

## **TECHNICAL GROUP MEETING**

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Overall purpose: concrete issues particularly around different types of response and what is appropriate in difference shelter responses.

### **BASIC AGENDA**

- Build Back Safer messaging
- Different approaches across different situations
- Shelter Kits
- Cash

### **1. BUILD BACK SAFER MESSAGING**

General typology across Fiji is cgi roofs, timber frame with weatherboard or bamboo walls. Minority have block or traditional thatch/ materials

TB – Proposal to reassess Build Back Safer messaging from TC Evans

LM – IFRC were in the process of updating the messaging to cover details around different materials and make small changes to the text

BF – BBS messaging should be very simple (aka Vanuatu) and address potentially the top 3 – 4 key messages

KB – Check for approvals needed from government for additional drawings

BF – Can we source Fiji Building Codes? Solomon Islands guidelines for Building? Or Building Research Establishment (England) for guideline system.

#### **ACTIONS:**

1. LM to source latest version of drawings (if have been started). Send around for comment to technical group.
2. ML to bring in hard copy of Building Code
3. BF to source other relevant publications
4. ALL by Wednesday come up with first shot at 4 key messages for awareness/ training

HFH looking at formal and informal settlements. Finalising reports. 12 – 15 between Lautoka and Rakiraki.

### **2. DIFFERENT APPROACHES**

Agreement that approach may vary and will be dependent on assessment of needs as they come in.

#### **ACTIONS:**

- TB to circulate targeting information from TC Evans

### **3. SHELTER KITS**

Discussion around potential different options . Agreement that all will work with the following in mind:

**Fiji Household kit:** standard shelter kit (2 x tarpaulin and rope) per household (absolute minimum) plus a fixing kit (to be developed. Includes nails, strapping etc)

**Community toolkit:** standard IFRC toolkit (spec attached). 1 per 5 families

**Estimates:** 30K Fiji Household Kit & 6K toolkit

**Important related considerations:**

- What areas have been covered by NDMO and with what?
- How many shelter kits will shelterbox be bringing in? Advocacy to bring kits over shelter boxes

CGI sheets (and timber?) to be part of ongoing package. IOM have already consulted Vinod Patel about timelines and ability to source large orders of CGI (up to 20,000 sheets per week). Fiji standard is 26 gauge zincaluminum. HFH can get sheets (10' x 3') for 23 FJD each (delivered). Estimated 10 sheets per family.

This needs to be targeted in appeal, including potentially the logistics element to procure and distribute.

AP - Run off educated guesses for flash appeal. Important to set up task force on mapping of totally destroyed houses (Sebastian @ OCHA)

Discussion around additional items (eg solar lamps). Agreement that these will come under Protection.

**ACTIONS:**

- BF to develop contents of fixing kits.
- ML to work with BF and AL around costing of materials

**4. CASH**

Discussion around cash vs vouchers in context. ML and KB confirmed vouchers more effective.

Vinod Patel has done it before. Vouchers would be for urban (viti levu, savusavu and anything along on the main road), kits would be for rural (predominantly). Could be a catalogue of items (a la Steve Barton)

Need to involve local NGOs: People's Community Network, Community Service Network (Annie Madden), Friends, Rotary

**ACTIONS**

TB - Contact Adra cash person and local NGOs

**NEXT MEETING:** TUESDAY 1 MARCH 10am, MINISTRY OF HOUSING