

MINUTE OF SHELTER CLUSTER MEETING 10TH OCTOBER 2009

I. Attendees

A welcome and introduction of new participants was made. No changes to the agenda were proposed. Review of the previous minutes was conducted with a report on action points and the minutes were accepted as an true and accurate record of the last meeting.

Attendants of this meeting are listed on the Shelter Cluster google group updated contact file.

II. Strategy

The revised interim shelter strategy was distributed at the meeting and has been posted on the Shelter Cluster google group. Its timeframe is approximately four weeks.

Discussion on plastic sheeting standards and in-fill distribution will be taken to a Strategic Advisory Group meeting. In terms of standards, there is general consensus that what is available locally is acceptable, although not up to international standards. It was mentioned that the implications using materials of lower specification would need addressing such as second round distributions. The GoI plan for rapid reconstruction grants will also assist people to achieve more permanent shelter solutions within a shorter time frame.

Muslim Aid raised issue of tarpaulin durability (2-3 months) and suggested the provision of corrugated iron for roofing (with tarpaulin walls) as a longer-lasting (1 year) option.

Muslim Aid also drew attention to lessons from lack of sufficient community participation in previous temporary shelter construction responses.

III. Toolkits

Overlap with Early Recovery toolkits has been considered, but there are no changes to toolkit guidance at present.

IV. Temporary shelter

A workshop on temporary shelter will be organised next week, following a Cluster Coordinator meeting with government representatives on Monday (12th October).

V. Bamboo resource

There remains some confusion on the availability of bamboo in the region. A working group meeting on bamboo was organised for Sunday (11th October) morning, between IOM, Emergency Architects, Muslim Aid, CHF, CRS, Caritas and CARE. Notes of this meeting will be shared.

VI. Information Management

New attendees include Clare Sayce, Shelter Cluster Information Manager. A second Information Manager, Neil Brighton, will arrive in the next few days. (See Shelter Cluster contact details below.)

The Shelter Cluster coordination team still urgently need all latest, filled in reporting templates. The revised reporting templates (with corrected drop-down lists of districts, sub-districts and village) are on the google group. These should be sent to the Information Managers.

BNPB have requested a daily update from the Shelter Cluster on who, what and where, including what has already been distributed and what is planned.

MapAction is available to provide GPS and other data directly to agencies. Requests for maps should be filtered through the Shelter Cluster coordination team.

VII. Any other business

- 1 Shelter Cluster Coordinator has had contact with some local and international organisations on outreach options (e.g. radio emissions, pamphlets, resource centres). A small team is expected to arrive in the next 7-10 days to facilitate this and interested agencies were requested to volunteer. Agencies expressing interest included HFHI, CRS, Terres des Hommes, Build Change, ASB and CHF.
- 2 Agencies are doing cash transfers, although some caution (i.e. avoiding setting precedents of paying people for work that would otherwise be free) was recommended. Cash programming guidance is available on the Shelter Cluster google group. The coordination team will attempt to gather the position of the GoI on cash for work programmes.
- 3 Oxfam is planning to coordinate some market analysis research in the next couple of weeks, focusing on bricks. Volunteers were requested and the following agencies indicated they would like to participate. Emergency Architects, CRS, StC, HFHI and Care.
- 4 GAA repeated offer of portable saw mills for loan for cutting coconut timber. The coordination team has received requests for such equipment and will pass contact details to GAA.
- 5 Indonesian police have offered to help agencies with security for distributions if required. Please see the coordination team for contacts and assistance.
- 6 The US Navy has helicopters available to assist with distributions. See USAID or the Logistics Cluster for further details. They are also assisting with an assessment on the islands off the West Sumatra coast and further details on this may be available soon.

VIII. Actions

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| 1 | All Shelter Cluster participants | Submit filled in reporting templates (available on google group) and sent to the Information Managers. |
| 2 | Strategic Advisory Group | Meet to discuss plastic sheeting standards and in-filling |
| 3 | Coordination Team | GoI position on cash for work |
| 4 | Shelter Cluster Coordinator | Schedule workshop on temporary shelter |
| 5 | IOM, Emergency Architects, Muslim Aid, CHF, CRS, Caritas and CARE | Hold Technical Working Group on bamboo, 11 th October, 9am. Share notes. |

IX. Next meeting

Monday 12th October, 3pm, Unicef tent

X. Shelter Cluster coordination team

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Shelter Cluster google group

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