



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

Date	7 th of February 2020
Venue	DRA training room– Star Insurance building
Time	9am – 10.30am
Present	Disaster Reconstruction Authority (DRA), NEMA, Grand Bahama Port Authority (GBPA), Department of Social Services, Bahamas Red Cross (BRC)/International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC), Grand Bahama Disaster Relief Foundation, CRS/Caritas, Bahamas Methodists Habitat, Shelter Sector coordination team (SCT - deployed by IFRC), Crisis Response International (CRI)
Chair	Chair : Tammi Mitchell, NEMA/DRA Co-chair : Xavier Genot, Shelter Sector National Co-Coordinator
Next meeting	The next meeting, 9AM on Friday 14 th February – DRA training room, Star Insurance Building

Items shared with these minutes

- Annex 1: Meeting presentation
- Annex 2: Current shelter scenario (off and on islands) for Abaco – for comments & inputs from partners for GB situation.
- Annex 3: Key issues & Challenges Grand Bahama - DRAFT
- Annex 4: Homes repairs programme information: <https://www.facebook.com/BAHDisasterReconAuthority/>

Actions	Responsible	timeline	Update
Point 1: 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 sent draft for input / all partners to contribute	Tuesday 10 th February COB	Still pending, last deadline for input is on Tuesday, if partners want this to be included in the current version of the Strategic Framework
Point 2: Partners to feedback on the Strategic Framework before Tuesday 10 th February COB	All response partners to contribute	Tuesday 10 th February COB	

Introductions

- Introduction by Tammi Mitchell, Disaster Reconstruction Authority (DRA) Shelter Sector Lead in Grand Bahama. TAMMIMITCHELL@BAHAMAS.GOV.BS. The Small Home repairs programme, will be launched next Monday 10th February. DRA is really busy in preparing it. A press briefing will be held with media for this event on Monday 10th February and NGOs are invited.

1. General coordination update

- Strategic Framework: Inputs deadline on Tuesday COB
- For all partners to please feed on current Shelter Scenario for affected population (on/off island) before Tuesday COB
- No comment from partners on 3W update information. See attached presentation. Last call for 3W update COB, for consolidation of planning and response information.



Shelter Sector Bahamas
ShelterCluster.org
Coordinating Humanitarian Shelter

Information Management update

Objective 1: Enabling access to temporary shelter solutions (*Past/ongoing & planned activities- Households*)

Activity	Grand Bahama	Total
1.1 Shelter NFIs distributions (tarpaulins &/or toolkits)	1,282	3,204
1.2 Rental assistance/Host family support	535	535
1.4 Tarping roof	300	555

Objective 2: Restoring permanent housing options (*Completed, ongoing & planned activities- Housing Units*)

Activity	Grand Bahama	Total
2.2 Mucking and gutting	798	1,106
2.3 Mold remediation	814	1,102
2.4 Non structural repair	1,071	1,912
2.5 Structural repair	312	782

House Repairs Dashboard		Region
2.4 Non structural repair		All GB
2.5 Structural repair		
Shelter Sector Partner		
ADRA	30	
Bahamas Methodist Habitat		
CRS / Caritas	227	
GER3	70	
IFRC / BRC	200	
Lutheran Disaster Response		
Rotary	83	
Samaritan's Purse	230	
Samaritan's Purse / USAID	300	
SBP	210	
SBP / GBDRF	30	
United Rescue Alliance		
World Hope International	03	
	1,383	
	Housing Units - Completed, Ongoing & Planned	

Discussion

- DRA informed that MoPW may be waiting for DRA to convene a meeting to discuss the issue related to tidal surge hazard and reconstruction. This is particularly important in relation to those that need to rebuild base floor level 12" above known flood level (as per the building code), when known flood level is now tidal surge level and hence likely too high to do affordably with stilts and in compliance with the code. BNGIS may also need to be part of this discussion.
- DRA informs that after Hurricane Francis and Joaquin that IDB supported hazard mapping and this needs to be formally requested through the proper channels for sharing.



