

## SNFI Cluster Coordination meeting | March 2022

<b>Meeting Minutes</b>	SNFI Cluster Coordination Meeting- Through Teams		
<b>Date and Time</b>	23 March 2022, From 12:00Hrs to 13:30Hrs		
<b><u>The attendance:</u></b>			
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Main Themes	Discussed Points	Action Point
<p><b>Review of the Action Points</b></p>	<p>The Shelter and NFI Cluster Coordinator, Iva Vavic, initiated the meeting by welcoming new staff members to the shelter team. Following introductions, a review of action points from previous meetings was conducted. The main points discussed are outlined as follows:</p> <p>The agenda for today's meeting included the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General updates, involving a review of previous action points and situational updates.</li> <li>• Discussion on reporting for the year 2022.</li> <li>• A presentation by COOPI.</li> <li>• Any Other Business (AOB).</li> </ul> <p>Previous Meeting's Action Points: Updates were provided on the outcome of the Emergency Response Plan (ERP) task force and other needs assessment teams.</p> <p>Cluster Website Update: The update of the cluster website is complete. Improvements to the Sudan page are ongoing.</p> <p>Training Announcements: Trainings have been announced and conducted. Appreciation was extended to attendees for their participation.</p> <p>Strategic Updates: Key points for future strategy updates were discussed. Emphasis was placed on the need for better prioritization in order to effectively respond to unprecedented needs amidst declining funding levels.</p>	

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	<p><b>Strategic Response Focus:</b> The focus should be on a limited number of activities, with the possibility of discontinuing others that are less critical.</p> <p><b>Shelter Response Examination:</b> COOPI is set to share a presentation on possible improvements to the shelter response, especially regarding cost-effectiveness and sustainability. The goal is to use these insights as a model for future internal improvements.</p> <p><b>Reporting:</b> In response to requests from the previous meeting, a training in Activity Info for the public dashboard is being organized. Today's meeting included a brief introduction to changes in the 2022 reporting framework. Detailed training, led by information management colleagues, will take place on March 31, 2022. Invitations will be sent following today's meeting.</p> <p><b>SOP Review:</b> A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) review from the last meeting regarding the end-to-end management of Non-Food Items (NFIs) in the UNHCR core pipeline was discussed. The document is being finalized by UNHCR, which includes clearing some internal annexes. Once completed, it will be shared with all cluster partners.</p>	
	<p><b>Situational Overview:</b></p> <p>The situation in Sudan has significantly deteriorated since October 25 due to political, economic, and security concerns. Key events are summarized below:</p> <p><b>Conflict and Displacement:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since it is clear the needs drastically exceed the available resources, moving forward it is important to have a more strategic response where we focus on a limited number of critical</li> </ul>

