



## SITUATION REPORT #2

The Floods Response Regional Shelter Cluster Coordination Team has prepared this situation report

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### 1 Introduction

#### 1.1 Purpose of this report

- To identify current needs, responses and gaps as well as emerging constraints, opportunities and strategy.
- To brief stakeholders on the status and activities of the Floods Response Shelter Cluster partners.
- To record the activities of the Shelter Cluster (SC) and Shelter Cluster Coordination Team (SCT).

#### 1.2 Cluster arrangements

The regional coordinators (IFRC) and the national coordinator (UNHCR) have agreed a cooperation mechanism.

- The floods response Shelter Cluster Meeting will be conducted at 9 am every Wednesday at the UNHCR office until further notice, which in the event of the wider national forum will finish by 10 am, so the wider meeting can convene at its usual time/day.
- **Note:** For Wed Aug 26 only. The floods response meeting will be at 10am
- All agencies with an interest in responding to the floods are welcome to attend
- The IFRC team will coordinate all shelter activities outside of Rakhine, Kachin and Shan
- The IFRC team has developed a contact list for implementing partners in non-Rakhine areas and this will be shared with partners.

### 2 Important Preface

The coordination team is able to supply reasonable quality information regarding the number of **destroyed houses** and the emergency shelter response based on government damage data that has been triangulated as much as possible.

**This does not identify the needs of persons with significantly damaged houses and estimates of these numbers have not been determined.**

It also does not identify the needs of **households who are displaced and might not be able to return to their original house.** During field meetings in Sagaing with local humanitarian actors, the Sagaing EOC, and local government officials the Shelter Coordination Team was advised that some community members have expressed the desire to relocate to safer locations and this includes households who are not currently in totally destroyed houses.

The team is only beginning to find data regarding these other categories of need. Readers are requested to remember that the destroyed houses data is only identifying a part of the shelter needs of the flood affected population.



### 3 Summary of current needs

#### 3.1 Assessments results (destroyed houses only)

The coordination team has been seeking damage/needs data from Government of Myanmar sources and active agencies. This information has been assembled at township level and a summary table for states and regions follows.

	Destroyed houses		Response underway or planned			Tents	Total with Tarps
	RRD	UNHCR	IOM kit	MRCS tarp	MRCS tool		
	20/8	18/8					
Chin	2789	2128	164	277	0		441
Sagaing	1606		2475	983	309	1000	4458
Magway	464		1844	120	0		1964
Ayeyarwady	1864		130	681	73		811
Bago	225		0	20	0		20
Shan	127		0	0	0		0
Mandalay	188		0	213	0		213
Yangon	27		0	0	0		0
	<b>7290</b>		<b>4613</b>	<b>2294</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>7907</b>

The key data used in this chart has been derived via MIMU from the Recovery and Resettlement Department (RRD) Reports from agencies that have conducted field assessments, and the coordinator findings from field visits suggest at this time that the numbers of destroyed houses only indicated by RRD are fairly accurate as of 20<sup>th</sup> August.

#### 3.2 Movement of flood waters

Floodwaters have moved as far south as Yangon district and the Ayeyarwady delta but damage reports in these areas are not confirmed. There may be a significant revision to the numbers detailed above as flood water recede from the delta area.

#### 3.3 Priority needs

There has been a large government and civil response as well as NGO and INGO activity. This suggests at this time that emergency shelter supplies (planned and distributed) will meet the emergency shelter needs for destroyed houses in most areas. But as per section two above this does not cover the needs of those with seriously damaged houses or the needs of displaced households, many of whom are in temporary evacuation centers.

Most areas have suffered inundation damage with very large deposits of silt. In some areas this is up to three meters deep. There are reports that some villages will need to relocate. For example in Kale (Sagaing) up to 700 households whose houses have not been destroyed apparently wish to move to safer areas.

Damage in Chin state has principally been due to landslides rather than inundation and this has created very different problems. (See photo below)



There may be need for relocation but as experience has shown in Myanmar, this should be the least preferred option. There are many HH in temporary shelters. In some cases transitional shelter could be required.



Landslide damaged house Chin State. Photo courtesy of IOM

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### 3.4 Displaced persons

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At this point of understanding it appears that the key area where HH have not been able to return to their homes and remain in some kind of temporary/evacuation shelter is Chin state with IOM reporting 1,715 HH (9,184 persons), currently in more than 30 evacuation centers, typically, schools, churches, monasteries with a few in host families.

There are also unconfirmed reports of displacement in Ayeyarwady.

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### 3.5 Other sector needs

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Anecdotal reports indicate significant wash needs. Food security is of particular concern as farmland has been inundated during the critical wet season planting period. Many areas in particular Chin report the need for food relief.