- DRA to announce meeting schedule because there is concern that there are too many meetings at present, to go on a monthly basis, as for the disaster committee practices. Partners express some concern that it might be too early to go to once per month and that there is a risk of the response becoming fragmented. Ms Tammi Mitchell indicates that she does not object to partners meeting outside of the once a month official meeting with DRA, but nevertheless, will look at the scheduling and frequency and advise shortly.
 - Some partners call for meetings to be more like working groups around specific issues. DRA does not object to partners doing this. DRA propose that Stephanie from Bahamas Methodist Habitat would help to liaise between DRA and partners.
 - SCT: Today's discussion on key issues & challenges is aiming to help DRA and partners to collectively identify what they should focus on with the coordination moving forward. After identification today, next week we could look at how to address them, and if some partners could help to drive discussion.
 - SCT: has co-chaired and facilitated up to 34 documented meetings (10 in Abaco, 12, in Grand Bahama, 2 in New Provinces, and 10 Technical Working Groups)
 - SCT: IFRC has deployed a dedicated Shelter Coordination Team to support the coordination to the response to hurricane Dorian with NEMA, DRA and partners. SCT will handover to DRA all coordination systems (3W, contact list, WhatsApp groups, etc...) and key finalized documents (Strategic Framework, Technical Guidelines and other documents). This is a full time job and with the SCT phasing out on February 20th, it should be well understood that IFRC in country delegation will focus on response as for the other Shelter Sector partners, and not be able to facilitate anymore coordination platform as done by the SCT.

 - On the question of approved contractors under DRA for labour related to the small homes repair programme, the details of how approved contractors is still being worked out but will involve some assessment of competency and they must also have a business licence. Also noted in "Port Area" they would need to be licensed by the Port. SCT aware that MoPW Building Control previously advised that for non "Port Area" GB business licence does not indicate competency since anyone with \$100 can register for a license in anything they want.
 - On DRA Inspectors in relation to small homes programme, DRA proposing to bring in inspectors but details and system of inspection still being worked out.
 - DRA MD (Ms Smith) is due to meet with the banks shortly to discuss issues around housing finance and mortgages for those affected by Dorian. Not clear if this relates to mortgage payment holidays or soft-mortgage interest rates for reconstruction.
- 2. Technical Update**
- UNDP still unclear if they have funding for TAC for GB, but some plan for Richard Kelly to come to GB next week if even for a day and partners should make a point of trying to meet with him if asked.
 - UNDP booklet expected to go to graphic designer end of February currently.
 - Shelter Sector BBB Interim messages have been progressed and further work due on them in the coming week
- 3. Partner updates**
- Crisis Relief International – worried that volunteers may not be able to work in a strict regulatory environment. Shelter Sector Technical Coordinator – depends what sort of work and where. Will share Permitting guidance which includes references to this.



4. Key Challenges and Issues

- This is the table of challenges and issues, with partners voted prioritization. How to address the most important will be at the agenda of next week meeting:

	Key issues & Challenges	GB
1	Material pipeline challenges - shipping Bottleneck - important due to limited timeframe before next season	5
2	Labour (skilled & unskilled) capacity, access and availability concerns	5
3	Hurricane season preparedness while focus on reconstruction - role of NGOs	5
4	Humanitarian agencies plans & eligibility criteria / timeframes, communication with affected communities (town hall meeting and other channels)	4
5	Limited plans & capacity yo support fully destroyed / Major damaged homes	3
6	Socio-economic vulnerability focus & criteria versus focusing on damages	2
7	HLP issues - Generational land / Diligence level check/needs / No build zones (Abaco)	2
8	Clarity on damage data to understand different caseloads and support planning / gaps / avoid duplication	2
9	Some agencies do not coordinating & reporting	1
10	Hazard mapping - BBB and 12" above flood elevation	1
11	BBB & shortage of key construction elements	1
12	Inspectors/supervisors	1
13	Support to renters	
14	Support to those under insured	
15	Limited clarity on UNDP supported TAC in Grand Bahama	
16	Competency / licensing of labour	
17	Community outreach Socio-economic technical assistance outreach - messaging in common (messaging, outreach)	
18	Housing finance access & financial assistance	
19	Evacuees in Nassau - gov hotel, 3 to 6 months	
20	BPL, electricity, utilities	
21	Procurement: can't buy locally, Nassau & Abroad - Customs (letter exempt)	
22	Logistic: time dely, shipping + port capacity	
23	Detailed monitoring	

5. Any Other Business

- Next meeting will be. Friday 14th February, 9:00 to 10:30, @ DRA training room in Freeport.