

Shelter Cluster Bangladesh

Monthly Meeting

Report

Date: 30 September 2025

Venue: Training Facilities, BDRCS

The Shelter Cluster (SC) Coordinator for Bangladesh warmly welcomed all participants at the beginning of the meeting. The meeting commenced with brief introductions from each attendee. Following the introductions, the SC Coordinator presented the meeting agenda.

As follows the discussion details:

Sl	Discussion Points	Discussion
01	<p>Shelter Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment findings</p> <p>Presenter: Eng. Abdullah Al Mamun Technical Advisor (Shelter & Settlements) Caritas Bangladesh.</p> <p>A K M Zahirul Alam Coordinator, Shelter Cluster Bangladesh IFRC.</p>	<p>Shelter Cluster Bangladesh carried out a comprehensive Shelter Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment across 67 sub-districts within 20 districts of the country. The selection of assessment areas was based on the disaster history from 2015 to 2025, and further informed by the Sub-national INFORM Index, which highlights regions most at risk.</p> <p>The primary objectives of the assessment were to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify shelter needs and appropriate interventions for vulnerable populations. • Review and refine shelter response options and standards to ensure they are contextually appropriate. • Evaluate disaster preparedness in relation to shelter planning and response. • Understand community-level coping mechanisms in the face of recurring disasters. • Assess and document the initial conditions of shelters in high-risk areas to inform future planning. <p>A total of 28 Shelter Cluster partners actively supported the assessment process. During the coordination meeting, Shelter Cluster Bangladesh formally acknowledged and expressed gratitude for the valuable contributions of these partner organizations.</p> <p>Presentation link.</p>

02	<p>CARE Bangladesh’s Emergency Response Package</p> <p>Presenter: Moyen Uddin Ahmmed Program Coordinator- Humanitarian & Climate Action Program Care Bangladesh.</p>	<p>In rapid-onset emergencies, CARE often encounters challenges in delivering timely assistance. These include transporting bulky or heavy items that are difficult for recipients to carry, damaged or inaccessible roads, disruptions in the supply chain, varying needs of women and girls, and complex coordination with vendors and stakeholders to ensure appropriate aid delivery. To address these issues, CARE has partnered with T-Works—India’s largest prototyping center—to create the CARE Relief Pack (CRP). This compact disaster kit contains 39 essential items covering shelter, kitchen, water, and hygiene needs for a family of four. Designed to be lightweight and customizable, the CRP comes in a portable container that can be prepositioned ahead of disasters. Weighing around 14 kilograms (30 pounds), the kit provides up to one month of relief for a family, bridging the gap until further humanitarian aid arrives. The CRP can be tailored to specific geographic and community needs, with future plans to source most materials locally.</p> <p>During the Shelter Cluster meeting, Care Bangladesh introduced this relief package. This model is adaptable and can be adopted by other organizations to significantly improve the effectiveness and efficiency of their humanitarian interventions.</p>
03	<p>Integrating GBV to mitigate risk</p> <p>Presenter: Rumana Khan GBV Cluster Coordinator UNFPA Bangladesh.</p>	<p>At the meeting, the Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Cluster in Bangladesh shared a presentation of integrating GBV to mitigate risk. It outlined the coordination efforts for addressing Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies (GBViE) within the Shelter Cluster, The GBV cluster co-chaired jointly by the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs (MoWCA) and UNFPA. The GBV Cluster’s goal is to promote a well-coordinated, inclusive, and effective response to GBV risks during humanitarian crises, particularly those caused by natural disasters.</p> <p>The presentation highlights the legal and policy frameworks that support GBV interventions, such as national disaster management plans and gender-sensitive policies. It stressed the importance of inclusive coordination, involving more than 150 stakeholders including NGOs, INGOs, UN agencies, and women-led organizations.</p>

		<p>Examples of sub-national coordination were shared, highlighting active district-level working groups in high-risk areas like Cox’s Bazar, Bandarban, and Noakhali. The GBV Cluster’s responsibilities—such as conducting needs assessments, developing strategies, building capacity, and advocating for GBV issues—were also discussed.</p> <p>Key tools used in the response include GBV referral pathways, dignity kits, cash assistance, and community outreach programs. Capacity-building activities were carried out in several districts to enhance local response capabilities.</p> <p>The presentation concluded by reaffirming core GBV principles—safety, respect, confidentiality, and non-discrimination—and emphasized the need to integrate GBV risk mitigation into shelter programs to ensure humanitarian efforts are survivor-centered and inclusive.</p> <p>Presentation Link.</p>
04	Next Priority of activities	<p>The Shelter Cluster Bangladesh is in the process of forming a Technical Working Group (TWG) to review and update the existing shelter standards and guidelines. Several partners have already expressed interest in joining TWG. However, the group will be composed of representatives from seven selected partner organizations who will be responsible for carrying out the review and updates.</p>

As there were no agenda left for discussion, the meeting was ended with a note of thanks to all participants.

Participants:

1. Md. Abdullah Al Mamun, Technical Advisor (Shelter and Settlements), Caritas Bangladesh.
2. Tasnima Mukit, Officer, Start Network Bangladesh.
3. Tasmia Baree Tuna, Emergency Response Assistance, Norwegian Refugee Council.
4. Md. Forhad Hossain, Sr. Program Manager, BRAC.
5. Proteeti Joyeeta Jamil, Assistant Coordinator, Sajida Foundation.
6. Tahsin Aziz, Programme Officer, Islamic Relief Bangladesh
7. Harunur Rashid, CEO, Community Development Programme.
8. Md. Nure Alom, Engineer, AMAN.
9. Md. Badruddoza, Asst. General Manager, Aid Comilla.

10. ABM Hasanuzzaman, Resource Management Officer, Uttaran.
11. Maria Bhuyan Marry, Executive Director, UMS.
12. Alo Dey, Coordinator, UMS.
13. Syed Sabbir Hasan, Project Coordinator, CDD.
14. Isaac Rana Bonik, Asst. Director-Operations, Heed Bangladesh.
15. Md. Shalauddin Ahmad, Assistant Manager, SACD.
16. Md. Abdul Khalque, Public Relations, DDEF.
17. Tasmima Rahin, Global Fund Rising Officer, DDEF.
18. Arafat Bin Mustafa, Jr. Consultant, UNDP.
19. Moya Uddin Ahmmed, Program Coordinator, CARE.
20. Md. Tauhidul Islam Dipu, Manager, IFRC.
21. A. S. M. Shawon, Officer, IM & IT, IFRC.
22. Mahfuzur Rahman Raqeev, Coordinator-Program, B-SCAN.
23. Rabeya Begum, Executive Director, SDS.
24. Meherun Mili, Information Management Officer, UNFPA.
25. Md. Mosheur Rahman, Head of Planning & DRR Unit, ESDO.
26. Rumana Khan, GBV Cluster Coordinator, UNFPA.
27. A K M Zahirul Alam, Coordinator- Shelter Cluster Bangladesh, IFRC.