
Shelter Cluster Meeting, June 10, 2015 – DUDBC

Agenda

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1. Welcome

- Mr Rabi Shah from DUDBC welcomed participants, noting less people at the meeting today - hopefully most are out in the field delivering shelter!
- Next week the GoN will present about all decisions thus far.
 - At that time all suggestions and questions will be addressed.

2. IM Update

- The new dropbox system is up and running.
 - Very simple platform. Data just needs to be dragged and dropped into the folder.
 - Any problems please let us know.
- After the data is processed, your submissions are re-released so you can access old information in the new template.
- All of our database will be available on our website via a link to the host site, Humanitarian Data Exchange.
- Website updates are underway.
 - If you see any issues with our site please let us know.
- To view IM Maps please see attached powerpoint presentation of the following link:
http://www.sheltercluster.org/sites/default/files/docs/cgi_distribution_with_agencies.pdf
 - Agencies listed on the maps are any partner that has or is currently working in each district. This is cumulative.
 - Please continue to report all activity with each submission

3. REACH Update

- The Shelter Cluster assessment process has been completed by REACH.
- Sunday the preliminary findings were shared.
 - Suggestions and plans for further analysis were proposed to REACH.
- Final report is currently being compiled and will be available by the 17th of June.
- It is important to note that this assessment was based on individual's self perceptions.
- Many WASH issues are also presented.
- Q: There was a part of the preliminary findings that listed Ramechhap as the 3rd most affected district. The data also says they have only received 8,000 tarps. Can anybody confirm this issue?
 - A: We have not yet integrated this data for gap analysis but that is our next step. The biggest challenge is a lack of VDC detailed information. This makes it difficult for us to track the specific distributions and if they were efficient / effective. More triangulation of data needs to occur first.

4. District Coordination

Eastern Hub

- Dave Hodgkin is the new district coordinator, supported by IoM and covering 6 districts in that hub.
- Challenges
 - Some remaining need for tarps in the northern districts.
 - Not all of the data has been submitted.
 - Very little coverage of CGI to date. 3-4 week or more timeline before any CGI arrives.
- Package at that district level.
 - GOV. 15,000 blanket coverage over all the VDCs.
 - Agencies will distribute 10,000 additional for in kind material assistance.
 - MoU in place. Working on understanding the agreement between the GoN and agencies.

Western Hub

- 27 VDCs have received their cash distributions in Gorkha.
- Letter of intent has replaced the MoU

- Deadline is 15 of June.
- This was to push agencies to deliver or commit. This will not prevent agencies from delivering their supplies or cash.
- CGI is being delivered to the 10 most remote VDCs by helicopter. This will be completed within a week.
- IoM has coordinated well.
- Different package in Gorkha. Gov. 15,000 distributions to VDCs.
 - Agencies encouraged to deliver to other VDCs to avoid overlap.

Dhading

- SC focal point is ACTED
- Over 100,000 tarps distributed
- CGI distribution has begun
- Challenges
 - MoU Issues
 - Gov assessment data has not been shared
 - CGI pipeline issues
- Package
 - CDO advising agencies to only distribute CGI.
 - 16,000 HH total, 10/47 VDC covered
 - 2nd July is the deadline for distributions in the MoU.
- Q: IOM Pipeline issues - are they specific to one area?
 - A: IoM has placed a large order but supply is very slow. Any organization can request to be partner for distributions.

5. TWG Update

- All technical leaflets previously prepared on temporary shelter are being condensed into one.
 - This will be shared by the end of the week so that it can be produced and distributed next week.
 - The leaflet will provide households with information on improving their temporary shelter prior to the monsoon.
- Cash being used for shelter through different distribution modalities.
 - Mobile money, vouchers, etc.
 - There have been many discussions regarding conditionality.
- Contingency planning for the monsoon
 - Holding a TWG for contingency planning on Friday. This must be rolled out at a hub level as well.
- Accountability, targeting and inclusion
 - Document in draft at the moment. It will be reviewed by the TWG and hopefully will be released by the end of the week.
- Kathleen Walsh is the new gender and diversity advisor.

- Interested to hear from organizations that have included gender and diversity into their planning.
- Also interested in joining fieldwork.
- Gender.nepal@sheltercluster.org
- Marianne Pecnik
 - New technical coordinator: tech3.nepal@sheltercluster.org
- Imtiaz Hussain
 - New Support Services coordinator: coord5.nepal@sheltercluster.org

6. Recovery

- Trying to map out a way forward for recovery as it is parallel to shelter response.
- 6-month work plan is our aim.
- We have been mapping which agencies are planning to be involved in recovery long term.
 - This helps us to maximize resources and see what specialties we will have.
 - There has been very good work in Nepal already.
 - If you are not on the list of coverage and would like to be, please let us know.
- Drafting a short document to discuss common perspectives.
- Also, we are trying to identify existing resources. We would like to consolidate them for the time to come.
- Please submit your photos! **Dropbox link will be in the minutes**

7. Other Issues

- Customs issues
 - A letter was circulated to all partners asking for their experiences with CGI. They were instructed to submit whether they had CGI already procured or in the pipeline that could be delivered to Nepal within two weeks.
 - Nearly 27,000 bundles are currently available.
 - We are meeting with DUDBC to try and work on allowing certain customs exemptions for CGI.
 - Any agency who wishes to import CGI quickly please let us know immediately.
 - We need to know the quantity, target district, port of entry, and the name of your organization.
 - If we can give a clear list to DUDBC they will advocate for those organizations but no guarantees
- Q: CGI Bundles are 72ft long. The thickness can be assessed entirely based on weight, as every bundle is 72ft regardless of number of sheets.
- WASH/SC Collaboration
 - There have been discussions in KTM regarding good cohesion between Shelter and WASH clusters at all levels – national, hub and district.
 - This could be anything from sharing assessments, trying to prioritize areas of focus, and many more interests. We are trying to make Shelter Cluster and WASH a joint process.
 - We have shared a document with the WASH and Shelter coordination teams regarding the different ways we can be cooperating. Those involved in both we hope you will see good collaboration in the future.

- Partners are encouraged to attend both SC and WASH meetings or combined meetings where possible.
- Contingency Planning
 - We must ensure families are receiving the necessary items.
 - The onset of monsoon could increase the need for adequate supplies. Adequate stockpiles are one way to address this.
 - A contingency planning working group will be held on Friday.
- Q: has there been any survey about intentions regarding moving away from districts if they are not protected going into monsoon?
 - A: CCCM Cluster re preparing to launch intention survey. We will add that in today.
 - A: We did speak with some villagers in Sindhupalchowk. They have only 15-20 days of food remaining. There was a signed intent to not leave village. With no contingency planning and very significant food security issues, they will likely be displaced.
- District level mapping
 - Trying to map SC coordination. Beyond SC we are trying to capture different district level decisions.
 - We have many districts to visit, meet with partners, and get a better understanding of more issues to cover.
 - We will attempt to reach all 14 priority districts before the monsoon and develop an information sheet on each district to produce a clearer coordination mechanism.
 - All of the current relief efforts are focused on the 14 priority districts. We have received data from 17 districts not included within the first 14. SC interested to track these areas? Who is there? What are you doing?
 - We will need to reach these places!
 - Please contact us to fill the gaps or contact hub coordinators.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, 17 June at DUDBC