

# Gaza Shelter Cluster Meeting Minutes

September 22 2024

## Attending:

PEF, Acted, Unrwa, CRS, Bayader, SIF, PHC, SC, BLDA, IRW, OCHA,

## Minutes:

- SC coordination updates were shared by the cluster team
  - Flood temporary taskforce led by OCHA; members are shelter, WASH, and SMWG. Mission to the North was successful yesterday – key findings confirmed that flooding will affect people as in previous years, but with added sewage in the water due to damage to sewage processing. In the affected areas people are not living in tents or makeshift sites, but in buildings.
  - Preliminary assessment of the coastal sites finalized in the middle area by BLDA, still waiting the update from CRS on their assessment in Khan Younis. Follow up of site verification to be done next.
  - Working closely with the site management WG - a list of remaining sites needing verification is shared, partners are encouraged to use the list and the SMWG tool for the sites they are assessing to save efforts and do not overlap.
  - The ABC mission to Gaza was conducted successfully last week, NRC Silvia participated representing the Shelter cluster
    - Shelter Priority in North: SOKs, Toolkits, Tents
    - NFI priority in North: Blankets, Clothes, Mattresses
    - Priority target groups – flood prone areas, CCs, areas affected by military activity, Newly displaced, those living in damaged homes
  - ICCG assessment mission to Khanyounis is planned today, Emma from Acted is participating on behalf of the cluster.
  - Very few trucks came in to the FR this week so there's a big backlog. No prioritization of the FR trucks was made last week due to the remaining backlog from the previous weeks.
  - Work currently being worked on by the cluster:
    - Site prioritisation
    - Damage figures
    - Interaction with MoSD
    - Branding policy
    - There's a new flash appeal coming – be ready!
    - HF fast track
    - 5ws – next deadline for updates is 30<sup>th</sup> September
    - Website

## Discussion following updates:

Partners would like a SMWG monitoring tool refresher, to understand the purpose, how partners can be involved, and how it is to be used. SC pointed out that when partners are doing assessments, if they use the SMWG tool as a basis they can use the same code for identifying the site they are working on and then data can be aggregated for a particular site. **Action: SC to arrange a presentation with SMWG**

It was noted that the priority groups mentioned in the North actually includes everyone - so we need more precise targeting. Note: vulnerability criteria exists for this but **Action: SC can work on better targeting guidance**

Where in the North should partners focus Sealing off kits? **Action: SC to work on coordination in the North of Gaza in order to understand where needs are most**

Request for details of shelter items in the Market in the North? **SC to look at rolling out a market assessment among partners.**

JHCO – Fence Road corridor – any updates? **SC to investigate**

SC were encourage to continue high-level advocacy for borders re-opening, and in turn encouraged partners to do the same with their organisations. If partners would like key messages, please come to the cluster.

Fence Road Update:

The Fence Road had a huge backlog last week; so no new prioritisation meeting was held this week

However – please keep sending trucks to us. As the Shelter Cluster we will strongly advocate for all shelter items to be included – SOKs, toolkits, framing kits, tents, and then blankets, mattresses and clothes.

The process is to send details of trucks and SRF number to the SC and the LC by Tuesday (SC will share a template for truck details). The prioritisation meeting happens on the Thursday, for trucks coming in starting the following Sunday.

Partner Updates (with thanks to partners for sharing – even if no updates, this is good information for us to have to show in a concrete manner how hard it is for partners to work)

PEF - no updates

ACTED - distributing 150 empty pallets - for framing materials. Assessing needs in Khan Younis

IRW - winterisation procurement underway. 350 families have been supported with locally procured clothes.

BLDA in conjunction with NRC distributed 280 tents in MA and KY

UNRWA – in the south nothing and this is causing a security risk to staff from protestors. Advocacy is needed for other partners moving items from Kerem Shalom so that UNRWA can move it's items. In the north importing winterised tents, SOKs, bedding sets, over next few weeks. UNRWA shelter hit - and NFIs needed. Items split between North and Gaza. To note: in North Gaza, tents are needed. In Gaza, tents are not needed

CRS - we don't have items in the south - but distributing in North tarps, kitchen kits. 100 families. Community level recommendations.

Bayader -assessments with CRS

SIF – no updates

PHC - site management - services hub in KY - multi sectoral assessment including shelter. Will be shared. Winterisation - looking at sites which flood and working with MOSD and WASH cluster. Assessing 700 HU partially damaged - to choose 300 - UXO. Also looking to establish Research centre for recycling rubbles.

For IM updates see powerpoint.