

**Shelter Cluster Bangladesh**  
Meeting minutes

Date : 18 July 2022

Place : Conference room, IFRC.

Shelter Cluster Bangladesh organized a meeting on 18 July 2022 on Flash Flood 2022 with its partners. The meeting was conducted in physically and online platform After introducing of participants, the meeting started.

The meeting was intended to following agendas:

- Situation overview, priorities, and response to date.
- Field experience sharing.
  - BRAC
  - Friendship
  - BDRCS
  - Other partners
- Updates from Displacement Management Cluster.
- Updates from HCTT.
- Next plan.
- AoB.

**Summary of key recommendations and decisions:**

<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Decision</b>
A comprehensive assessment on shelter damage is required immediately.	Shelter Cluster Coordinator will send a mail to partners on 19 July 2022 to form the TWiG.
Engagement of Government counterpart in the shelter cluster coordination process.	IFRC will communicate to Government counterpart to strengthen the shelter cluster coordination.
Inclusion of educational/research institute to develop IEC materials, strategies etc.	Shelter Cluster will be working to involve educational/research institute to develop any IEC materials/ strategies/Guidelines.

**The details of the meeting:**

<b>Presentations</b>	<b>Discussion and recommendation</b>
<p><b>Situation overview, Priorities and Response to date</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Zahirul Alam Shelter Cluster Coordinator Bangladesh Shelter Cluster, IFRC.</p>	<p>Through this presentation, A detailed situation of the Flash Flood, the Response so far, the targeted population, and priorities of shelter in the affected areas were discussed.</p> <p><b>Key Recommendations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- At the progress of the shelter cluster slide, participants requested to add district-based target and achievement.</li> </ul> <p>During the development of HRP, there was not enough information of shelter damages, for that reason the district-based target was not mentioned</p>

	<p>in HRP. But after getting the shelter damage information Shelter Cluster will update the HRP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Considering the housing patterns in the affected areas people lives in Harty based pattern houses. For protecting from the flood and sustainability aspect, support needed to who are living in Harty patterns houses.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Preparedness Initiatives for Northern Community – Friendship.</b></p> <p><b>Presenter</b> Farid Ahmed Sagar Deputy General Manager Friendship.</p>	<p>Friendship is now working in Sunamganj, but not starting their shelter related activities yet. But Friendship is planning to response on shelter programming to the affected areas.</p> <p>After presenting the Friendship presentation, participants asked to few questions regarding floating latrine in flood areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How to maintain the floating latrine and include stairs to the latrine.</li> <li>- The floating latrine concept is very nice, and participants requested to Friendship to introduce these initiatives to Sylhet region.</li> <li>-</li> <li>- Facilitator informed that,</li> <li>- community level care takers are responsible to remove the defecation and already Friendship has installed the stairs to the floating latrine.</li> <li>- If any organization will plan to replicate the floating latrine in Sylhet areas, Friendship will provide technical support.</li> </ul>
<p><b>BRAC’s Response</b></p> <p><b>Presenter,</b> Kazi Md. Safwat Hossain Programme Coordinator M&amp;E and MIS DRMP, BRAC.</p>	<p>Based on the question of participants, BRAC is not done any assessment related to shelter and BRAC has been supporting to NAWG to collect the information. BRAC has a big team, if the Shelter Cluster will take the initiative to conduct the assessment, BRAC will support to conduct the assessment.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shelter Design for flood prone areas.</li> <li>- Harty’s idea in the flood prone areas is very effective, humanitarian actors may implement this intervention in these areas.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Northeastern Flood 2022- Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS).</b></p> <p><b>Presenter,</b> Nurul Amin Deputy Director Response BDRCS.</p>	<p>BDRCS has been actively responding to the flood-prone areas with multiple support. BDRCS has provided 460 tarpaulins to affected areas and has a plan to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Procurement 5000 tarpaulins</li> <li>- Procurement of Shelter toolkits 5000 sets.</li> <li>- Conditional cash assistance to 200 HHs</li> <li>- Orientation on safe shelter 5000 HHs</li> </ul> <p>Based on the question of participants, the presenter said that except for tarpaulins BDRCS has provided dignity kits, and hygiene kits as NFI.</p> <p>BDRCS always provides an orientation to beneficiaries before the distribution of tarpaulin on how to install and use tarpaulin.</p>

