

Meeting Minutes

Western Visayas - Shelter Cluster meeting

Location: Roxas city – Ocha Office

Date: 05.05.2014

Chair: Shelter Cluster Coordinator – Roaming (Birgit Vaes)

DSWD Representative: Mrs. Josephine Degala

National inputs: National Shelter Cluster Coordinator (James Sheppard-Barron)

Technical inputs: Shelter Cluster National Technical Coordinator (Dave Hodgkin)

AGENCIES IN ATTENDANCE

Organisation	Participants
ADRA	Philip Jude Apruebo, Mugilo Japhet
CapizNED	John Clemet Basa, Sonic A. Malambunao, Theresia Juarez, Marianne De Leon, Archemedec Diocena
Care Philippines	Araceli Mercado, Janize Llantino
DSWD	Josephine Degala
Handicap International	Jean-Loup Gouot, Arlyn Penilla
HEKS-TFM	Melody S. Nicolas
IOM	Arshad Rashid
OCHA	Joshua Hallwright
PBPBC	Maria Banico
Philippine Red Cross	Alfred See
PRC/German Red Cross	Joerg Fischer
Shelter Cluster	Werner Lechner, Birgit Vaes, Dave Hodgkin, James Sheppard-Barron
Solidar Suisse	Roland Huerlimann
TearFund UK	Cressida Thompson, Sanjeev Bhanja
UN Habitat	Chrispine Ojiambo
UNDP	Jonathan Penilla, Emer Jumawan
Welt Hunger Hilfe (WHH)	Juergen Hofmeister
World Renew	Hilda Van Gissel
World Vision	Bondix Calapan

00. FOLLOW-UP OF ACTION POINTS PREVIOUS MEETING

Action point	Status
CARPENTER TRAININGS Share IEC materials on the correct use of bamboo for construction with TESDA	To be checked SC
AWARENESS CAMPAIGN/COMMUNICATION WITH COMMUNITIES The shelter cluster will cooperate with the IFRC communication with communities advisor. SC CC advisor will be sought to discuss with partners the needs on CC.	On going
MUNICIPALITY FOCAL POINTS Resend TOR Shelter partners interested/willing to become a focal point at municipality level. Finalize list with names of municipality focal points after new project description is received	On going On going
TEMPLATE TO GATHER PROJECT DATA/COORDINATION AT BARANGAY LEVEL Cluster members to fill out template informing on shelter projects up to barangay level	On going
COCO LUMBER Write letter to UNDP Follow up with Cascofamco on available supply	On going To be checked
TRAINING PROGRAM PARTNERS ON GOVERNMENT LEVEL Cluster members to provide SC with training programs they have planned or are ongoing on Government level to prevent overlaps with other agencies. Regional – Provincial - Municipality – Barangay level	On going
SET-UP TECHNICAL CLINIC'S Date and times to be determined	On going

01. INTRODUCTION TO REGIONAL SUPPORT MODEL (by James)

- Explanation on the roaming shelter coordination team, supported by remote and International level specialists.
- One roaming coordinator supported by a technical coordinator and IM will cover region VI and VII with support from advisors as needed.
- Increased granularity balanced against increased cost effectiveness.
- Advisors can be requested on demand, this will increase the flexibility; as needed the connectivity to Wash Cluster will be ensured.
- Explanation of Advocacy role
- Question regarding Environment and how the cluster addresses this (Prior director of land use planning)

Explanation that environment is a cross cutting issue, that the shelter cluster pulls in advisors to address these issues as it arrives, i.e rubble advisor, coco lumber etc. Also clarification of how the cluster environment advisor ties into the government cluster system. Example given of asbestos.

Concern expressed about Mangrove restoration as a key environmental concern, answer this is a long term development issue, the cluster is aware of and engaged in but these issues are linked to DRR measures. There is a long term development plan from the Government; 20 years

02. RECOVERY GUIDELINES (by Dave)

A draft of the Shelter Recovery shelter guidelines was distributed – this draft is not for distribution yet. It will be discussed in a TWIG in Tacloban on Thursday for further approval by SAG. A request was made to the partners to nominate a few people per hub to provide feedback to this document before the end of the week.

The document contains two pages overview and 12 program types. The contents can be seen as a job description per program type to explain to the members what they should do as shelter providers to provide correct support to the beneficiaries.

The parameters worked out in this document were grounded on several issues the partners are currently struggling with. How to support the different levels of the affected population in relation to land issues.

