

## STRATEGIC ADVISORY GROUP (SAG) MEETING

29<sup>th</sup> October 2015 from 10:00am – 12.00pm UNHCR Branch Office - Somalia

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Agenda
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## 1. Humanitarian Response Plan 2016: specific objectives for Shelter/NFIs

- The HRP Somalia 2016 is a 3 year plan with yearly targets to aid in achieving some impacts in the Somalia humanitarian scope. It is eventually summarized to a 1 year HRP that fits within the 3 year objective. For easier reporting, the indicators and the objectives/outcomes are less complex to eventually make the targets achievable. Currently the main objectives of the Shelter Cluster are:-
  - (i) Emergency response: includes ESKS and NFIs
  - (ii) Transitional Shelter Solutions:
  - (iii) Permanent Shelter: Durable Solutions and Local Integration
- With the exclusion of the multi-cluster program this year, all clusters are expected to have an integrated approach. This means that the returnees will be considered in all clusters and therefore IDP returns will be part of Shelter's people of concern. Returnees are part of the durable solution factor which involves returns, local integrations and resettlements. For instance, recently NRC implemented a multi-sector project funded by CHF and co-funded by NMFA and SIDA. They successfully facilitated the return of 500 households, 100 were from Gaalkacyo and 400 from Mogadishu to urban Baidoa. The refugees were given a standard minimum package that included transport (USD100 per household) and at their areas of return they received livelihood support, shelter (CGIs) and food.
- There will be a refugee chapter annexed to the HRP taking into account all refugees within Somalia and all the returning Somali refugees coming from Yemen, Ethiopia and Kenya. All clarifications regarding the refugee returnees should be discussed with UNHCR under the refugee chapter on the HRP.
- The Online Project System (OPS) will be open from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015 for cluster project submissions. The CRC will meet after the 12<sup>th</sup> November and clusters are expected to submit approved projects by the 24 of November 2015 (CRC members will fix an appropriate date for project reviews).
- Although the HRP is a 2 -pager summary, there will be a 4 pager (broader) response plan to be sent to members for better understanding of the strategic contents of the Shelter cluster. The new 15 pager draft Standard Operating Framework (SOF) also elaborates the whole strategic elements of SC.
- In the previous 3 year strategy, SC accomplished its targets by improving by 100% its land tenure requirements. It also successfully shifted its projects from contractor- driven approach to Owner driven approach (ODA). Almost 50% of shelter projects are now being implemented through real

collaboration with the communities and 10% of the projects are implemented using different modalities like cash and voucher mechanisms.

- Final objectives should therefore be feasible to measure by the wider cluster partners. Since there was a need to rephrase the objectives, SAG members unanimously agreed to have three objectives (Emergency, Transitional and Durable solutions) in the HRP rather than the previous two which were considered limiting. An overlap will always be expected between all the objectives.
- Draft objectives and guidance note will be sent to SAG members by COB 29<sup>th</sup> October 2015. It will include the criteria that the CRC will use in reviewing the submitted project proposals.
- The SC coordinator will make the drafts; send them out by COB Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November, after which the SAG members will forward their views, comments and feedback via email for consolidation. Final documents to be sent out to stakeholders by the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015.

## 2. Overview of SAG and Regional Coordinators election process

- The recent election of the new SAG was finalized through the SC Cluster Review Committee (CRC). SAG observers will comprise of ECHO, UNOCHA and the Protection Cluster Coordinator. The following agencies will be part of the Strategic Advisory Group 2015/2016.
  - UNHCR (lead)
  - UNHABITAT (co-chair)
  - REACH/ACTED
  - International Office of Migration (IOM)
  - Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)
  - Danish Refugee Council (DRC)
  - Sustainable Development and Peace building Initiatives (SYPD)
  - Horn of Africa Peace Network (HAPEN)
  - Diakonie (DKH)
- At field level, there were two gaps (Gedo and Nugaal) for regional shelter cluster coordinators. Only one candidate from NRC applied for the Nugaal position while in Gedo region there were two candidates, one from SYPD and the other one from SWARDA.
- Since SAG is mandated to elect the best partner for the regions, majority of the members voted for SYPD over SWARDA as SYPD has been implementing shelter projects, is part of the SAG/CRC and is also very active members of the shelter cluster.
- The field level gaps were finally filled as follows: Gedo – SYPD - Idris Mohamed  
Nugaal - NRC - Abdihakim Farah

### 3. Presentation of draft Standard Operating Framework

- SCC with the help of Clay Westrope came up with the 15 pages SOF draft with a number of annexes (M & E Framework, previous SOF, PDMs, SAG and CRC TORs, existing cluster tools, definition paper on sustainable shelter solution and typologies among others).
- Currently, the SOF is pure text; pictures and graphs are hence needed to make the SOF more presentable. The SCC will set out a competition for all cluster partners for the best pictures regarding localized solutions, beneficiary participation, land tenure and voucher mechanism. The Secretariat through the Coordinator will then choose appropriate pictures for use in the SOF with credits to the photographers and their respective organization for visibility. This will assist in making the shelter documents more interesting.

### 4. AOB

- *Elnino reports and assessments* – Sharing of reports and assessments should be encouraged. Regional Coordinators to be contacted to share assessments with the secretariat more frequently. SAG is also expected to push for the same through their organizations at field level.
- The collaborated effort of all shelter cluster stakeholders will lead to timely information and reaction especially in the event of emergencies. SCC to send an email to shelter partners requesting them to systematically share assessments.

### Annexes to the Minutes

*Annex 1* - Strategic Operating Framework

*Annex 2* - Guidance Note

*Annex 3* - 2016 Humanitarian Response Plan

### Definitions

TOR - Terms of reference

SAG - Strategic Advisory Group

CRC - Cluster Review Committee