

E-Shelter and CCCM Coordination Team

Cluster Meeting, Thursday, February 2nd, 2011, 2-4 pm - UCLBP – Bourdon

Participants:

UCLBP, ECHO, IFRC, World Vision, HI, JP/HRO, URD, IEDA Relief, UMCOR, AFSC, CRS, Entrepreneurs du Monde, GOAL, Good Neighbors, ASB, CERFAS, Christian Aid.

Action points:

- a. **All partners:** in order to complete cluster map, it would be appreciated if all partners could share GPS coordinates of transitional and permanent activities.
- b. **Cluster & JP/HRO:** conduct a rental market survey in the greater Port-au-Prince. Partners interested to take part to this assessment should notify their intention to the cluster coordination team.
- c. **Cluster and partners:** in order to better prepare the 2012 hurricane season, an update of the 3W is needed (who does what where?) An update of the contingency stock table is currently being conducted by the cluster information management unit.

Agenda:

1. **Updated data on transitional and permanent solutions ;**
2. **Cluster Strategy document;**
3. **Preparation for the hurricane season 2012;**
4. **AOB.**

1. Updated data on transitional and permanent solutions :

- a) According to the strategy document, considering the current situation indicated in the DTM, nearly 78,067 displaced families will still live in camps by the end of 2012.
- b) To this day, 102,750 transitional shelters have been installed in Haiti.
- c) Less than 5,000 permanent houses have been reconstructed by partners.
- d) The DTM figures for January are incomplete. It is therefore more accurate to use data collected from the 2011 November DTM.
- e) The figure for permanent housing activities remains a bit weak despite a net increase in house repair activities.
- f) Maps will be made available very soon (website). However, data on GPS location of transitional shelters are not complete. Partners are asked to share this information with the cluster in order to complete the maps.

2. Cluster Strategy document :

- a) The Strategy Advisory Group (SAG) is working on the strategy document.
- b) According to the document; nearly 31,728 households will leave the camps without external assistance.
- c) More than 40,000 alternative housing are already funded for 2012, however, the document estimates that only up to 17,863 camp-based households will benefit from these housing solutions.

- d) According to the preliminary results of a study conducted by UNPD: 80% of yellow houses are already inhabited.
 - e) The recommendations of the cluster for the current year are :
 - Permanent housing: 24,000
 - Rental Subsidy: 30,000
 - Transitional Shelter: 20,000
 - f) Advocacy :
 - Less than 400 housing solutions would close the camps in Petit-Goâve and Grand-Goâve.
 - Less than 2300 housing solutions would close the camps in Leogane and Gressier.
 - At least 50% of return programs beneficiaries should come from camps.
 - Permanent housing activities should focus more on camp-based population.
 - g) Several comments/questions during this presentation:
 - It is worth reviewing the impact of these recommendations on the budget; especially in terms of rental assistance.
 - It would be interesting to conduct an assessment of the rental market before drawing recommendations on rental subsidies.
 - It is worth to specify that two types of rental assistance will be available: to return to the provinces / to rent a room/house in the metropolitan area of PaP.
 - The key role of livelihood for a sustainable return should be underlined.
 - Importance of regulating rent assistances (in terms of price).
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3. Contingency planning for hurricane season 2012:

- Rainy season (March-April), hurricane season (June-November)
 - The Cluster should assist the SNGRD (at the operational level: DPC-West, DPC local)
 - Preparatory phase :
 - Community awareness, training, mitigation
 - Coordination: tables of contingency stocks, 3W, etc.
 - After the emergency :
 - Rapid assessments, distribution of non-food items (including emergency shelters if needed), etc.
 - What's next? :
 - Update the 3W "who does what where"
 - a.** In "normal cases"
 - b.** In case of Emergency
 - Regular updating of the contingency stocks database
 - Communication activities (including newspapers "Chimen Lakay")
 - Distribution and awareness around the rapid assessment evaluations template
 - Creation and distribution of "information tool-kit"
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4. Announcements:

- The Cluster 2012 strategy document is being circulated for comments to partners.
- The Cluster is working on a transition plan to local authorities.

- The Government understands that agencies and NGOs are facing significant land issues. A decree has been published on co-ownership. The document will be sent to partners. Mr. Clement Belizaire announced a presentation of the decree by lawyers very soon.
- The government is working on camp formalization (transform camp to neighborhoods). On this matter, the government works closely with IOM.
- The government will soon take a decision on camps on private lands and will release guidelines that help agencies and NGOs.
- Mr. Clement Belizaire announced that the government is working on a financial mechanism to assist families in building their home without the assistance of international organization.
- The coordinator of the Cluster invites partners to consider tarps replacement in the city as a priority.
- It is important to communicate that all displaced people in camp will not receive the rental assistance of 500 USD to leave the camps.

Next cluster meeting scheduled for March. Date and venue will be announced.