

## Durable Solutions Working Group Meeting

### MINUTES

- ◆ Date: 6 June 2013 (10:00-12:00 )
- ◆ Venue: UNHCR Somalia Conference Room
- ◆ Present:

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Timothy Mutunga	NRC	Matthijs Zeilstra	Shelter/NFI Cluster
Moses Kipronoh	UNHCR	Yukari Nishino	Cluster support officer

Absent: DFI, DRC, DKH, INTERSOS, SYPD

- ◆ Minutes

The draft of last meeting minutes was circulated and approved as it is.

- ◆ Agenda

- 1) Name change of WG
- 2) WG work plan for next 3 months
- 3) Draft for shelter cluster tools
- 4) Summary of existing assessment tools
- 5) Presentation by REACH on Dollow Assessment
- 6) Presentation by mFieldWork on data collection
- 7) Brainstorming discussion on deliverables (final products) of WG

#### 1) Terminology of the name for Working Group

- A concern was raised from UNHCR that “durable solutions” has a connotation of integrated approach such as WASH, livelihood together, so it is better to change the name of this WG.
- UN-HABITAT presented a 2-page paper using the words “durable shelter solution”. Generally it was liked by WG members, and agreed to circulate the paper by email and have discussion in next WG.
- ➔ **Action Point:** UN-HABITAT paper will be circulated. WG Members to make comments by email by next WG

#### 2) Workplan for next 3 months [attached]

- A draft of workplan was presented by the cluster coordinator [attached]. Agreed that a mini taskforce consists of volunteers will be set outside of WG. The taskforce will work on developing assessment tool and targeting tool (decision making tree). Will present the progress in coming WG accordingly.
- REACH and Cluster secretariat will join; **a few more volunteers are expected. (➔ Action Point)**
- WG will have 1-2 presentations on relevant topics to develop these tools. E.g. Cash/Voucher for shelter program, HLP, etc.
- Suggested by UN-HABITAT to have an evaluation session of past projects (each agency makes

- presentation on lesson & learned followed by floor discussion).
- Along this line, agreed that sharing project examples is useful, so cluster member will try to utilize the web-platform developed by UNHCR RSH (see last WG minutes).

### 3) Draft for Shelter Cluster tools

#### 3-1: **New matrix [attached]**

A draft of matrix which explains the changing situation and dynamics of Somalia was presented by the cluster coordinator. Being designed as a supplementary document to the existing diagram in the SOF on p.19, this new matrix makes it easier to understand the different situation in Somalia depending on area and time. Main comments from WG members are following;

- Need to clarify again the concept of “Transitional Shelter”. As the last 2.5 years discussion in Shelter/NFI cluster defines, “ Transitional Shelter” is a process, not a product; any shelter which can be **upgraded, reused, relocated, resold falls into “transitional shelter”**. The words like “Semi-Permanent” and “Permanent” are clear, but “Transitional Shelter” is not as clear as these words. Need to clarify again among partners.
- Transitional shelter is more Approach than Solution.** “Transition” means a process from one point to another, so it has a wide range as shown in SOF p.19.
- For example, Tents are not Transitional shelter, but Plastic sheet can be called as Transitional shelter. However, there is still confusion; when people mention Transitional Shelter, they want to have a clear indication of material, design, BoQ...but this is because they do not understanding the cluster’s idea of Transitional shelters.
- Land tenure defines the actual design of Transitional shelter.** That’s why in the diagram in SOF has the gray zone between Semi-permanent shelter and Temporary shelter.

#### 3-2: **Draft of Decision Making tree [attached]**

A draft was presented by the cluster coordinator. Main comments are:

- This looks like about how better we can target right people with more appropriate solutions. Best scenario would be; first, look at the situation, categorize according to the degree of emergency, type of target population, place (area of operation), looking at land tenure, and then find appropriate program-approach based on that.
- Will be a good tool before writing a proposal. It gives you a picture to understand which situation you are in, what kind of information you should get to design a project.
- Useful to explain to donors why you should have different shelter programs within Somalia.
- Good guidance to lead local NGOs to right direction; more durable solution.
- Can be a good opportunity to revise the Return Consortium’s current shelter assistance. It is important that returnees can obtain dignified shelter solution from the initial point.
- Good tool to give a thought to agency that even “emergency” is not disconnected from temporary. Definition of permanent shelter does not automatically mean block and iron roof but it can start with local materials.

➔ **Action Point: Cluster Coordinator will revise the diagram with Taskforce and share with WG.**

### 4) Summary of existing assessment tools

- As the second Action Point from last WG, comparison of existing assessment tools was done. Contributed samples are those from REACH, NRC, Return Consortium and Shelter/NFI Cluster itself (SOF)
- Agreed that mini-taskforce will develop the common assessment sheet further and present the outcome in next WG.

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#### 5) **Presentation by REACH on Dollow Assessment**

The thorough results will be almost finalized and shared accordingly. Main findings are;

- For the first time, mobile phones were used for the survey. It cut the assessment time to HALF. (Collecting data took 5 days where used to be 10 days)
- However, mobile survey is not suitable for open ended questions.
- Question C (expenditure profile) was misunderstood by both enumerators and interviewees.
- Contradiction was found between “access to soap” and other WASH questions.

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#### 6) **Presentation by mFieldWork on data collection**

Using mobile phones and online platform for data collection can be very strong tool; it saves time and cost. Compared to paper survey, the strength are;

- ✓ Real time results
- ✓ Improved quality (no hand writing)
- ✓ Transparent processes (how enumerators did can be tracked by GPS and time record)
- ✓ Lower costs
- ✓ Integrated GIS and analytics (mapping will be very easy) GPS data.

Constraints would be sometimes transmitting (big MB files) take time. Internet cuts....

#### 7) **Discussion on deliverables (final product) of WG**

The expected outcome of the mini-taskforce will be: Assessment tools which may include questions for Focus Groups Discussion, guiding document for assessment and so on which local NGO can be benefited from mostly.

- With the changing contexts in Somalia, operational ways are also to change: Access to technology is one of them.
- Decision making tree will show not solutions but approaches: it will give you a guidance on what kind of direction we should head for.
- [SHELTER TARGETING TOOL (2).mmap -01/06/2013 –mindjet] - attached
  - 1<sup>st</sup> criteria: rural, urban, cross-border area
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> criteria: access (good or bad)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> good access -> target population (returnees, host community, protracted IDPs etc)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> criteria: land tenure is strong or weak?
  - 5<sup>th</sup> criteria: market is strong or weak?
    - Eventually, you will reach a box of recommended solutions (with guidance note). However, each and every decision tree option needs a good elaborated definition.
    - Final decision on the product (shelter typology and implementing methodology) will determined in the field. There should be good flexibility. Using the common decision making tree will streamline, enhance coordinated approach and projects accountability.

Interested agencies are encouraged to join the process for developing this tool. Return Consortium, REACH, NRC showed their intension to be a part of this. World Vision will participate through emails.  
-> **Action Point: any more volunteers?**

Agencies expressed that they want to know more about other agencies experience, successful project, shelter typology, community participatory approach, owner driven approach etc, like a catalog. The idea of website platform, prepared by UNHCR Regional Support Hub was again discussed. Pointed out that it is good to utilize the existing platform to improve information sharing. Agencies agree that they want to try to use this by starting uploading their past/ ongoing projects.

- **Action Point** The powerpoint presentation done in last WG will be circulated. Agencies who are interested in will upload their shelter projects. The template include project description, cot information, shelter type (emergency, temporary, permanent),

Next WG will be held on **Friday 28/06/2013, from 9:00 to 11:00** at UNHCR Somalia.