## 4 Summary of current shelter response

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### 4.1 Emergency shelter

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It is not possible to quantify the goods supplied by partners not involved in the shelter cluster, however on the INGO front agencies have been, or are providing:

- International standard tarpaulins (often a single tarpaulin)
- Tool kits similar to the IFRC standard kit
- Shelter kits sourced by IOM under CERF funding comprising: 2 tarpaulins, mosquito net, rope and machete

IOM has ordered approximately 10,000 of these kits, which will be arriving on Aug 26. Shelter cluster discussions have agreed which agencies will receive these kits with about 6,000 earmarked for non-Rakhine areas



- The Chinese government is providing a number of tents, including 1000 for Sagaing



Tents Chin State. Photo courtesy of IOM

## 5 Gaps and any over-coverage

### 5.1 Gaps

As previously stated there is an understanding of the number of destroyed houses but there is a great lack of clarity regarding severely damaged houses and the number of households who may need to move to a new location. With this in mind it does appear that emergency shelter needs of persons with destroyed houses will be met by the planned response.

### 5.2 Overlapping

Analysis by the Coordination Team has identified several areas that appear to have over coverage and relevant agencies are coordinating on this. It is worth noting that this also might reflect under reporting of damage.

### 5.3 Reporting

The Shelter Cluster team is developing a reporting mechanism (template) for the flood response. It is anticipated that this will cover needs and response at a township level and include standard package responses such as shelter kits, tool kits, tarpaulins etc. In the short term the Coordination Team has distributed an analysis at Township level to active agencies and is seeking feedback.

## 6 Recovery

The coordination team and agencies have been focusing on the emergency response phase however thinking regarding recovery is underway. The National Government Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) has been developing plans and amongst agencies there seems to be a strong inclination towards the provision of cash programming.

A working group led by WFP has worked on a cash expenditure basket focused on four priority areas being:



- Shelter, Wash, Food and Agriculture/Livelihoods

This group is currently developing some cash guidelines however these will apparently be restricted to good practice advice in Myanmar. At this moment there does not seem to be any proposal within the cluster coordination framework for developing a multi sector approach to the use of cash.

The extent of recovery activities planned by shelter partners is not clear at this point but appears to be modest.

## **7 Shelter Cluster Flood Coordination Team activities**

### **7.1 Field visits**

One of the coordination team has returned from Sagaing and findings are included in a separate Sagaing Situation report.

The next key area to visit appears to be Chin state and planning is underway for a coordinator to travel there as soon as possible despite significant access difficulties due to damaged road infrastructure.

### **7.2 Cluster meetings**

The Coordination Team presented at the National shelter cluster meeting on 18/8 and conducted a specific non Rakhine floods response on 19/8 There will be a weekly shelter cluster meeting at UNHCR (9am Wednesdays) until further notice.

### **7.3 Shelter partners**

Key partners are being identified and a contact list distributed. Efforts are being made to reach Myanmar NGO including a visit to the Local Resource Centre (LRC), which coordinates NGO floods response and making contacts on the ground in key affected areas.

### **7.4 Sitreps**

A weekly general sitrep is being issued on Mondays and sitreps for specific areas are also being produced.

### **7.5 Information management**

IM capacity within shelter partners is very limited. IFRC is currently providing some remote support and has identified a suitable person for IM from British Red Cross. It is hoped this team member will arrive in country on or about 26/8 for one month.

The lack of in country IM has hampered development of a reporting template and the upload of key documents to the web page but it is hoped that these issues will be quickly rectified with the arrival of an IM team member.

### **7.6 Assessments**

The Coordination Team is assembling and analysing all assessments and field reports that can be sourced from Government and shelter partners. No specific shelter cluster initiated assessments are planned at the moment other than the coordinator field trips detailed above.



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## 7.7 Strategy

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Because there are a modest number of responding INGO, (perhaps 8 – 10) there is no intention at this point to create a strategic advisory group (SAG). The coordinators will consult with shelter partners and develop a draft document which can be discussed at cluster meetings.

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## 7.8 Technical Standards

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The coordination team is identifying existing technical standards that can be linked on the web page. Development of further standards will be on an as needs basis but may include suggestions on transitional shelter if this is needed in Chin state. The coordination team has been strongly advocating only using humanitarian standard tarpaulins.

Standards for these can be found on the Shelter Cluster Web page. (Click link in footer)

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## 7.9 Drawing on lessons learned

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There is extensive material from cyclone Nargis and more recently from the Nepal response in particular. The SCT is working to draw on these resources.

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## 7.10 Website

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A floods response page has been added to the shelter cluster web portal: <http://www.sheltercluster.org/response/myanmar-floods-2015>

This site will be further populated in next days.

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## 7.11 Inter cluster coordination

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The coordinators have met with WaSH and are making contact with other key cluster coordinators. There is a regular ICCM meeting and this will be attended.

The team is working very closely with the UNHCR National Coordinator.

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## 7.12 Feedback

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The Shelter Coordination Team welcomes comment and feedback. If you can add to this report or suggest alterations/additions/corrections please contact Arnaud or Steve.

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