
Shelter Cluster Meeting, June 16, 2015 – DUDBC

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1. Welcome

- Mr. Rabi Shah from DUDBC welcomed participants

2. DUDBC update

Customs procedures

- Normal customs procedures are in place.
- Agencies registered with Nepal Government, must prepare a list of items and share it with MoHA prior to import.
 - If agencies are not registered with Social Welfare, their imported relief goods will be deposited at the central warehouse of the Nepal Government and will be exempted from custom duty.
 - Any agency donating materials to the Government will not be charged duty.
 - Relief materials on the priority list (already circulated) may be recommended for tax exemption to be approved by a committee of different ministries.
 - Items requested for exemption which are already at an entry point should be submitted to the Government before June 22nd
 - UN agencies and IFRC are tax exempt, as well as other agencies requested by the Government requests to import items.

General Directives

- Priority should be given to procurement the local material
- In each district, a DUDBC focal person has been identified and their contact details will be shared.
- Agencies should seek to avoid duplication of the same items for distribution to the same households.

- DUBDC have prepared 15 permanent housing designs for the reconstruction process based on the National Building Codes, available on request (and see powerpoint slide)
- Architecture is similar to existing structures to preserve cultural integrity

3. Information Management (IM) Update

- Shelter Cluster IM Team is in the process of contacting partners to fill in gaps for the 3W reporting and get richer data sets to enable better gap analysis.
- Partners are requested to report on bundles of CGI (72 feet), rather than individual sheet numbers.
- From tracking so far there are still significant gaps in both emergency and self-recovery shelter needs: 27,000 HH still to be reached with tarps/tents while the gap for CGI is approx. 56,885 HH.
- Shelter Cluster is seeing to hire additional Information Management staff, interested candidates should send their CVs to nepal@sheltercluster.org

4. Cash Technical Working Group

- The Shelter Cluster Cash Technical Working Group is working with UN Cash Coordination Group, SC hub coordinators and focal points and DDRCs to map different cash packages at a district level and to understand what decisions have been made regarding duplication/complementarity of packages for households.
- In many districts, the CDO has decided that the Government distribution of NPR15,000 should not be linked to the Shelter Cluster package (NPR15,000 or 2 bundles of CGI) – thus households may receive both packages.
- However in other districts, the packages are considered to be linked and no duplication is allowed.
- In most districts, Gov is encouraging blanket distributions at VDC level.

5. Helicopter Distributions

- Logistics Cluster has requested each cluster to identify priority distributions for hard to reach VDCs to enable comprehensive planning for helicopter operations before the monsoon. The Shelter Cluster has been contacting partners to identify:
 - Priority / hard to reach VDCs
 - Number and needs of affected HHs (tarps, CGI, tools, etc)
- Heli-drops are limited (eg. can only able to take CGI material for 20 HH per trip), so it is a costly and time consuming operation.
- Timing is a priority so that we can reach before monsoon.

6. Beneficiary Targeting

- Shelter Cluster TWG is developing a guidance document and score card to assist agencies to prioritize distributions for the most vulnerable households, in situations where blanket distributions are not possible.
- Documents will be on the website in the next day or two and will need feedback for further refinement.
- Work is also underway to develop a guidance document for beneficiary accountability.
- For feedback on the document, email gender.nepal@sheltercluster.org

7. Partner presentation: ACTED

- Acted is a French based organization established in Afghanistan in 1994.
 - Working
- Targeting over 49 VDC in 5 districts (Dhading, Dolakha, KTM, Sindhupalchowk, and Solukhumbu) with shelter and WASH interventions
- Shared details of needs and distributions to date (see presentation)
- Top needs are shelter, income, food. NFI needs include bamboo/timber for frames.
- Some communities have very limited market access and some are completely inaccessible by road.
- There are concerns for people in districts which are not one of the 14 priority districts, posing a big issue to receive donor support.
- To contact ACTED please email team leader andre.krummacher@acted.org or doriane.gillet@acted.org

8. Q & A

- Q: Lots of agencies coming up with cost effective designs, what is the procedure for including these into the list of approved designs by the Government?
 - A: DUDBC trying to accommodate different models, Government is asking agencies to come up with proposals to add to the current designs.
- Q: Lots of training needed. What support is required from different actors to help in that respect?
 - A: Trainings have been ongoing for the last 10 years however many of those trained have left the country and are working abroad. DUDBC has already started training masons and local builders and have requested IFRC and NRCS, among others, to organize trainings for construction. Government is requested to allocate funds for training programs that can roll out at a district level.
- Q: What is the support you are looking for from the agencies around shelter cluster?
 - A: Joint trainings will be conducted with DUDBC and agencies such as Red Cross. Our request is to support those trainings and those people.

- A: Shelter Cluster TWG is also exploring ways for all partners and agencies to support the curriculum.
- Q: Government has developed different designs for construction of temporary and permanent shelters. Is it mandatory to follow the designs or just recommendations? What is the minimum requirement?
 - A: Designs are based on the national building code of Nepal and those receiving government money for shelter, should follow those designs. At the same time, there could be some mechanism to link in different designs from agencies with the ones presented by the Government. All technical drawings and details along with the technologies should be provided to Government.
- Q: What is Government planning for retrofitting and planning for heritage houses?
 - A: 3 day training would be provided to registered engineers who can participate and learn how to properly retrofit. For heritage properties, Government is still discussing what is to be done - this is the jurisdiction of the archeology department.
- Q: What will happen to the temporary housing that is currently under construction?
 - A: There will be no problem with construction already underway, but DUDBC request is to follow the recommended temporary shelter plans.

10. Looking ahead

- District-level mapping is underway by the Shelter Cluster team to create a profile document for each of the 14 priority districts, including mapping at VDC level where possible. This will supplement the current 3W reporting and capture latest assessment data, and identify major shelter gaps in each VDC. It will also include key contact details, where partners are present, the type of packages being used, the MOU requirements of each district.
- Look for it on our website, coming soon.

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Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 24 June, 11am, location to be confirmed.