

Shelter Cluster Bangladesh

Monthly Meeting Report

Date: 25 February 2025

Venue: Training Room, BDRCS

The Shelter Cluster Bangladesh organized its monthly meeting on 25 February 2025. The SC Bangladesh Coordinator welcomed and thanked all participants for attending the meeting, which began with participant introductions.

The key discussion points of the meeting are outlined in the table below:

SI	Agenda	Discussion
01	<p>Learning sharing on Emergency shelter response at Noakhali- Caritas Bangladesh & Muslim Aid UK Bangladesh</p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Abdullah Al Mamun Adviser, Shelter & Settlement, Caritas Bangladesh.</p>	<p>Bangladesh experienced one of its most severe flood seasons in recent history from June to August 2024, with widespread devastation across several regions. Since 21 August 2024, 5,822,734 people were affected in 11 districts: Feni, Cumilla, Chattogram, Khagrachari, Noakhali, Moulvibazar, Habiganj, Brahmanbaria, Sylhet, Lakshmipur, and Cox's Bazar. Muslim Aid with partner with Caritas Bangladesh (CB) to implement early recovery support for flood-affected communities in south-eastern Bangladesh project. They committed to addressing the urgent needs of the most severely impacted communities in Begumganj Upazila, Noakhali District.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duration : 3 months • Project Location: Hajipur and Sharifpur Union, Begumganj Upazila of Noakhali District • Project Participants: 11438 peoples • Project Duration: 23 October 2024 to 23 January 2025 • Funded By: Muslim Aid-UK and USA • Implemented By: Caritas Bangladesh, Chattogram Region • Fund : BDT 1,14,88,488

		<p>Key components of the project and their values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifesaving shelter repair support • Repair/construction of tube-well platform/replace tube-well head and Shock chlorination/Back wash, for tube-well functioning • Repairing damaged toilets • Hygiene Kits/dignity kits distributions including MHM, Hygiene awareness session conduction. • Hygiene Promotion awareness session <p>Key Achievements Updates :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proved 250 HHs lifesaving shelter repair support • Repaired 100 HHs toilets • Distributed hygiene and MHM kits to 250 HHs • Repair, disinfect and functioned 300 tubewells • Conduct 06 hygiene promotion awareness sessions <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The large number of affected families posed significant obstacles in preparing the initial list as the assistance provided was relatively small compared to the vast number of affected families. • 0.36mm CGI sheet was not available in the local market • At the same time repairing 250 shelters, 300 Tube-well repair and constructing latrines for 100 families in two unions created difficulties in sourcing materials and hiring mason/carpenter, resulting in delays in completing the repairs on time. • Project duration & number of staff was very less comparatively to the targeted activities • Shelter assistance package was relatively low compared to the damage in the affected areas. • Project target was most affected wards no. 3 & 4 in each union but due to UDMC, WDMC, UNO request we covered all Wards of both 2 unions <p>Presentation Link.</p>
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02	<p>Shelter Cluster Coordination Performance Monitoring (CCPM) 2025</p> <p>Presenter: Mr. A K M Zahirul Alam Coordinator, Shelter Cluster Bangladesh, IFRC.</p>	<p>The Shelter Cluster Coordination Performance Monitoring (CCPM) exercise is a survey aimed at evaluating the cluster's performance in relation to its core functions. The survey will help cluster partners and stakeholders assess the effectiveness of the cluster's work and its accountability to affected populations. It focuses on the six core functions of the cluster, ensuring that the response is aligned with humanitarian standards and needs. Participants completed the survey and percentage were shown in the presentation.</p> <p>Presentation Link.</p>
03	<p>Shelter Cluster Activities for 2025</p> <p>Group Work</p>	<p>There were three groups formed in meeting. Participants shared their recommendations and suggestions regarding the implementation of preparedness activities for 2025, which could be achievable through collective efforts. They also ranked the six core functions of the cluster, high, medium and low.</p> <p>Shelter Cluster CCPM Work Plan 2025 Link.</p>
04	<p>AoB - Uttaran, ShelterBox and KUET research initiatives</p> <p>- Update 5W matrix</p> <p>Presenter: Mr. A K M Zahirul Alam Coordinator, Shelter Cluster Bangladesh, IFRC.</p>	<p>Uttaran, ShelterBox and KUET research initiatives:</p> <p>Uttaran, in collaboration with ShelterBox and KUET (Khulna University of Engineering & Technology), is leading a research project aimed at identifying appropriate, effective, and impactful shelter solutions for disaster-vulnerable populations in the coastal region. The project is currently exploring three different shelter types, each designed to address specific needs and conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low-cost Shelter • Resilient Shelter • Culturally Integrated Shelter <p>The primary objective is to assess the longevity and coping capacity of each shelter type during extreme weather events, such as cyclones and tidal surges, when wind pressure and surge height exceed dangerous levels. KUET will contribute by developing simulations for each shelter design and will collaborate with Uttaran and Shelterbox to produce a comprehensive handbook and guidebook for resilient shelter solutions.</p>

		<p>Update 5W matrix</p> <p>The Shelter Cluster has been maintaining the 4W matrix since the beginning of the response efforts. However, with the launch of the 5W matrix, the Shelter Cluster will no longer maintain the 4W matrix. During the meeting, it was agreed that all cluster members will update their shelter response data in the 5W matrix. Those who have not yet completed the registration are requested to do so promptly.</p> <p>5W Matrix Registration Link.</p> <p>5W Matrix Dashboard.</p>
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All participants concluded the meeting on a positive note. Two individuals with disabilities, both of whom are blind, were present and made significant contributions. Their unique perspectives added valuable insights, enriching the discussion. As a result, every participant expressed their satisfaction and a shared desire to involve more individuals with disabilities or different abilities in future meetings, ensuring better representation and more diverse viewpoints.

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