

SHELTER CLUSTER COORDINATION MEETING

MEETING NOTES 20 January 2010

Upcoming meetings:

Shelter Cluster Meeting: **15:00, Wednesday 03 February**, Location TBC

ACTION ITEMS

1. **ACTION:** CHF to provide a brief update of the recent TWiG meeting

1. Welcome and introductions

Agencies present: TPT, USAID, CHF, CRS, Oxfam, Handicap International, Panah Minang Peduli, PMI, IOM, CBF, Island Aid, Care, Build Change, OCHA, SLA, Mitra Peduli, Undalas University

2. Changes to the agenda

No changes

3. Review of previous notes

- Review of previous action items
 1. Ongoing
 2. Ongoing
 3. Ongoing
- *It was agreed that the previous meeting notes were an accurate reflection of the proceedings.*

4. Coordination team update

- **New role as Early Recovery Shelter Cluster and integration with TPT** – the new Coordinator gave an overview of the proposed team structure, including the proposed hiring of an Early Recovery Advisor and two other support staff. Agencies were reminded that the Coordination Team is a service for Cluster members, and that comments on the direction and scope of the team and outputs are always welcome. Members were informed that the Coordination team will be looking to integrate with the TPT in the coming weeks in order to facilitate the handover to Government at the end of April.
- **Govt counterpart and coordination-** The TPT member Mr Febrin Ismail tasked with housing made a brief verbal presentation as to how the IASC cluster system will integrate with the Gov coordination mechanisms. The shelter cluster team will further brief the cluster in the future. The coordinator also alerted cluster members that the Govt with support from OCHA will soon introduce a mandatory agency profile form.
- **Kota Padang assessment** – the Coordinator highlighted that figures and informal reports would seem to indicate that the City of Kota Padang requires further inspection, and that the Shelter Cluster will lead a shelter assessment of Kota Padang. The assessment will look to gain a better understanding of existing need, existing coping mechanisms, and possibly explore themes of migration and livelihoods. Oxfam have offered funding support for this assessment. The plan is to have the whole process complete in approximately 6 weeks. Any agencies interested in participating or supporting the assessment should contact Steve.
 - a. It was noted that Undalas University had undertaken an assessment of damage in Kota Padang, but that as far as the team is aware, no studies have explored the above mentioned issues

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5. Advocacy

Group to be formed, no specific points raised at this meeting.

6. Member announcements

Oxfam – visited ‘Agam village’ in Sungai Batang. They observed that 170 households continue to live in tents, and that ACT were in the process of building barracks to house this temporary settlement. Oxfam highlighted that the existing conditions are quite poor, and that exit strategies for the temporary settlement have yet to be finalized.

Smart Shelter – have developed inter-locking, compressed, earth blocks, they are happy to speak to agencies about these materials for their transitional and permanent shelter programs.

Swiss Labour Assistance – enquired about the feasibility of compiling costs for building materials

Consensus among the group was that updating material prices etc. is best done with the agencies operating in a specific sub-district or Nagari.

Smart Shelter – would like to meet with agencies for some technical advice and information, regarding prices, materials, suppliers etc.

IASC Gender Advisor – will be undertaking some field trips to observe post-earthquake sheltering. Recommendations will likely be presented to the group at a later stage. There will also be a workshop/training on incorporating gender guidelines into projects. Details to follow.

Handicap International – are providing full access, transitional-shelters to 200 of the 400 they have identified in Padang Pariaman. They reminded agencies that due to their specific mandate, they may be operating in an area with other agencies, but in many cases build only a few shelters. They will share their database shortly so that agencies might also be aware of this remaining need.

7. Information Management – Google Group (<http://groups.google.com/group/sum09>)

- **T-shelter progress reports** – agencies are asked to continue sending through their transitional shelter plans, as well as number of shelters built to date
- **Summary tables** – two summary tables were presented to the group
 - Summary of agency plans and status ([download](#))
 - Summary of District plans and coverage ([download](#))
- **Maps** – no updates this week. Revised maps will be circulated next week by email
- **Self-recovery** – following from efforts made in the previous weeks, the coordination team would like to gather interested agencies to discuss how to best ascertain the level of self-recovery taking place in communities (i.e. what percentage of households have managed to secure their own transitional shelter solution, for example, repairs, staying with friends or family, building a ‘t-shelter etc.)
 - Emergency Architects will share information they have gathered
 - IOM have undertaken a complementary assessment
 - Oxfam raised the point about how certain forms of support, such as shelter toolkits, might be counted towards the overall number of households that have received ‘transitional shelter support’. This conversation will continue.

8. Technical Working Groups

- **Training** – meetings will likely take place every two weeks, unless there is demand for more frequent meetings. TWiG members discussed topics of focus for the group, which could include lessons learnt, compensation, women specific training, etc.
- **Public outreach** – IOM still have 25,000 posters for distribution by agencies and urge agencies to make use of these

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9. Any other business

- Steve Barton addressed the meeting regarding the altered role of the cluster in moving from emergency shelter/relief to recovery. The shelter cluster must respond to the humanitarian Coordinator regarding
 1. DRR
 2. Early recovery activities
 3. Current and longer term plans
- Steve Barton proposed that he visit with agencies in the coming days/weeks to better understand their agency's activities in the light of the above need for information.
- OCHA is currently gathering all assessments which will allow for review and interpretation. **THE COORDINATOR STRONGLY REQUESTS AGENCIES TO FORWARD COMPLETED ASSESSMENTS TO THE CLUSTER TEAM**

10. Date and venue for next meeting

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