

Shelter/NFI Cluster

Regional Shelter Cluster meeting minute - Dhobley

Venue: UNHCR Compound, Dhobley FU

Date: 27th March, 2019.

Participants

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Agenda

1. Updates from partners on activities (ongoing/planned).
2. Gaps and priorities.
3. Updates on the new arrivals displaced populations from Middle Juba districts and riverine area.
4. 4W Matrix submissions.
5. Discussion on shelter cluster meeting calendar.
6. A.O.B.

1. Updates from partners on activities (ongoing/planned).

- There is no ongoing shelter/NFIs interventions in Afmadow/Dhobley and shelter members reported lack of funding for shelter intervention in the district despite high need of shelter/NFIs in Afmadow district by IDPs and returnee households. The shelter/NFIs needs is anticipated to increase with onset of the Gu' rains while the shelter/NFIs situation of IDPs and returnees will worsen.

2. Gaps and priorities.

- In Dhobley, there more 4,600 households of internally displaced persons in 5 settlements mainly in Danwadag IDP site where shelter partners constructed 400 Hybrid shelter with veranda in 2016/2017 and the rest of the IDPs are living 'Buuls' temporary shelters.
- Vulnerable internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Afmadow district face harsh living conditions due to the lack of livelihood opportunities, adequate access to basic necessities such as food, shelter and safe drinking water.
- Majority of the IDPs live in makeshifts made of sticks and tattered clothes that cannot withstand harsh climatic effects. The dwelling of the IDPs cannot protect climate elements and most of the IDPs cannot afford to buy plastic sheets.
- Similarly there are 3,400 households of IDPs in Afmadow town living in 3 settlements in outskirts of the town. No shelter/NFIs intervention been implemented in Afmadow apart

from 124 Hybrid shelter constructed by UNHCR/ARC for the PoC's and host community as part return assistance for refugee returnees in 2017.

- Urgent need of shelter for IDPs in Afmadow and Dhobley and other border towns as *GU* rain started.
- An estimated 900 families of refugee returnees have arrived and settled in Dhobley as final destined location of return in Somalia and didn't receive the shelter package of the return assistance which would have made their return sustainable.
- With the military activities and airstrikes in Middle Juba districts, the members highlighted there will be displacement and displaced population will move to Afmadow and Kismayo districts hence the shelter clusters members need put in place emergency shelter for preparedness response.
- Shelter cluster members suggested as per shelter cluster 2019 strategy to focus permanent shelter for IDPs and returnees considering that the NFIs normally gets fade out due to the scorching sun and does not sustain more than six months therefore there is need to support the IDPs with sustainable structures.
- Lack of toilets and waste disposal in the IDP settlements was also raised during the discussion which impose risk of outbreak communicable diseases like cholera/AWD especially during the rainy season.
- IDPs provided with life-saving shelter materials and NFIs Enhancing shelter, safety and privacy is a protection activity that promotes better health and living.

Action points

- Urgent intervention for the IDPs such as shelter/NFIs distribution for protracted IDPs in Afmadow and Dhobley since the Gu rains have started in the region which will increase the vulnerability of the poor IDPs.
- Construction of latrines for the IDPs and provision hygiene kits.
- Shelter Cluster members to advocate and focus permanent shelter for the IDPs as per the shelter 2019 strategy.

3. Updates on the new arrivals displaced populations from Middle Juba districts and riverine area.

- The members noted the new arrivals are very vulnerable and majority of the IDPs on the move are farmers, others who relied on charcoal production for livelihood and people looking for livelihood opportunity with restriction imposed by none state armed actors.
- JRIA reported more than 103 families of new arrivals in Afmadow and 97 households in Dhobley in 3-4 weeks. They further cited the number people could increase since families mentioned more on way.
- The IDPs who have arrived both in Dhobley and Afmadow are living in poor shelter in camp like environment in the outskirts or within the town. They were given land by the government but there shelter condition warrants attention.
- Dhobley being stable and a middle transport point also receives people from various areas. The new arrivals are citing safety and access to humanitarian intervention as main reason they are coming to Dhobley.

- The recurring drought has been natural hazard which has occurred in the region have interrupted the livelihood of the famers and agro-pastoral communities causing displacement of large population such as current new trend of displacement from Middle Juba districts.

Action points

- Basic Emergency Shelter Kit to be provide more protection against rains and harsh climatic conditions.
- Coordination with government counterparts on giving land to IDPs (new arrivals) as cluster members mobilizes resources to respond to the situation.
- Joint assessment to be conducted by Cluster members on new displacement to identify needs and priorities for intervention.

4. Discuss Shelter Cluster Meeting Calendar

- The Shelter Cluster members agreed to have monthly regional shelter cluster meetings in the last week of every month even though partners said there is no shelter/NFIs activities.
- Partners agreed to hold emergency meetings more frequently in the event of large displacement.

5. 4W Matrix Submission

- The members agreed to share report in any activities implemented or planned in the last week of the month with Regional Shelter Cluster coordinator for timely reporting on 4w matrix.

AOB

- Since there were no issues to discuss, the meeting was adjourned and next meeting will be held on 28th April 2019 in UNHCR Office – Dhobley.