

- Shelter Cluster asking partners to be focal points for different Municipalities within region VI. Partners at the meeting volunteered to act as focal point for some municipalities.

ACTION POINT: To share focal point information with all partners and encourage more partners to volunteer

8. SC GENDER ADVISORY

- Gender Advisor to visit the Roxas Hub next week

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