

## MEETING NOTES

### SHELTER/ NFI CLUSTER MEETING (FEDERAL)

Friday, 12/Oct/2018, 10:00 hours, NDRMC, Addis Ababa

**Attendance:** CARE, CONCERN, CRS, CST, ERCS, GOAL, ICRC, IOM, IRC, PARDA, UNICEF, OCHA, NRC, USAID, World Vision, Save the Children

**Power Point presentation:** See attachments

#### Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Adoption of minutes and Action Points
- Information Management Update
- Benishangul Gumuz situation and response
- Gedeo-Guji updates
- EHF update: Gedeo Guji proposals, and EHF criteria generally
- HLP mission and workshop (14th - 24th October)
- Ethiopia Country Profiling
- SNFI TWiG and Global Shelter Cluster Plan SOPs on distributions
- Local language CHS translation proof reading group
- Partners Update
- AOB
- Next meeting date and place
  
- **Adoption of minutes of last meeting and review of action points**

After an update on the status of the last action points current action point are as follows:

No.	Action points from 25/Sep/18	Who	When	Status
1	Dawa Zone Assessment	Regional Office / Partners	October	Done
2	Mickael to work on Standardization of Kits definition and suggestions together with the sub group	Cluster IMO	TBD	Pending
3	Report Hub Demo	iMMAP	TBD	Pending
4	Partners Presence online Dashboard	Cluster IMO	Draft	Pending due to unavailability of information.

... the minutes of the last meeting (25/09/2018) were adopted.

- **IM Updates**

- a. West Guji – Gedeo latest returnees figures were displayed.
- b. Benishangul Gumuz – Oromia conflict map has been displayed. IDPs in need figures and also response plan displayed.
- c. Partners' Presence dashboard displayed. Some of the partners share information but cluster still waiting for information from remaining partners.

- **Benishangul Gumuz – Oromia Conflict**

- a. This was initially spoken by Dawit Abraham (NDRMC) giving an overview of the situation, government assessment and response to date.
- b. World Vision, Save the Children are doing joint assessment in the conflict areas. Once their report is presented it will help Cluster and other partners to plan ESNFI distribution activities. Report is currently expected to be out on Monday 15th
- c. OCHA expressed the intention to deploy an emergency coordinator soon to this conflict area. Also need to develop Partners' presence in affected areas. OCHA will provide more updates on Monday.
- d. NRC mentioned their plan to distribute 1500 IOM kits, 750 kits to each region. Depending of the gaps they will decide how many more kits they can distribute from their internal funds.
- e. ICRC went to East Wallega zone and observed 17 schools were suspended due to this conflict and now IDPs are staying in the schools. These IDPs are in need of NFIs. ICRC will identify the most vulnerable IDPs and will support them as much as possible.
- f. World Vision mentioned that there are 128,000 IDPs in total as per their initial findings. They will publish the final report soon, as above There is no significance assistance available in current situation. They are planning to support 1100 HHS.
- g. Save the Children went for assessment of 24 sites in East Wallega. They are preparing the report and will publish soon. Reported ESNFI need. They will publish the Assessment report by Monday 15th.
- h. ERCS mentioned that they are planning distribution of 1000 NFI kits in the conflict area.

- **West Guji – Gedeo Updates**

- a. Cluster Coordinator Mark visited Dilla Tuesday – Thursday this week and reported on meetings and activities during that time. There was an initial meeting with new EOC head, Ato Taye, in Dilla this week to discuss the way forward for the response plan. Ato Taye is now directly responsible for both Gedeo and West Guji EOCs, and will consequently be dividing his time between Dilla and Bule Hora.
- b. Sub-national Cluster Coordinator Phil has responsibility for both zones, and from now on is expected to be based mainly in Bule Hora; with likely split roughly 5 days per week in Bule Hora and 2 days in Dilla to attend important meetings.
- c. Wide disparity in figures given for returnees between the two zonal governments is persisting which is creating difficulties in planning response activities. It is hoped that having one EOC head across both zones will help in resolving this
- d. A large number of returnees are reported to be staying in Collective Centres and have still not returned to their home villages due to security reasons. Their needs are acute, as most appear to have arrived without the goods they received as NFI distributions

