

## SHELTER CLUSTER STRATEGIC ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

19<sup>th</sup> January 2017 from 02:00pm – 04.00pm UNHCR Conference Hall Branch Office Kenya, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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#### 1. SAG elections and slight changes to ToR

The members noted that the participation, inputs and contribution of SAG members for advocacy, information sharing, coordination and response is influenced by the following factors:

1. Practical experience by the partner in Somalia context.
2. The mandate of the partners.

The following were the suggestions made for changes in the ToR of SAG:

1. Engage more in-depth bilaterally with the members
2. Shelter cluster to engage in the higher level of advocacy in the broader structure of the humanitarian hierarchy (ICCG, HCT) through value addition (useful methodologies, mapping data etc.)

3. Identify one or two agencies good in advocacy within the SAG to help the cluster in producing advocacy materials and strategy.
4. Link with protection cluster to do common advocacy.
5. Increase the number of the SAG members. NOTE: We are in a competitive environment. Clusters like food security and WASH attract much funds in Somalia context. What will make shelter cluster more attractive is not how we are organized, but the stuff we produce. (Methodologies adopted by other clusters, tools, data... etc.).
6. Improve the visibility of the integration with other clusters and development.)
7. Propose ad hoc area based joint meetings with other clusters in line with shelter cluster strategic priorities.
8. We need to improve our knowledge management system and update out terms of reference. What have we tried, what has worked, what has changed, how can we reinvent ourselves? Revise the strategic operating framework.
9. Engage the government more and more in the SAG for handover process purposes (NCRI, DMA, MOI, BRA, JRIA). Regional coordination to be co-chaired by the government. Some of the national cluster meetings to be moved to the field.
10. New SAG to be elected after the finalization of the ToR. The proposed composition is: 3 UN agencies, 3 large INGOs, 3 small INGOs, and 3 national NGOs. Other members playing observer roles will be: ECHO, ICRC and REACH.

## 2. Shelter Cluster structure

Change of the ToR will mean need for more staff in the secretariat (Fundraising, advocacy, information dissemination, donor relations, knowledge management, etc. to create more bilateral and non-conventional funds.)

Cluster coordinator's position is being pushed to become institutionalized as a UNHCR contract (By mid this year, or early next year. Cluster support and IM positions as well). This means there will be opportunity to get other secondments into the cluster. A new position is proposed: Shelter cluster technical deputy coordinator who will sit in an agency which has more flexibility to travel in the field than the UN agencies, and will start doing trainings at field level. Funding options: UNHCR, NORCAP, UNHABITAT (institutionalization of the co-chair as a technical person), and any other partner. Questions raised were how this will be done: Second co-chair? How do we fix in the government? Observer? How will it be aligned to UNOCHA coordination structure?

## 3. SHF/CERF allocation

SHF/CERF allocation. Shelter cluster is getting \$1.15M. \$700,000 from CERF and \$450,000 from SHF. Call for proposals is on 20th January 2017 for projects responding to drought in the whole of Somalia. More advocacy is needed for shelter funding especially to highlight the shelter needs due to drought displacements.

#### 4. New emergency response system

The shelter cluster requires new emergency response system to improve the timeliness of response. For this we need leadership similar to that of the regional cluster coordination system. Current CERF and SHF allocation is proposed to be used to start triggering this system, which should be in place before April, although partners are free to apply for funding projects that respond to those severely affected by drought.

The cluster will push more for bilateral funding, and the proposed system is to have agencies volunteer to take up the responsibility for leadership in advocacy and response to emergencies in different region.

The coordinator will send an email to the partners in the field asking what their response plans are for the drought emergency and where, level of funding do they; and determine what the capacity of all shelter partners is all together.

The SAG will then use this information to agree on the ToR for emergency response mechanism purely looking at displacement oriented emergency needs. (Proposed: Pipeline system, market system, or hybrid).

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#### 5. AOB

Members felt there was need to schedule the shelter cluster meetings.

The desire to have the technical working group back or community of practice was also discussed. A proposal was also made to have the technical deputy coordinator roving in different regions and hold technical working groups with Nairobi connected on VCT.

Members pointed out the need for members to share ideas and learn from each other; and to have a vibrant group with members participating in lively discussions and specific calendar that does not only depend on the cluster coordinator. The question raised was whether this should be on monthly regional meetings, quarterly meetings, or yearly dissemination workshops?

#### 6. ACTION POINTS

1. Martijn, Teresa and Jorgen to work on the revised draft of SAG ToR.
2. The cluster coordinator will do an evaluation of the national and regional coordination, share and propose new changes for improvement to the SAG.
3. More advocacy is needed for shelter funding especially to highlight the shelter needs due to drought displacements. The cluster will advocate for more bilateral funding.
4. The cluster coordinator will send an email to the partners in the field asking what their response plans are for the drought emergency and where, level of funding do they; and determine what the capacity of all shelter partners is all together. The SAG will then use this information to agree on the ToR for emergency response mechanism purely looking at displacement oriented emergency needs.
5. The cluster coordinator to share NFI working group documents to show case what interesting things other countries are doing, especially trade fairs.