

Meeting Minutes

Western Visayas – Humanitarian Shelter Working Group meeting

Location: Roxas city – IOM Office

Date: 23.07.2014

Chair: Shelter Cluster Coordinator – Roaming (Arnaud de Coupigny), Kareen Mae Segovia (Deputy Coordinator), Robbie Dodds (Technical Coordinator), Tajani Sen (Training Advisor).

AGENCIES IN ATTENDANCE:

DSWD – Mrs. Josephine Degala, World Vision, DSWD FO VI Capiz, Care Ph, CASAC, Philippine Red Cross Capiz Chapter, Philippine Red Cross Aklan Chapter, PRC/BRC, Philippine Red Cross Iloilo, UN Habitat, Center for Environment Concerns, IOM, Handicap International, ADRA-PH, Tearfund

01. The new National Shelter framework

Aim of the presentation of the new National Shelter framework was to inform the shelter partners on what was going on since Secretary Soliman announced last 4th of July that the Shelter Cluster will be (and is now) under DSWD leadership. A distinction between the “Shelter Cluster”, the “Shelter Cluster Team” and the “Humanitarian Shelter Working Group” was discussed in order to clarify the discussion.

- Shelter Cluster is now led by DSWD.
- The “Shelter Cluster Team” are the persons who were facilitating the present meeting.
- The “Humanitarian Shelter Working Group” (HSWG) is composed of the Shelter Cluster Team (SCT) and the Shelter partners.

The role of NHA as leading agency for the Resettlement Cluster was also presented but the discussion mostly focused on the role of DSWD. Concern was raised that this new framework will create more meetings but it was decided that Shelter meetings should stay on a monthly basis through invitations send by the SCT for a Humanitarian Shelter Working Group meeting or by DSWD for a Shelter Cluster meeting (In that case the SCT will attend the meeting in order to provide information but won't chair it). It was also proposed that partners could ask for *ad hoc* HSWG meeting if necessary. The SCT and DSWD will meet as soon as possible with the aim to propose a coherent way forward.

It was also highlighted that this new framework was an opportunity for the transition and the setting up of a new coordination framework as the SCT will be only present in Philippines up to next November.

02. Humanitarian Shelter Working Group

The Humanitarian Shelter Working Group leads by the Shelter Cluster Team in coordination with all shelter agencies will continue his activities and, except the fact that the cluster is not led anymore by

the SCT but only by DSWD, there won't be major changes concerning day to day activities as coordination, technical advices, Information Management...

03. DSWD program

DSWD has targeted 196,000 families who will receive - directly by Social Officers in each affected municipality - 30,000 pesos per family for a house totally damaged. Funds have been released by the government for 180,000 families but DSWD has sent a letter to Manila asking for more funds to be released in aims to cover the remaining 16,000 families. The distribution of cash should begin in August. Shelters partners would like to have access to the DSWD listing of beneficiaries and the SCT will follow up on that question.

04. Focal point

It would be important for the shelter agencies to be represented in Iloilo by a shelter agency who could easily discuss and share information with DSWD and NHA for example in name of the RVI Humanitarian Shelter Working Group. (To be follow up).

05. Technical

The Technical Coordinator made a presentation of the ongoing process of the setting up of the new National Database with its link with the Recovery Guidelines. This new database will be more precise on the current state of implementation and will help analyzing the gaps.

See Annex : 140710 Changes to IM to reflect Recovery Guidelines FRK.ppt

Partners raised their concerns about the low quality of materials available in and around Roxas, specifically the CGI sheets and galvanized nails. The Technical Coordinator asked for inputs from the partners (materials commonly purchased, suppliers, information on any market surveys already conducted) which could be consolidated and shared with all agencies. He asked also inputs from the partners for the redaction of Material Fact Sheet, about concrete in particular.

Once enough materials have been compiled on these subjects, a Technical Working Group could be organized in Roxas in order to further consolidate and share with shelter agencies.

06. TRAINING

Bringing capacities at the LGU's level was discussed for personnel involved in shelters and engagement with the private sector to improve the quality of supplies.

Agencies individually approached the SCT Training Advisor after the meeting.

07. NEXT MEETING

The SCT will contact DSWD in aims to decide if the next meeting will be a Shelter Cluster meeting chaired by DSWD or a Humanitarian Shelter Working Group