Issues raised by partners that should be taken in account during the development process of this document:

- 1) Livelihood and environment– how to link: as this is next step : in grit this is stipulated in a different colour, livelihood are taken in account but they are involved in a different level.
- 2) What are parameters for relocation: as per sphere handbook
- 3) Explain durability in context Philippines– some people are not allowed to construct permanent house

03. UPDATE FROM PARTNERS/TEMPLATE

It was explained that instead of doing a round table, a template incorporation the 12 program types as per recovery guidelines would be send out to all partners to gather their current more detailed project information. Since most of the partners are moving into recovery programs there's a urgent need to gather this data to avoid overlaps. This information would capture: project description, implementation methodology, timeframe, location, partners,.....

This information will be updated at each shelter cluster meeting and shared with all partners. The group agreed on this system and herefore only few updates were given at the meeting:

- 1) Handicap working in 3 barangays in sigma, about to move into new areas. After support for new designs.
- 2) WHH raised issue of Pilar in relation to an overlap with World Vision (this issue was discussed after the meeting and seemed to be a misunderstanding)
- 3) IOM is asking for updates on agencies who currently have claimed areas but are not doing anything and/or have no further plans. (This issues needs to be cleared out with the tool/template as mentioned above where agencies will be asked to mention the current funding status)
- 4) Existing program DSWD: 2000 units and 461 core shelter cost 70,000 peso/unit for Pilar approved 50 unit Conception 200 units regular shelter program not emergency response – now ben from Yolanda'
Pilar : LGU is providing land for 200 units – location in partnership with LGU
Panay program in process LGU requesting for core shelter from DSWS
- 5) Heks: also working in Pilar want to know where DSWD is working 700 houses finished to ensure no overlap.

The shelter cluster also proposed to set-up a “technical Clinic” which means that in certain areas meetings would be held where partners could meet up individually with the shelter cluster technical advisor to discuss their design. Interested members are requested to inform the shelter cluster if there would be any interest in this type of support, if yes this “clinic” could be set up at the time the next shelter cluster meeting will be held. A day will be picked and appointment times can be established.

04. IM – data

The presented Emergency and Self recovery map and Dash board are available on www.sheltercluster.org

It was mentioned that more accurate data is needed visualized in a more simple tool. Attached you can find a table mentioning all agencies currently undertaking projects in the area, the projects finalized are not mentioned in this document. However, if you would like the full document including also all finalized distribution please drop me a mail. Also note, that the attached table only contains the projects as currently measured by IM.

As mentioned under point 03 the data gathering needs to be adapted to the current projects as planned/implemented by partners. The template as mentioned under point 03 will not replace the data gathering by IM since the template will incorporate more details, this data will only be gathered one time and will be updated at each shelter cluster meeting.

The data as currently used for GAP analyses is based on ORMOC data, which is not accurate. The Government has more data than us and will always know more than us... but we are keeping on pushing for more information from government both on their plans and the plans of agencies.

Concerns were expressed in regards to No Building Zone’s. However, there are no longer No Building Zone’s, they are no dwelling zone’s and it needs to be determined through Risk analyses under the responsibility of the Government if housing construction projects can be implemented. The shelter cluster keeps encouraging the Government to make a clear statement to the Provincial/municipality level in regards to these No Dwelling zone and to finalize the risk analyses.

05. 8 KEY MESSAGES – POSTER

The 8 key messages to support the “Building Back Better” methodology were introduced. This document is still a draft but will go to the SAG on May 12th for approval.

06. COCONUT TIMBER AND BAMBOO ISSUES

It was agreed with the partners to compose a letter for UNDP to express the disappointment of the partners regarding the downsizing of the UNDP program in Roxas for their coconut lumber project in cooperation with CASCOFAMCO to supply a large volume of free lumber to cluster members, with an initial pilot through Solidar Swiss. The draft letter will be shared with all affected partners.

According to Solidar Swiss, CASCOFAMCO needs a small amount of money to increase the production since there is a possibility to buy cheap coco lumber, however this coco lumber is only 3 years old and therefore not good quality.

Since only two NGOs are using bamboo for the construction of houses it was decided to discuss the possible issues during the “technical Clinics”.

07. NEXT MEETING

It is the aim to organize every 3 weeks a shelter cluster meeting in Roxas, however due to urgent or different needs this schedule can be adapted. For next meeting we try to link up the shelter cluster meeting to the “technical Clinic”. More information will be shared once agencies have expressed their interest for the “technical Clinic” and a date is agreed on.