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<p><b>General Updates</b></p>	<p>A series of attacks between nomads and the Misyria Jabel in Jabel Moon, West Darfur, took place in recent weeks, including on March 10, 15, and 17, and again recently near Selia town. Social media reports indicate approximately 40 deaths, including 3 humanitarian workers, and lootings and burnings of 11 villages, leading to high displacement levels, including into Chad. The exact number of displaced individuals remains unknown. The affected areas are currently inaccessible due to insecurity, complicating response efforts. However, 2,000 NFIs kits are available in West Darfur, with another 3,000 en route. As the situation stabilizes, we will mobilize aid.</p> <p><b>Fire Incidents:</b> Fire incidents have occurred countrywide, likely due to the dry season and high temperatures. Fires have resulted in lost lives, affected households, and displacement in places like ElGeneina, East Darfur, South Darfur, and North Kordofan, among others.</p> <p><b>Increased South Sudanese Arrivals:</b> There's a noticeable increase in South Sudanese arrivals in the White Nile, West Kordofan, and East Darfur regions.</p> <p><b>Threat from Ethiopia:</b> The ongoing conflict in Ethiopia continues to pose threats, and border crossings have opened for the first time. Sudanese refugee returnees have started arriving from Ethiopia in Tango camp, with 888 people arriving to date.</p> <p><b>Economic Downturn:</b> The economic crisis in Sudan, characterized by a rising Sudanese pound, and soaring fuel and electricity prices, has significantly affected the</p>	<p>areas and drop the rest. Targeting and prioritization should be improved to ensure a more equitable response. This needs to be addressed in the next cluster strategy update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As part of the strategy update there is also a need to examine how can we better track the delivery of assistance to avoid duplication or efforts in the instance of secondary displacement.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>2022 reporting framework work.</b></p>	<p>operational cost. The global impact of the war in Ukraine has also resulted in increased prices for transportation and market materials, including NFIs. Supply issues are emerging due to blocked ports and roads in Sudan and Egypt, and dependency on Ukraine for wheat and gas. This has escalated food insecurity threats and fuel shortages, leading to an increase in criminal activities.</p> <p>Task Force Updates: Regarding the ongoing Multi-Sectorial Needs Assessment (MSNA) task force, no donor support is available this year due to high volatility and concerns over data quality. Only 40% of MSNA data were available, raising questions about its reliability. Consequently, the Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) is currently reviewing the MSNA questionnaire.</p> <p>Technical and Reporting Updates:</p> <p>Activity Info User List: Regarding the use of Activity Info for reporting, access has now been improved for organizations previously unable to utilize the platform. By next week, each organization should create two users who will cover the entire country. These users should report activities across the entire country for all groups, including IDPs, refugees, returnees, and vulnerable residents. There will be a short testing period coinciding with Q1 reporting.</p> <p>2022 Reporting Framework and 5W Dashboard: The highlights of the 2022 reporting framework and the 5W dashboard will be uploaded to the Sudan webpage. This will allow all stakeholders to view and understand the gaps and needs present.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening reporting within the HRP and ERP monitoring framework is critical as it affects the funding prospects for all partners. The S/NFI Cluster coordination team will reach out to partners to make sure everyone has access to Activity Info and organize a training session to familiarize partners with the reporting tool itself but also with some specific 2022 reporting requirements, public dashboards that can be used for programming and so on (as</li> </ul>
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	<p>Global Shelter Cluster (GSC) Website Updates:          Updates and highlights on the GSC website for the Sudan page are available, providing information on achievements and gaps. You can access the page at: <a href="https://sheltercluster.org/Sudan/pages/presentation">sheltercluster.org/Sudan/pages/presentation</a>.</p>	<p>requested by the participants of the meeting).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sudan webpage on the GSC website will be improved so that it can be a valuable resource for the partners as soon as the website update process is finalized.</li> </ul>
<b>COOPI Presentation</b>	<p>Benefits of Community-Based (CB) Construction:          The benefits of CB construction in comparison to many types of durable projects for refugees and IDPs have been highlighted in this meeting. Here are some key points:</p> <p>Cost Efficiency:          Emergency shelters built through the CB approach in local markets are cost-efficient compared to traditional methods. The price can be as low as \$3000, which is significantly cheaper than durable projects that cost upwards of \$1000 to \$2000.</p> <p>Environmental Impact:          CB construction has a lesser environmental footprint compared to other methods.</p> <p>Specific Advantages of CB Construction:          It leverages the capacity of the affected population, allowing us to reach more people with fewer resources.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical working group is highly recommended to develop and upgrade the shelter design techniques according to the areas and according to the situations. And to improve the shelter approach in the future and to share knowledge learned from the CB construction approach.</li> </ul>

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	<p>It is low-tech and doesn't require specialized equipment, skilled labor, or a factory.</p> <p>It is decentralized and easy to scale up. Households can produce bricks and build houses in parallel.</p> <p>It builds self-reliance and resilience, reduces dependence on aid, and provides beneficiaries with new life skills.</p> <p>It increases ownership and ensures future maintenance of the shelter.</p> <p>Project Outcomes:</p> <p>The CB construction project for those affected by flooding in Kabkabiya and Sortony localities in North Darfur has shown promising results. The project reached 4621 targeted households, and 585 shelters were constructed.</p> <p>Project Components:</p> <p>The project includes a housing committee consisting of representatives from various stakeholders like the HAC, locality governor, local community governor, women's groups, engineers, and skilled laborers. Their responsibilities include identifying priority areas of intervention, selecting and verifying beneficiaries, providing technical support, and monitoring progress.</p> <p>Construction groups were formed, comprising 88 groups with 5-8 families each. Beneficiaries were involved in various construction activities and in redeeming vouchers for construction materials.</p> <p>Project Integration:</p>	
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	<p>This project is integrated with other initiatives, such as providing kits for latrine construction for emergency shelters. Vouchers were provided for necessary construction materials.</p> <p><b>Project Results:</b> The project resulted in a significant number of involved people and constructed shelters. Construction kits and individual family latrine kits were distributed, and items were distributed through Cash/Voucher Assistance (CVA).</p> <p><b>Lessons Learned:</b> Community-driven projects show great success when the community is actively involved. Also, collaboration with local authorities is essential, and creating a proper housing committee is crucial. Lastly, despite inflation and price changes, maintaining the quality of the shelter is possible with an adequate budget.</p>	
<b>AOB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No AOB discussed, meeting adjourned at 02:15</li> </ul>	