	BDRCS has a plan to implement the Cash for Work, this will approach school road, the approach road to the shelter center.
<p><b>Caritas Response</b></p> <p><b>Presenter</b> Jatin Murmu Jr. Program Officer-Disaster Management Caritas Bangladesh.</p>	<p>Caritas Bangladesh has been working in affected areas and so far, provided following support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Multipurpose Cash Grant to 2980 HHs</li> <li>- Hygiene kits to 2900 HHs</li> <li>- 1600 Pcs. of tarpaulin</li> <li>- Lifesaving food and non-food items to 4186 HHs</li> <li>- IOM will hand over to Caritas 8283 Pcs Tarpaulins and ropes along with technical guidance to affected areas as the NFI support.</li> </ul>
<p>Updates from Displacement Management Cluster</p> <p><b>Presenter</b> Anthony Sequeira Displacement Management Cluster Coordinator IOM.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A joint assessment undertaken by Displacement Management Cluster, GBV cluster, Education cluster and shelter Cluster to identify all the existing flood shelter being used. The intention of the assessment is to identify the location, the conditions of the shelters, Number of people residing in the shelters and key issues &amp; key needs of the communities.</li> <li>- A questionnaire, data collection tool has developed, and mapping of the assessment has been done.</li> </ul>
<p>Updates from Humanitarian Coordinator Task Team (HCTT)</p> <p><b>Presenter</b> Kazi Shahidur Rahman Humanitarian Affairs Specialist UNRCO.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- - The flash flood has happened three times, HCTT did the assessment in second time.</li> <li>- - There were some difficulties in the assessment and planning. Fund triggering was not possible, but BDRCS/IFRC triggered by the agreed protocol.</li> <li>- - HRP has been launched based on types of sources of data and the international humanitarian community accepted the HRP.</li> <li>- - In the HRP Community engagement procedure have to need set up.</li> <li>- - HCTT will continue the reporting up to December and try to see the Nexus approach and HRP is giving the opportunity to collective community engagement.</li> <li>- - There are few assessments happening on the ground, e.g. Nutrition, Food Security, UNDP has also taken the initiative to conduct the recovery assessment.</li> <li>- - World Bank has been committed to Government for US\$ 500 million.</li> <li>-</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Need to take Initiatives to deeper assessment of the shelter damage information by engaging community.</li> <li>- Need to expand the technical support from the Government and strong Government counterpart to promote the sectoral issue to achieve the Government vision of 2030.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reinforce to develop Harty in the affected areas, each Harty has contained average 30 houses. Harty is basically a high land for protecting the flood, but this year Harty's also inundated. Therefore, intense assessment is required to the affected areas.</li> <li>- Water is receding, this time people needed to shelter support.</li> </ul>
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**Next Plan of Shelter Cluster:**

- ❑ **Updating Environmental Country Profile (ECP):** A mail will send to partners on 19 July 2022 and an environmental technical working will form, currently shelter cluster working on to develop the ToR. Shelter Cluster expect that the environmental country profile will complete by December 2022.

Robbie Dodds, Focal point for Shelter Cluster Coordination (Asia Pacific) has described briefly on Environmental Country Profile of Bangladesh.

- ❑ **Formation of Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) for shelter cluster:** The necessary initiatives to form SAG will start from 1<sup>st</sup> Week of August.
- ❑ **Shelter Cluster Contingency plan:** This activity will start from second week of August.
- ❑ **Organize fortnightly meetings during emergency period of Flood 2022 response:** Fortnightly meeting will be conducting by shelter cluster during emergency phase of flood 2022 response
- ❑ **Organize donor meeting on flood 2022 response:** Shelter Cluster is planning to organize a donor meeting in the last week of August.
- ❑ **Engagement strategy of shelter cluster to cross clusters:** Shelter Cluster will develop a engagement strategy for its cross cluster and the strategy will be develop by September.
- ❑ **Organize Capacity building training on Strengthening Humanitarian Shelter Coordination Training to Shelter Actors:** The meeting will organize on November/December 2022.
- ❑ **Develop IEC materials of Shelter by developing TWiG:** Shelter Cluster is planning to develop IEC materials by collecting all relevant materials from partners and to do this task shelter cluster will form a TWiG. This activity will be initiate from September'22
- ❑ **Developing key advocacy functions/strategies of shelter clusters to Government Ministries and Departments:** This work will start from September'22.

## **Participants:**

1. Syed Shahrear Shabab, National Programme Officer, IOM.
2. Anthony Sequeira, Displacement Management Cluster Coordinator, IOM.
3. Khondker Abdul Kader Razu, Coordinator-Humanitarian, Muslim Aid.
4. Jakir Hossain, Technical Coordinator, Islamic Relief.
5. Kazi Shahidur Rahman, Humanitarian Affairs Specialist, UNRCO.
6. Abdullah Al Mamun, Technical Adviser, CRS.
7. Farid Ahmed Sagar, Deputy General Manager, Friendship.
8. Tonmoy Bhattacharjee, Shelter NFI, IOM.
9. Mohammad Iqbal Hossain, Concerned Worldwide.
10. Mohammad Iftekharul Islam, Monitoring and Evaluation Sector, United Purpose.
11. Qudrati Rahmatullah, World Vision.
12. Meshbah Uddin Ahmed, Homes and Communities Manager Caritas Bangladesh.
13. Jamie Richardson, Technical Advisor Shelter and Settlements, Humanitarian Response Department CRS.
14. Robbie Dodds, Focal Point, Shelter Cluster, Asia Pacific.
15. Kazi Safwat Hossain, BRAC.
16. Mohammad Forhad Hossain, BRAC.
17. Touhidul Islam Dipu, Manager, Disaster Management, IFRC.
18. Jatin Murmu, Jr. Program Officer-Disaster Management, Caritas Bangladesh.
19. Md. Nurul Amin, Deputy Director, BDRCS.
20. Sharif Khan, Senior Officer, IFRC.
21. Zahirul Alam, Shelter Cluster Coordinator, IFRC, Bangladesh.

## **As follows all presentations and recordings are available:**

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