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Presentation: Center for Integrated Urban Development

- INGOs and NGOs have come together to form an alliance to preserve heritage communities.
 - 12 organizations have joined thus far and hopefully more will participate.
- Main objectives
 - Build back these heritage communities in the safest way possible.
 - Facilitate coordination between donors, government, and communities.
 - Reach out to the most affected heritage areas.
- It is fundamental to have integration at the ground level.
- Current work is mostly located in the valley and beyond.
- Future plan.
 - Initiate discussions at a community level.
 - Provide input to the government authorities.
 - Work with the government to influence proper heritage policy.
- For more information visit <http://nepalquakesupport.org> or call +977-01-5546-880.
- June 20th there will be a heritage walk in Patan. 80-90 slots available. Please contact the above for more information.

IM Update

- Please use version 4.0 for your data submission.
 - The platform is very similar to version 3 but with more backdoor enhancements.
- Our IM database will soon be entirely available on our website.

- Please submit your data directly to Dropbox.
 - This requires a free Dropbox account. It will also make data analysis easier for our team.

REACH Shelter Assessments

- Assessments of all districts will be finished today, June 3rd.
 - A big thank you to all organizations that provided support.
- Fact sheets for 8 districts have been finished and will be distributed shortly.
 - These are basic assessments of the districts that can be presented with full confidence.
- REACH has attempted to cover even the inaccessible areas.
 - Once these final teams come in, the data will be cleaned and released.
 - The preliminary data release date is still TBD.

Government Update

- Government has introduced directives on how to manage international and national organizations.
 - This document will be translated and distributed shortly.
- Shelter Customs procedure.
 - Shelter goods are not tax exempt, agencies will have to pay custom duties.
 - Tools and CGI fall under the same category and will be taxed.
- Ongoing coordination of agency activities through the shelter cluster will be important going forward.

District Coordination – Gorkha

- Shelter Cluster focal points at the district level are coordinating with the hubs.
 - IM support and tech specialists are assisting these focal people.
 - This team is important for information management, tech guidance, and gap assessment.
- Each district has different needs.
 - It is important to coordinate these at the VDC and ward level, not just within the districts as a whole.
- Some different IM platforms have emerged. Aligning these platforms is very important for accurate data representation.
- Relief distribution deadlines are approaching rapidly. We should work towards assessing cash vs CGI in relation to these dates.
 - Many agencies have a pipeline for CGI but it may not be reaching priority areas.
 - Bringing IM partners together will help us monitor this for coordination purposes.
- Beneficiary selection systems are being created using scoring and vulnerability matrices.

- Gorkha has an 8 week operational plan for emergency and temporary phases.
- Within 2-3 weeks distribution plans for hard to reach areas will be finalized.
- Gorkha Shelter Cluster is also working with government to address partner gaps.
- **We are looking for agencies to fill focal point roles in four districts.**
 - **Ramechhap, Oakhaldhunga, Sindhuli, and Kavrepalanchowk.**
 - We would prefer partners to step into these roles. If you are interest please contact us at Nepal@sheltercluster.org

Technical Guidance / Working Groups

- Technical guidance documents will be revised and shared before the end of the week.
 - These are being reviewed by TWGs, TAG, SAG, and other internal bodies.
 - Any and all feedback is appreciated.
- Our six TWGs will be combined into recovery and shelter with revised thematic focuses.

NSET Training Packages

- NSET currently has many training programs readily available.
 - We should aim to fast track these trainings for the recovery process.
- Masonry is not the only important technical skill. There are many fields that must be taught.
- Please see the attached NSET powerpoint for more information.

Recovery

- Shelter responses are rapidly moving towards recovery.
- There has been concern expressed over whether training is available.
 - We are very aware of this and are incorporating it into TWG meetings.
- The government is moving very rapidly in comparison to other disasters.
 - Within some weeks we will see a version of the recovery plan.
- PDNA will be completed by mid June.
 - We are contributing to this discussion by offering recommendations including on standards, technical awareness and assistance.
- A technical assistance strategy for self recovery will be released on June 10th. This will help minimize humanitarian shelter need.
- We would like your photos! Photos of the following four categories can be useful to us.
 - 1) Pre Earthquake Housing
 - 2) Earthquake Damage
 - 3) Temporary Shelter
 - 4) New Construction
 - Submit photos [here](#).

Other Issues

- Flash Appeal
 - The revised flash appeal is now available in its entirety online.
 - The overall budget has not changed.
 - Shelter cluster has added quite a few new partners.
 - Shelter budget is now \$98 million.
- Customs
 - CGI, tools, and materials are not on the customs tax exemption list.
 - We would like to assemble partner information regarding what customs problems people have encountered in order to address this issue at a higher level.
 - Please submit a detailed report of your customs experiences to Nepal@sheltercluster.org
- Cash
 - There is district level confusion over packages.
 - The government package is 15,000nrs in cash for emergency shelter.
 - The Shelter Cluster package is 15,000nrs cash, the equivalent in supplies, or some combination of the two. This package also has the option for an additional 10,000nrs towards tools and materials.
 - There should be no overlap with these two packages. If a family receives one package they cannot receive another.
 - Some other clusters are distributing cash for a variety of functions.
 - We have met with the other clusters and are preparing a reporting system to clarify how much cash they are distributing and what it is for.
 - We will send an update with this information shortly.
 - Please assist us in disseminating this information at a district and VDC level.
- Beneficiary Cards
 - We are gathering information regarding the impact of government issued Earthquake Victim Cards and how it will relate to our partners.
 - If you have encountered these cards in the field please share your experiences with Nepal@sheltercluster.org.

Questions

- Q: Partners in Sindhupalchowk said that government was responsible for cash and NGOs should give materials and CGI to the same families. Is that accurate?
 - A: At national level it has been agreed that government and partner distributions should not overlap, however some districts are proposing different modalities.

- Q: Districts have reported deadlines of emergency relief distributions on the 10th and 15th of June to mark the end of relief distribution pre-monsoon. Is this accurate, and how could we deliver all the necessary items by then?
 - A: This is to encourage agencies to deliver materials before the monsoon, after which access will be reduced. Suggest agencies engage in a dialogue with the CDO and/or DDRC to discuss reasonable timeframes and plans for distributions. Shelter Cluster is encouraging a flexible approach to ensure that as many people can be reached as possible.
- Q: Some districts are only accepting 26 gauge CGI. This is an issue because production companies are not manufacturing this thickness. What is being done about this?
 - A: Shelter Cluster guidelines have tried to reflect the market realities and modes of delivery. The issue should be discussed and resolved at a district level but if it is hampering operations, it can be raised at the national level also.
- Q: What is the HR strategy to address the huge incoming demand of laborers?
 - A: NSET has been preparing for this exact issue. They estimate 135,000 masons per year are necessary, and 60,000 masons and carpenters over 2 years. They plan to coordinate with other organizations and host many training programs.
- Comment from the floor: For cash distributions consider using a mobile phone platform to eliminate duplication and is much simpler than paper money in envelopes. Also consider other options such as timber that is fast to produce and required less labour for construction.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 3rd, 11am at DUDBC

Please note all meetings will be once weekly on Wednesdays at 11am.