

Gaza Shelter Cluster Meeting Minutes

October 06 2024

Attending:

UNDP, PEF, UNRWA, PRCS, Maan, CARE, ACTED, Bayader, HEKS/EPER, SCI, NRC, IRW, BLDA

Actions From previous meeting:

Minutes:

- SC coordination updates were shared by the cluster team – in powerpoint attached, key points here:
 - Thanks to all those who participated in the technical workshop between SMWG, Shelter and WASH clusters on flood mitigation for sites. This was to discuss the issue of sites which would flood less than 50cm, not sites which faced tidal or persistent deep flooding, and it was not to discuss the wider issue of stormwater drainage infrastructure which is being discussed elsewhere. Shelter-specific measures to be shared this week, site wide mitigation measures to be updated.
 - Al Nuseirat, Al Bureij – “forced relocation” orders – if you’re hearing anything, or planning an assessment or response, please let the shelter cluster know so we can support on coordination.
 - New map for North Gaza – not forced relocations yet, but we can expect it in the next few days (edit post-meeting, there have been forced relocations/ “evacuation orders” in the North)
 - Reception points are being discussed – where joint services are provided. Shelter won’t give services at these points but we need to understand where people are so we can support with items when they’ve found a place to be.
 - We are getting a few donated shelter items (flour bags, tarps, tents) from various sources to be distributed by the shelter cluster. It was discussed that a spreadsheet of organizations who would like these, their capacity and locations, and then the cluster would approach agencies when they have such items.
 - UNICEF tarps – last week 6500 were shared between NRC and Ma’an as UNICEF and cluster partners. Thanks to all who helped with that! There may be more.
 - Pipeline – OCHA are working with CLA and Southern Command on a winterization plan. We have shared the summary of the pipeline with OCHA team, and around 376,429 families = 1.9 m people could be assisted with SOKs or tents, and around 15,000 families = 75,000 people could be assisted with bedding sets.
- Logs Questions
 - Can items com in to FR via Ashdod? Or only via Al Arish?
 - Via Jordan directly?
 - To fill in the SRF to come to the FR do you need approval from ERC?
- Flash Appeal
 - The Flash Appeal will cover all of 2025 – it’s NOT an HNO/HNRP. This is a Resource Mobilisation Document, not a Plan and it’s activity based, so hopefully more stright forward for partners.
 - We will give two figures – what we could achieve if we could work at full capacity, and what is realistic in the current operating conditions. Please complete it with what your organisation would have the capacity do if you had all the resources (e.g. items coming in), and the security and access you need.

- The cluster is currently working on outlining the activities – this will be much the same as 2024, and mostly emergency, allowing for some transition to early recovery, etc.
- Timeline - Shelter cluster to share spreadsheet and process by 8 October, responses from partners needed by 16 October
- Please start conversations in your organisation as timeline will be tight
- Targeting Discussion:

For tarpaulins as winter comes; they are not coming fast enough, multiple partners, UNRWA will work across all AORs at once and work on family size, largest first, other partners will work site by site. How do you target shelter activities in sites? Discussion points below:

- Do an assessment but then do blanket coverage of an area according to technical need. Tents and tarps which are older than 6 or 7 months need replacing.
- If we have items, same approach as above, but if we don't have enough we'll go on vulnerability criteria – eg size of family, pregnant women, etc., scoring system including condition of shelter.
- Work with committee in the site. Go on social and technical vulnerability
- Work with mosd to target
- Work with site management teams to identify sites, then do house to house assessments. Assisted alongside MPCA.
- Communication and transparency on targeting is really important
- Blanket assistance but based on actual needs. Vulnerability is not relevant here.
- Use SMWG data, then do assessments in the sites, to cover full sites
- Prioritise sites in need – find sites by working with SM teams, or CFM systems.
- Other points:
 - group split between whether we give everyone one then go back and give them two, give them two straight off, or give what they need according to assessments up to two
 - Should we keep some tarps aside for exceptional needs?

Action: shelter cluster to write targeting for tarps.

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