



MINUTES OF SHELTER CLUSTER MEETING

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The Floods Response Regional Shelter Cluster Coordination Team has prepared these minutes

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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

It was agreed that a Shelter Cluster meeting specific to floods response (outside of the Rakhine area) would be conducted in the UNHCR building every Wednesday at 9 a.m.

2 Attendance

Qatar Red Cross, UN-Habitat, Save the Children, World Vision, IFRC, MRCS, UN-OCHA, IOM, UNHCR.

3 Previous Minutes

Minutes from the Floods response of the previous Shelter Cluster Coordination (26/08/15) meeting were distributed and accepted.

4 Discussion

4.1 Agency updates

Save the Children: Is working in Magway, Chin (and Rakhine) with activities in WASH and Education sectors. Rakhine, Save the Children in Hakka accessed to 16 villages up to know. Communities do most of shelters. Church and communities are leading 8 temporary camps for a total of 6,000 people (in town or outside town): half of this people would have to move in long houses camp? Save the Children plan to provide support to these evacuation centers.

MRCS: Has been working in 12 states or regions through its branches, focusing in NFI and WASH sectors and distributing its stocks. Distributions included around one thousand of family kits, two thousands of tarpaulins and one thousand of shelter tool kits. MRCS is planning to move to recovery phase shortly. New hub in Kale, Tamu and Hakka. 3,500 HH targeted for recovery (wash and cash transfer To be determined).

UN-Habitat: Planning to work on the recovery phase (Magway and Sagaing) on mostly wash and infrastructures. Considering house reconstruction.

QRCS: Currently working in Rakhine State but thinking of responding to needs in other affected states or regions.



World Vision: Is still working in Chin State, Sagaing and Magway and had distribution of IOM shelter kits is underway: 705 in Kale, 100 in Chauk, 65 in Seikphyu and 130 in Kwangin. WV is also focusing on the delta area and would like to do some shelter work in Chin State.

IOM: 2,000 Tarpaulins and 10,000 Mosquito nets (from the Austrian government) will arrive over the weekend and will be available to distribute around next Tuesday (08/09). IOM is looking for partners to distribute them.

4.2 Needs and response analysis

An updated version of the SCT spread sheet, which summarizes shelter damage data and summarizes agency response, has been commented as well as two maps localizing respectively destroyed houses and damaged houses (according to government figures).

SCT is planning to produce much higher quality data when the reporting template (as detailed below 4.4) is operational.

The availability of reliable assessment from the probably highly affected area of Southern Chin has been discussed and partners have been asked to forward any document they might have come across.

4.3 Reporting template

Two reporting templates have been presented extensively to the partners:

As previously discussed, the SCT had been working to develop two simple reporting templates that correspond to two different activities and may come from different sources. Draft templates have been discussed in the previous meeting and recommendations from the partners have been included. The coordination team is expecting that these reporting mechanisms will give data convertible to useful IM products for the partners.

Assessment template designed to gather information at township level in three key aspects.

- The condition of housing stock (Severe / Moderate / Minor)
- The need for new (additional) housing for HH that may need/desire to move to a safer location
- Households that are currently displaced

This could be filled in by any actor.

4w reporting template designed to gather information across the complete range of possible shelter responses including emergency shelter, support for HH in evacuation/temporary shelters, recovery shelter etc

This will hopefully be filled in by any implementing partner.

The Information Manager (im.myanmar@sheltercluster.org) is available to help out the partners at any step of this process.

4.4 Strategy/recovery/forward thinking

Cluster leaders (Shelter, Food Security, Livelihood) and the cash working group are developing guidelines to harmonize the Cash Transfer Programs across sectors and organizations. The suggested approach is unconditional grants based on an Impact Matrix which was shared with the partners.

The discussion went around three main topics:

- How to harmonize with WASH approached which is seen as more 'community based'
- How to harmonize with government categories



- How to match the total funding available for cash grants and the number of beneficiaries with these guidance's.

4.5 Shelter Cluster focal points

- World Vision has volunteered to be Shelter Focal point for Thaubang Township in Ayeyarwady. The Shelter Focal person is Thet Paing Phyo /Phone:09976889936 / Email: thet_paing_phyo@wvi.org
- ADRA has volunteered to be Shelter Focal point in Kale Township in Sagaing. The Shelter Focal person is Lal Chhuan Liana (Liana) /Mobile phone number: 09258725625 /e-mail: lclianakt@gmail.com

Agencies willing to be Shelter Focal point at the township level are most welcome to volunteer. The main purpose of setting up Shelter Focal points is to create a channel of communication at the field level between agencies and to facilitate the flow of information. The SCT will produce a map with the name of the organisation and the Focal contact persons that will be posted on the Myanmar Floods Shelter Cluster website.

4.6 Any other business

Partners asked about the recovery mechanisms being put in place by the government and clarification around the structure at regional/local levels. According to UNOCHA, the HCT requested OCHA to look after coordination at the local level and UNDP/UNICEF and OCHA should possibly arrange coordination on the field.

5 Action items

1. SCT to forward IOM announcement on tarpaulins and mosquito nets available for distribution.
2. Agencies to report available assessment information covering any area but in particular Southern Chin.
3. SCT to issue the Assessment and 4w reporting templates to agencies and request that these be filled as accurately as possible and as soon as possible.

NOTE: Higher quality information is urgently required and immediate action on these templates will make a difference!

4. SCT to send a map and contacts of local focal points.
5. UN-OCHA to provide clarification on government response coordination mechanisms.
6. SCT to approach NGO networks.
7. Agencies to encourage NGO to be in contact with SCT.
8. SCT coordinator visit to Chin State.

6 Next meeting

Future meetings will be held at the UNHCR office at 9am each Wednesday so that shelter partners can attend the national Shelter Cluster meeting at 10am when that is being held.