- e. Access to some of the sites and woredas has still been restricted for assessments and distribution. This appears to have been generated mainly by decisions of woreda/kebele governments, as this is not in alignment with the agreements made and policy endorsed by NDRMC
- f. Agreement with EOC/NDRMC will be in place to overcome this problems.
- g. OCHA to provide report on the Blockages; noted that the Matrix established to record and report access issues has not been consistently used. Partners in the field are reported not to have been using the Matrix, for lack of confidence that the issues will be effectively addressed. It was emphasized by both OCHA and NDRMC that (1) the matrix needs to be used if issues are to be resolved, and (2) there needs to be rapid escalation if any partner feels that the issue has not been effectively and quickly addressed in the field. OCHA indicates that continuing issues need to be addressed in the Humanitarian Country Team; NDRMC also stressed the need for them to be informed in a timely manner.
- h. Partners are looking for providing Response to the Returnees.
- i. OCHA has mentioned that operational guidelines to West Guji - Gedeo response have now been published.
- j. OCHA has mentioned that there had been a suspension of the Cash intervention in West Guji due to problems in implementation, and insistence by Zone government. Cash Working Group has been focusing on means to address the issues, including mitigation measures to make cash interventions viable and mitigate the risks highlighted by government and others. Final meeting of key CWG members to determine strategy takes place today, and recommendations for re-launch should soon be ready. CARE mentioned that they have been in beneficiaries targeting process in Gedeo and haven't met any opposition or blockage.
- k. OCHA mentioned that the EHF advisory board meeting yesterday has reversed the freeze on EHF funding for Gedeo-Guji, and that this should be formally announced and guidelines and total budget made clear during the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> October; and that the Board preferred Cash intervention for the forthcoming ESNFI response for West-Guji-Gedeo return and recovery
- l. NDRMC has mentioned the 145,000 returnees to Gedeo zone. Food distribution is going on. From this distribution they are getting the returnee figures.
- m. IOM asked how the EHF funding allocation to Gedeo – West Guji will be decided; particularly whether the same mechanism of shared planning by partners and cluster coordination in the field will be followed. OCHA and Cluster Coordinator replied that it has to be in line with Dilla – Bule Hora and Addis offices; that there will likely not be radical change in the partners funded and funding levels, but that assessment and recommendations will be done between national and sub-national cluster coordination, in dialogue with partners.

- **EHF Funding**

- a. Most of the EHF funding question were covered during the West Guji – Gedeo response discussion.
- b. EHF funding updates will be clear in the next week, including final level of allocation to ESNFI, which could be somewhat changed from the initial amount stated.

- **HLP**

- a. From Global Shelter Cluster, consultant Mr. Ibere Lopes is coming to Ethiopia for 10 days mission commencing 14<sup>th</sup> October
- b. Meetings with EOC and Partners in Gedeo-Guji will be fixed.
- c. NRC did some assessment and it has the HLP issues so like to discuss the HLP issues with the Consultant.

- d. 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 HLP Full day workshop will be held. Invitation will be sent out soon with date, time and place.
- **Ethiopia – Country Shelter Profile.**
    - a. Victoria mentioned that country shelter profile for Ethiopia draft is in progress and will share the first draft so as to give a rough idea of the format, via the IMOs.
    - b. Victoria also asked partners to share any suggestions, photographs of **good local shelter practice** and information related to country profile and she will accommodate in the Draft version.
    - c. Any submissions should give details of location, key elements, and name of photographer or contributor. Note; Contributors will be acknowledged in the document which will be shared widely through the Global Shelter Cluster.
  - **TWiG Updates**
    - a. Wambua, seconded from UNICEF to support the cluster, mentioned that he had a meeting with 3 Partners to discuss and understand the challenges in Logistics perspective and very much satisfied with the Partners’ response, now presented in a draft report
    - b. He also urged other partners to discuss the same issues with him.
    - c. The original TOR for the TWiG was to establish costs of materials (for funding proposals and cash equivalent) kit contents, including the issues relating to split kits. This is now naturally expanding to also cover logistics and distribution recommendations.
    - d. Date and Place of the Twig meeting has to be declared after consultation with NDRMC.
  - **Core Humanitarian Standard**
    - a. Victoria presented the Core Humanitarian Standard booklet.
    - b. Need to be translated in the local languages. IOM will be funding the translation.
    - c. Already available in Amharic and Oromiffa languages.
    - d. The translations are being carried out by professional translation services. However, they will need to be checked for accuracy and contextualization. The CHS Guidelines recommend a local committee of volunteers of around 5-people should be formed to review the document before signing it off. CAFOD recommend contacting the Inter-Cluster Accountability Working Group for support and guidance.
  - **Partners’ Updates**
    - a. East Hararghe IDP numbers are increasing.
    - b. Cluster needs to focus East Hararge same as West Guji – Gedeo and Benishangul Gumu – Oromia conflicts, as the problem is increasing, not going away
    - c. Partners provided their distribution and planning updates.
    - d. NRC did assessment in Doolo.
    - e. Issue of distributed Plastic sheets are seen on the roads to be sale in Gedeo. Brief response from Cluster Coordinator as to different reasons why some beneficiaries, particularly returnees, had sold these goods.

Action	Who	When	Status
1. Partners to provide information for “Partners’ Presence Dashboard”	Partners	As early as possible	
2. Partners to provide information to Victoria for Ethiopia – Country Shelter Profile.	Partners		
3. Partners to provide Distribution, Planning, Stocks & Pipeline and Funding Information to Cluster	Partners	Every two weeks	
4. TWiG 2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting	Victoria	Next Week	

- **Next Meeting**  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018, 10 AM at NDRMC, Addis Ababa.

**Attachment 1:** Meeting Power Point Presentation