



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS SECOND VIRTUAL MEETING

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Date: 9 of July 2020

Time: 10AM – 11AM (EST)

Participants

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Agenda

10:00	Introduction of participants
10:05	Recap of agreed steps
10:10	Presentation of Joint Market Monitoring Initiative - REACH
10:20	Presentation of Response Plan for the Caribbean – HFHI and CRS
10:30	Q&A
10:40	Mapping of local focal points
10:50	Workplan discussion and task assignment
11:00	End of the meeting

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Item #1: Recap of agreed steps

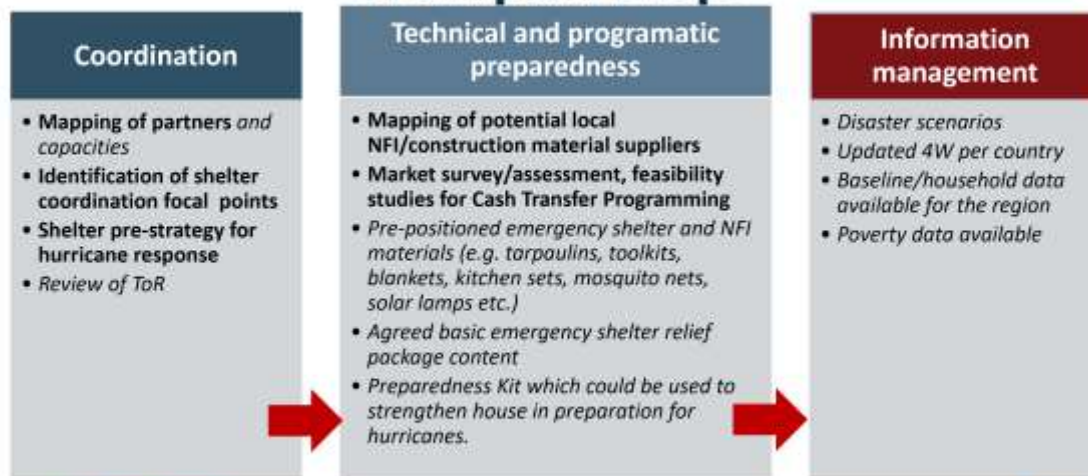
The proposed **objectives of this Technical Working Group** have been updated following last week's discussion as following:

- To outline coordination arrangements and preparedness actions to address the shelter needs of vulnerable people and communities;
- To promote cooperation and coordination among relevant organizations, including national governments, NGOs, INGOs, UN Agencies, and the private sector;
- Advance COVID-19 shelter-related preparations, to overcome the added challenges affecting communities and preventing the mobilization of international support.

Likewise, actions discussed las week are summarized in the following **proposed workplan** (Steps agreed are written in bold letters and proposed actions are written in italics).



Workplan steps



CRS, Habitat for Humanity and REACH have agreed to present their experiences in some of those steps.

Item #2: Presentation of Joint Market Monitoring Initiative - REACH

REACH is a joint initiative of IMPACT, ACTED and the United Nations Operational Satellite Applications Programme (UNOSAT). It provides data, information and analysis from contexts of crisis, disaster and displacement. The work of REACH feeds into aid response and decision-making by providing precise information on the humanitarian situation of crisis-affected populations.

Alexandra Goldsack presented the Joint Market Monitoring Initiative (JMMI), an approach to informing market-based humanitarian responses by assessing market functionality and dynamics, geographical variations, as well as the monitoring of price fluctuations for core household items (including food, hygiene and sanitation items) which comprise the Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) for the relevant context (see 2-pager shared last week). Currently, it's been implemented in Colombia and being launched in Venezuela. Once a cash-working group is established, data can be collected by partners of the group in their context. They will also have access to the processed data and the results of the data analysis.

It is possible to perform a general market assessment of shelter items before a hurricane hits the region, either REACH themselves or through local partners if there are enough capacities on the ground, but we would need to seek funding.

Item #3: Rapid Disaster Response Plan (RDRP) in COVID19 times – Habitat for Humanity

HFHI is present in most of the countries in South and Central America, as well as four countries in the Caribbean. They are also establishing a focal point in Barbados.



The RDRP has been prepared to face the “usual” hazards in Latin America plus the considerations of COVID-19, that pose additional challenges to the housing situation, particularly of vulnerable communities (see accompanying PPT). In this plan, they are linking their ongoing programs (WASH, Cash and Productive Housing) with COVID-19 response approaches.

One RDRP component is creating a cooperative communication network, whereby different agencies can collaborate to fill gaps in shelter response in the region. They have started conversations with shelter agencies, in order to identify how to support each other.

Item #4: Caribbean Market Study – CRS

CRS is developing a list of items -including NFI and WASH- needed from the immediate response after a disaster through the process of recovery. They identified vendors to procure the items as per their standards. In the Caribbean, most of them are in the United States and their prices fluctuate following open market rules. The fact that CRS (and many humanitarian agencies for that matter) are comparatively small in the market where these vendors operate, make it difficult to establish agreements to secure emergency items when they are needed. In view of that, CRS has been shifting to financial providers instead

Other themes

Pablo Urrutia (Save The Children) agrees that it is important to strengthen procurement mechanisms for the impact of other emergencies; something important to be able to coordinate with the Logistics cluster. “We from SC are responding in El Salvador for emergency COvid-19 and Tropical Storm Amanda, but at the same time we are updating our preparedness plan”.

Luz Tantaruna (IOM) spoke about the UNETT platform managed from Barbados for the Caribbean region. They require more information about shelter and NFI prepositioning and suggests we join it.

Next steps

As time was insufficient to go over all items in the agency (apologies for that). The proposed steps are the following:

Actions	Responsible	Date
<p><i>Regional level preparedness</i></p> <p>Draft REDLAC-Shelter workplan for the hurricane season</p> <p>Provide inputs to this workplan</p>	<p>Lilia</p> <p>Everyone (link to come)</p>	<p><i>Continuous</i></p>
<p><i>Regional and local level preparedness</i></p>	<p>Everyone</p>	<p>Thursday, 16 of July</p>



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Please register in the REDLAC-Shelter database (link below)		
Allocate time for Q&A for HFHI and CRS in next meeting.	Lilia	Thursday, 23 of July
Link up with subregional coordination platforms	Lilia	Thursday, 23 of July

Links and resources

Link to register in the database of REDLAC-Shelter partners

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdciAjPs5X4f6CSNlkjOZA29hd559pASBCPwYxrvRpRbinZSA/viewform?usp=sf_link

REDLAC-Shelter draft Terms of Reference

<https://www.sheltercluster.org/americas/documents/terms-reference-redlac-shelter-group>

Meeting minutes and material shared in this Working Group

<https://www.sheltercluster.org/working-group/americas-covid-19-working-group>