

## MEETING NOTES

### SHELTER & NFI CLUSTER MEETING (NATIONAL)

Thursday 8 September 2016, 15:00, IOM Office, Addis Ababa

**Present:** IRC, ERCS, DRC, IOM, GOAL, ICRC, IMC

#### Action points

1. New 4W reporting template to be sent out with the minutes of the meeting
2. The cluster to provide updates following coordination meeting in Shire, Tigray on 19<sup>th</sup> September
3. The cluster to raise security and staff safety concerns following clashes during distribution in Meno town and the need for police report with OCHA.
4. Next 4W reporting date is Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September

#### Attachments:

- ETH\_ShelterNFI\_4WTemplate\_1609.xlsx
- ES-NFI\_DASHBOARD\_160908.pdf
- ETH\_ShelterNFI\_4W\_160905.pdf

1. **Welcome & Introduction:** Introduction of all present. NRC sent their apologies for not being able to attend the meeting today.

#### 2. Review of action points from previous meetings

Action points (25 August 2016)	
Development of Beneficiary Prioritization guidelines	Carried over to next meeting
The cluster to improve on 4W template and change reporting frequency to every 2 weeks during the flood response period.	Completed and will be sent out with the minutes of the meeting
Agencies are encouraged to share best practices for use of tarpaulins for emergency shelter.	

#### 3. Information Management:

The cluster shares the dashboard that summarizes displacement situation as well as shelter & NFI responses reported to date. Also shared in the meeting are distribution and pipeline summaries. Cluster partners are reminded that the new template will be sent out with the minute of this meeting and reporting is expected every 2 week – before the bi-weekly cluster meeting.

The cluster is also be looking to provide regional level summaries – this is currently happening in Somali, and possibly will also be required for the on-going Tigray displacement and response. Any questions, suggestions and amendment required for these summaries and the dashboard are to be directed to the coordinator.

#### 4. Updates:

Tigray

- ERCS had received request from its Tigray branch office, citing a total of 3,654 persons displaced from Amhara into Tigray. The majority of displaced populations are reported in Shire and Humera, with smaller numbers in Axum and Mekele – with the assumption that they are attempting to return to their place of origin. There has been no report of displacement within Amhara region. The request had been for food, shelter material, and NFIs.
- The federal government had announced assistance of ETB 6million to the displaced population. Regional government is planning to provide food and cash support – an average of ETB 3,000 per person.
- ERCS/ICRC, IRC, NRC and IOM had expressed capacity and interest to respond in Tigray with emergency shelter and household NFIs. However, it must be noted that there are limited resources available until the end of the year and that support and assistance should be provided based on assessed need on the ground.
- It was also noted that it is important to first understand the government's plan, and carry out a rapid assessment to better understand humanitarian gap and need. Images in news report were showed that many have travelled with a lot of their belongings; the displacements were reportedly more of a slow trickle rather than as a result of a sudden clash. Situations in Shire and Humera will also likely be different to those in Mekele and Axum and the response should reflect this. Distribution of standards kits may not be suitable in all situations.
- A coordination meeting is being planned by DPPB focal point in Shire for Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, with joint assessments being planned for 21-23<sup>th</sup> following the meeting. Agencies interested are request to ensure their field offices are aware of the meetings and contact IOM in Shire for further information. The cluster coordinator and DTM coordinator from Addis Ababa are planning to participate in the meeting and will provide updates to the cluster following the meeting.
- Current restrictions around ground transport from Addis Ababa to Tigray could be a challenge for partners to move stock up for the response.

#### East Hararge

- IOM shared that following the clashes IOM had been contacted by the Woreda authority to inform them of the looting of dignity kits stored in the school in Meno town (distribution point). At present it is unknown how many kits have been taken, IOM had around 4,600 kits in storage. More information is expected to be forth coming after New Year when it will be possible to do an inventory.
- ICRC/ERCS have not had reports of looting on their 1,600 kits; which were also kept in the same school.
- IMC had distributed most of their kits and had 90 kits out for distribution at the time, all of which have been looted on the day.
- Once inventories can be ascertained, agencies would require police report (or equivalent) in order to document losses and report to donors.
- There was also concern that since the distribution was endorsed by the elders, and DPPB, following a period of discussions and negotiations; this does not bode well for future responses in the region. The cluster to raise both this concerns and the need for police report with OCHA.
- ICRC suspected that the shooting came just at the time when distribution was wrapping up for Kebele with Oromia-dominant population to start on Kebele with Somali-dominant population. The Somali population had set up their areas a few kilometers outside of Meno town, where it felt safe, and had to travel to the school for distribution. ERCS explained that it was instructed by DPPB that all distributions are

to be done from the same location for both groups of population – a fact that may have exacerbated the situation.

- This raised a big concern in the meeting and it was stressed that agencies are also responsible to ensure that distribution plans are made with sensitivity towards existing community tension and conflicts. Geographical location of the distribution site plays very important political role within this context and agencies need to be mindful of this fact.

#### EHF

- Distribution of DFID kits for NRC is ongoing and a request for one-month no cost extension is being processed. Prepositioning of 500 Shelter & NFI and dignity kits in Gambela is completed and a plan is for additional 253 shelter & NFI and 281 dignity kits to also be transported there.

#### DfID Kits

- NDRMC, with the support of Logs cluster have been transporting DfID kits in Oromia to their final destination. IRC will be carrying out distribution of water purification chemical to the same population in West Arsi and can potentially support distribution and monitoring as required.
- IMC is also present in Arsi and can support there too.

### **5. MIDU Updates and Planned Assessments**

MIDU: The August report is being finalized today and will be shared with partners. In summary, during August, a total number of 40,896 individuals (7,774 households) were newly displaced due to flooding in Amhara (24,065 Ind / 4,813 HHs) and Oromia (4,675 Ind / 935 HHs) and conflict in Somali (12,156 Ind / 2,026 HHs).

The DTM team is also working to plan assessments for the new Amhara-Tigray displacements.

Joint assessments are being planned in Somali region for:

- Raso, Afder Zone: 251 households were reported displaced. Plan to do assessment next week with DPPB, Islamic Relief and ERCS. The IDPs were reportedly from West Hararge. IOM has preposition stock in Gode that can be used to response to the need of this group of displaced population.
- DekaSuftu, Liben Zone: 1,450 households reported displaced due to conflict. The joint assessment is also being planned with DPPB and IRC for the week following New Year. IRC can also support the shelter & NFI response here.
- Degehabur, Jarar Zone: Following the regional cluster meeting in Jijiga, Somali Region, IRC had been tasked to carry out the rapid assessment with DPPO to assess the displacement in Jarar zone.

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, 29 September, 14.00, IOM Office (TBC)**