

## Shelter Cluster Bangladesh Monthly Meeting

Date: 18 January 2024

Place: IFRC

The Shelter Cluster Bangladesh organized the monthly meeting on 18 January 2023. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Anjon Chandra Paul, honorable Joint Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR). The meeting started with the introduction of all the participants.

The details of the meeting:

SI	Agenda	Discussion
01	Shelter Cluster Bangladesh in 2023	<p>The Shelter Cluster Bangladesh has passed a busy year in 2023. Mr. A K M Zahirul Alam, Coordinator, Shelter Cluster Bangladesh has presented the achievement of 2023. As follows the key achievements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Environmental Country Profile</li> <li>2. Best Practices and Lessons Learned Workshop on Flash Flood 2022</li> <li>3. Shelter Activities and Building Materials Exhibition</li> <li>4. Information Education and Communication (IEC) Materials</li> <li>5. Pre-crisis survey on Monsoon Flood</li> <li>6. Translation of the Sphere Standards</li> <li>7. Damage and Needs Assessment</li> <li>8. Coordinate Cyclone Mocha Response</li> <li>9. Coordinate Chattogram Division Monsoon Rain and Flash Flood</li> <li>10. Updated the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Shelter Cluster</li> <li>11. The Shelter Cluster Bangladesh organized 5 shelter cluster meetings and 6 Technical Working Group meetings</li> <li>12. Shelter Cluster has participated 15 Inter Cluster Coordination Group meetings, 01 Humanitarian Coordination Task Team (HCTT) meeting, 01 Local Consultative Group meeting</li> <li>13. Current Activities               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Pre-crisis Data Collection and Assessment By the Shelter Cluster</li> <li>b. Developing Housing Design jointly with Housing and Building Research Institute (HBRI)</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>Here the presentation <a href="#">Link</a>.</p>
02	Shelter Cluster Plan for 2024	<p>Based on the discussion with the participants, the shelter cluster plan for 2024 has developed, the participants proposed the following activities for the 2024:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Climate resilient housing and WASH infrastructure design</li> </ol>

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03	Shelter Activities by Muslim Aid	<p>Muslim Aid Bangladesh (MAB) is established and registered under Ministry of Social Welfare on 6th November 2004, as a non-profit, non-political voluntary organization and licensed by Microcredit Regulatory Authority (MRA) of Bangladesh Government on 21st January 2009. MAB is working at the root level community keeping close relationship with government institutions and regulatory bodies.</p> <p>To bring people out of poverty MAB currently implements the following broad programmes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Microfinance &amp; ME (Microenterprise) Programme</li> <li>◆ Sustainable Livelihood Programme</li> <li>◆ Disaster Management Programme</li> <li>◆ Welfare Programmes</li> </ul> <p>Currently around 35,000 beneficiaries in 31 districts of the country are receiving direct benefits from the MAB Microfinance and ME Programme.</p> <p>MAB programme is designed to provide a helping hand to the beneficiaries instead of creating a burden for them that holds them back from graduating out of poverty. There are some unique properties that make our programmes different from the other MF programmes in operation.</p> <p>MAB provides shelter support to disaster prone areas in Bangladesh. DR. Fadia Sultana, Head of Programmes, MAB has shared their shelter programming in the Shelter Cluster Meeting.</p> <p>Here the presentation <a href="#">Link</a>.</p>
04	Shelter Design for Chittagong Hill Tracts	<p>Housing and Building Research Institute (HBRI) and the Shelter Cluster Bangladesh have been developing the shelter design based on Chattogram Hill Tracts context. Already a joint team from HBRI and the Shelter Cluster have visited the areas. These housing design will be basically disaster resilient house design, which can be constructed at low cost. The design prepared update is provided at the meeting.</p>
05	Open Discussion	<p>All the participants gave their different opinions in the open discussion of the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 5W response update is needed within this month.</li> <li>● Pre crisis assessment need to be done to the whole Bangladesh.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• While doing the work of shelter; wash, health should also be considered.</li> <li>• Contingency plan: whether or not the DRE plan is associated with the 5w plan should be checked.</li> <li>• Fund mobilization, how much is given to how many people, where the work is being done, the procedural framework all these practical assessments will be done.</li> </ul>
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### Closing Remarks:

Mr. Anjon Chandra Paul, Joint Secretary, MoDMR closes the meeting, he said 'there are needed to be a survey of how many people were homeless and to ensure that the most vulnerable people received support. The government is relentlessly working for the development of the marginalized people, development is possible only if the marginalized people are given the appropriate support. He emphasized to work with Government jointly. He gave the thanks to all participants and closed the meeting.

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