



Minutes of meeting of the Shelter Sector Grand Bahama (SSGB) DRAFT

Date	17 th of January 2020
Venue	DRA training room– Star Insurance building
Time	9am – 10.30am
Present	Disaster Reconstruction Authority (DRA), NEMA, GB Department of Social Services, Grand Bahama Port Authority (GBPA), Grand Bahama Disaster Relief Foundation (GBDRF), International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC), Bahamas Red Cross (BRC), Bahamas Methodist Habitat (BMH), St Bernard Project (SBP), CRS/Caritas, ADRA, United Rescue Alliance
Chair	Chair : Tammi Mitchell, NEMA/DRA Co-chair : Xavier Genot, Shelter Sector National Co-Coordinator
Next meeting	Due to DRA retreat from 23 rd to 25 th January, the next meeting will be held at 9am on Friday 31 st January, followed by a TWG meeting at 10:30am – DRA training room, Star Insurance Building

Items shared with these minutes
Annex 1: Pledging Conference, 13 th Jan, Nassau – Eng. Carlos Palacios Presentation on Build Back Better
Annex 2: Current shelter scenario (off and on islands) for Abaco – for comments & inputs from partners for GB situation.
Annex 3: Meeting presentation

Actions	Responsible	timeline	Update
Point 1: Tammi confirms the damage level assessed by MoPW will be used for giving house repair voucher. How GBPA damage assessment levels relate to MoPW damage assessment levels still to be determined.	DRA/GBPA due to meet in next 7 days	Next meeting	
Point 2: Partners highlight lack of response & damage data and other information from official sources hampering them giving updates, which is causing issues to maintain donor interest. DRA confirms they are looking at what can be released and not. SS coordination team also looking at what can be put on Cluster Fact Sheet that can also help partners, a draft will be prepared for DRA review and approval.	DRA Shelter Sector Coordination Team	Next meeting	
Point 3: UNDP support MoPW and Bahamas Architecture School Build Back Better Booklet. Check if budget is required if agencies want to distribute booklet or UNDP will do all printing.	SSGB Coordination team to get update from Building Control, Nassau, and UNDP.	Next meeting	
Point 4: DRA to investigate how the potential government supported labour for house repair will work in practice, to help partners plan.	DRA	Next meeting	
Point 5: GBPA will look into making an electronic copy of the supplementary building regulations available on website. This will have a small fee	GBPA	Next meeting	



needed for download. Will give electronic supplementary building codes document for free to NGOs working in Freeport.			
Point 6: 3W - SS coordination team is processing revision of the template and process with DRA. Partners can contact Ryan on im.bahamas@sheltercluster.org – if needed.	SS Coordination team / all partners	ongoing process	
Point 7: As part of the situation analysis chapter of the Strategic Framework, an analysis for current affected population (off and on island) has been developed for Abaco. The same should be developed for GB.	SS Coordination team to send draft for input / all partners to contribute	Next meeting	

1. Introductions

- Introduction by Tammi Mitchell, Disaster Reconstruction Authority (DRA) Shelter Sector Lead in Grand Bahama. TAMMIMITCHELL@BAHAMAS.GOV.BS . Tammi was NEMA Supplies Officer previously, has over 20 years' experience in Disaster Management, is a certified FEMA trainer for a range of DM related activities. Has previously facilitated awareness sessions with households and contractors working with MoPW also.
- Shelter Sector Coordination Team now composed of 3 people. Coordinator - Xavier Genot (Coord.Bahamas@sheltercluster.org), Technical Coordinator - David Dalgado (Tech.Bahamas@sheltercluster.org) and Information Manager & Abaco Hub Coordinator - Ryan Smith (IM.Bahamas@sheltercluster.org). Xavier Génot is the focal point for SSGB.
- GB MoPW representative apologize not to be present, but SS coordination team met them yesterday to update partners during this meeting.

