

## PUNTLAND (BOSASSO) EMERGENCY SHELTER/NFI CLUSTER MEETING

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### **Agenda**

- (1) Update on overall Shelter/NFI situation in Bossaso IDP settlements**
- (2) Update on CGI Shelters in Bossaso**
- (3) Update on CGI Shelters / tents distribution in Gardo**
- (4) HGA/Shelter Cluster inputs**
- (5) AOB**

#### **1- Update on overall Shelter/NFI situation in Bossaso IDP settlements**

The Cluster lead (UNHCR) provided a brief update on overall shelter situation in some IDP settlements in Bossaso. In some settlement recently visited by UNHCR field team, mainly Tuur Jale and Absame A and Ugbaad, the quality of shelters is extremely poor and shelter cluster could give priority to these settlements in the future for improvement of their shelters. Although UNHCR undertook blanket NFIs distribution in December 2011 in 100, 55 and 10 Bush, cluster members reported also that the shelter situation in these 3 IDP settlements is also poor and similar to others.

DRC informed participants that the distribution of 432 tents funded under CHF Somalia has been completed. 379 tents were distributed in Shirkow (the whole settlement was covered) and 59 (remaining) were distributed in Ajuraan B.

On the issue of NFI distribution, OCHA emphasized that all settlements listed in Bossaso 2010 HGA as high risk with 100% gaps in NFI distribution have been covered in 2011 by UNHCR/NRC except Ugbaad IDP settlement. Participants suggested to UNHCR/NRC to meet and plan for joint HHs registration and NFI distribution in Ugbaad as soon as possible. UNHCR highlighted that although the urgent need of undertaking NFI distribution in Ugbaad exists, this has to be done approx. in the same period with a few other distributions in Bossaso or Gardo in order to facilitate the PDM exercise 4-6 weeks after the distributions. PDM exercises are quiet time and human resources consuming and need to be organised rationally.

For any other NFI distribution (except Ugbaad) in Bossaso, cluster members agreed to take into consideration recommendations from Bossaso 2011 Updated HGA once it is finalised.

On the issue of providing humanitarian assistance to families from host community evicted from Bossaso port area in November 2011 by local authorities, OCHA informed participants that WFP has been contacted in the past and agreed on the principle of providing assistance to them. However, this has to be done in the framework of an inter-agency assistance.

NRC suggested that the first step towards this could be to emphasize to the Mayor the necessity for humanitarian agencies to have access to these people before planning for any assistance. OCHA promised to liaise with WFP and keep Shelter /NFI cluster updated for an eventual common action.

**Actions points:** - *UNHCR/NRC to meet and plan for HHs registration and NFI distribution in Ugbaad whenever it is possible*

- *OCHA, DRC and COOPI to provide support to UNHCR/NRC during HHs registration step*

- *OCHA to liaise with WFP and keep the Shelter Cluster updated on the issue of providing assistance to families evicted from port area*

## **2- Update on CGI construction in Bariga Bossaso**

UNHCR updated participants on the inter-agency (OCHA, UNHCR, COOPI, NRC) visit undertaken to CGI construction site on 29.02.2012 to meet with beneficiaries regarding the pending issue of reducing the size of plots (6x8m) per family in to accommodate all registered families on the site. Feedback from IDPs was positive as far as they can all be accommodated on the site.

NRC team provided full explanation of actions taken during the past 4 weeks together with local authorities and IDPs in order to find addition land which enables the 7 x 10m

plot sizes used for previous construction to be maintained. However, no success has been made so far. Taking into consideration all actions taken by NRC/local authorities and the impossibility of finding additional land to keep the bigger plot sizes, despite our common wish, the shelter cluster members recommended NRC to document the situation by highlighting clearly what has been done so far.

Based on the attached action points documented by NRC, Shelter Cluster recommended NRC to start construction by using the new plot sizes (6 X 8m). Cluster members also advised NRC to continue the advocacy with local authorities, landowners for the bigger plot sizes, at least for forthcoming projects, especially the pending CHF funded CGI shelters.

**Action points:** - *NRC to document all actions taken so far to find additional land and share update with UNHCR/OCHA*

- *UNHCR to keep the Cluster Coordinator at Nairobi level update*
- *NRC to start with construction of CGI by using the new plot sizes (6 x8m).*

### **3- Update on CGI Shelters/ tents distribution in Gardo**

DRC informed participants that construction of 280 CGI shelters is ongoing in Gardo on a government donated land to IDPs (2km X 2km). As of 25 February 2012, 230 CGI units were completed by the contractor. Construction of 50 remaining CGI units started on Sunday 26/2/2012 and will be completed as soon as possible.

According to DRC, repartition of the 280 CGI units is below:

IDPs: 228

Police post in the settlement: 02

Vulnerable host community families (20%): 50.

Selection of beneficiaries (228 HHs) was jointly done by DRC and the municipality of Gardo. Beneficiaries (228) were selected in "New Camp" settlement. DRC highlighted that the whole settlement has been targeted and no family will remain behind after the relocation.

On the issue of water tracking to the relocation site (CGI shelters), DRC reported that UNICEF has been contacted and is keen to provide support.

**Action points:** - *DRC to follow up the issue of availability of police officers to ensure security and safety of families to be relocated.* Cluster members agreed that this has to be done prior to the movement of families from town to the site as it is a bit far from town and security needs to be reinforced.

- *DRC to continue discussions with UNICEF and ensure its support for water tracking*

On another hand, DRC informed participants that the distribution of 150 tents funded by UNHCR has been completed. 118 tents were distributed in Bullo Qoddah (entire settlement covered) and 38 tents were provided to IDPs in Tawakal settlement (Gardo). Selection of settlements was previously done jointly by DRC, UNHCR and Gardo Municipality.

#### 4- **HGA/Shelter Cluster inputs**

UNHCR and OCHA updated participants on the progress made so far for finalization of the 2011 HGA and thanked Shelter/NFI Cluster members for their support during the process.

UNHCR brought to the attention of the cluster members, the need to review the Shelter/NFI cluster inputs once the data compilation and narrative report are drafted. In this line, cluster members unanimously agreed to use similar approach to the one used by the Protection Cluster. Therefore, UNHCR/OCHA will organise a separate meeting with the cluster and go through the document once finalized in order to give the opportunity to participants to confirm information provided and/or collected from the field.

#### 5- **AOB**

OCHA brought to the attention of Shelter/NFI cluster the need of drafting a contingency plan / emergency response matrix for fire outbreaks in Bossaso. OCHA also emphasized that the lack of such plan in Bossaso has caused delays in humanitarian response to fire outbreak victims in the past.

Participants unanimously recognised the importance of establishing such response matrix in Bossaso to ensure adequate response to IDPs in case of fire outbreaks

*Action points: - Cluster Lead (UNHCR) to follow up with the Shelter Cluster Coordinator at Nairobi level, if there is any document/ general guidelines on the issue and which could be shared with the field.*

*- Cluster Lead to setup a committee composed of UNHCR, NRC, DRC and OCHA to draft the response matrix and share with all cluster members for inputs and approval.*