2. Strategic Framework

- Xavier presented the Shelter sector Strategic Framework, that has been developed during the last 3 weeks with the analysis of Shelter sector 3W, all available assessment reports and inputs from partners. This document is built from the initial Shelter Sector strategy. It comprise and updated situation analysis, including aerial and building damage assessments analysis, as for current shelter scenario for the affected population in Abaco. It also include a complete mapping of partners and activities for Abaco, GB and New Providence related to 3 strategic objectives and related response options. This document is aligned on Government priorities. It will allow to adapt the 3W monitoring system, as for technical guidance for some of the response options.
- It has been presented to DRA managing director who agreed to move forward with the process, then presented to partners on Abaco last week, and during this meeting in GB.
- DRA don't want to have any statistics or maps circulated to the public, before their approval. This document will be shared with response partners on the condition that it will not circulated to other stakeholders or published on public website.
- An updated version will be finalized next week, for DRA to approve it for sharing with partners. There will be room for comments and inputs from partners.
- There is a need to conduct similar analysis of current shelter scenario for GB affected population, off and on island, as the one conducted for Abaco.

Discussion:

- MoPW building damage assessments and Social Services Household assessments have not been shared yet by the government with the Shelter Sector partners. Their mapping at subdivision/settlement level would help to support



collective planning, and identification of the gaps. This issue is raised by partners, as this is significantly affect ability to target interventions towards gaps.

3. Government of Bahamas House Repair Assistance

- Tammi confirms the damage level assessed by MoPW will be used for giving house repair voucher amounts 2.5k, 5k, 7.5k, 10k BDS. The voucher will be redeemable against materials from material suppliers.
- As previously announced Gov. of Bahamas DRA is considering supporting labour to support house repairs, and this will be on-top of the house repair voucher assistance. Humanitarian agency partner raises the point that this may be complicated to involve this labour in agency programmes to allow them to effectively manage delivery of house repairs, suggested DRA considers support through material supplies instead.

4. Technical Update

- UNDP supported MoPW & Bahamas Architecture School Build Back Better Booklet. 1st draft issued to MoPW for review last week. Still expected out end of January. Not been possible for partners to get access to comment on draft. Also not clear if budget is required if agencies want to distribute booklet or UNDP will do all printing.
- Information update from MoPW (delivered by David Dalgado – output of SSGB meeting with MoPW):
 - For works requiring building permit use approved Contractors. List published online.
 - Increasing number of Inspectors temporarily.
 - Inspections within 48-72hrs current MoPW GB Hotline: **+1 242 727 8837**.
 - Once shingles and water shield strip, we require an inspection. This inspection is free.
 - Electricals, Plumbing, Structural require building permit.
 - MoPW did previously do Contractor Seminars
 - MoPW previously did townhall meetings.
 - Share agency failure mechanism assessment notes – SCT team. Can be fed into Gov. hurricane meeting & eventual code revision.
- Information update from GBPA
 - Licensed contractors also required for construction works.
 - Currently Building Department Inspections are free and they can respond in 24hrs.
 - They would consider stripping of plywood cover of roof as structural and require permit if more than 25% of roof stripped.
 - Will look into making an electronic copy of the supplementary building regulations available on website. This will have a small fee needed for download.
 - Will give electronic supplementary building codes document for free to NGOs working in Freeport.
- Agency partner raises point that if governments and local governance structures want to promote knowledge of and compliance with building codes and regulations then these should be made available (at least online) at no cost. This is similar to what happens in many countries around the world.

5. Social Services update

- No update

6. Partner updates

Note: all updates related to House repairs will be discussed during following TWG meeting.

IFRC: Rental – 200 households for 6 months up to 700 USD per month.

Bahamas Methodist Habitat – aware that perhaps one Eleuthera foundation is planning to do a small amount of rental support also.

4. AOB



- General discussion amongst partners regarding how to better involve national NGOs in coordination mechanisms. This should be discussed with NEMA and DRA.
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