

Rakhine Shelter Cluster Coordination Meeting

Minutes

- Venue:** Office of the State Minister of Transport and Communication
- Date:** Friday, 23rd January 2015
- Time:** 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
- Chair:** Rakhine State Government (RSG) - U Hla Han State Minister for Transport and Communications & Chairman of the Sub Committee for Rehabilitation and Resettlement (SCRR)
- Co-Chair:** Shelter Cluster Lead (UNHCR)
- Participants:** RSG, DRD, UNHCR & UNICEF

Agenda:

1. Roles and responsibilities for the provision of infrastructure in Set Yone Su relocation site
2. Shelter Cluster work plan for 2015

Roles and responsibilities for the provision of infrastructure in Set Yone Su relocation site

- Cluster Lead updated the Minister and Chief Engineer on the progress of the Inter-Cluster Coordination (ICC) group in developing a multi-sector relocation package based on needs for the 72 Maramargyi households currently living in Set Yone Su 1 IDP camp, urban Sittwe. As part of the package, the Shelter Cluster prepared a matrix proposing how the roles and responsibilities for the provision of infrastructure could be divided across the Shelter Cluster, other Clusters and sectors and the RS (see Annex 01). The table below summarizes the proposed division of responsibilities.

Shelter Cluster	Other Clusters / Sectors	Rakhine State Government (RSG)
Coordination of Site Planning Construction of Individual Houses Construction of primary access road from main road to SYS Rainwater Harvesting System Construction of HH latrines and bathing areas	Land Rights (Protection) WASH awareness raising and behaviour change activities (WASH)	Allocation of HH plots Land Rights Construction of secondary access roads within SYS Construction of a drainage network for SYS Household connections to Sittwe city water supply Disposal system for latrines Electrification Security lighting

- Allocation of Land Plots in Set Yone Su

UNHCR raised the issue of the urgency to allocate land plots in SYS prior to construction. As Set Yone Su will be the first joint collaboration between the RSG and the Shelter Cluster for the construction of individual housing for non-Rakhine IDPs, this high profile relocation, in the middle of urban Sittwe, will be

under close scrutiny. It is expected to be an example of a well-coordinated project with potential for replication in other affected Townships. Key to ensuring a high-quality product will be the IDP households who will live in the newly constructed houses. With UNHCR on the verge of signing contracts with the 4 winning contractors (3 x 20 houses & 1 x 12 houses), **it is imperative the RSG/GAD allocate land plots prior to breaking ground.** In this way, IDPs will responsibly monitor the quality of materials used as well as the quality of workmanship of their homes.

Action Point: **The Minister agreed to contact the District Commissioner (GAD) to allocate household plots (40ft x 35ft) in accordance with the approved site plan.**

- Changes to the Approved Site Plan

There is a pond in the south west corner of the site plan which may lead to the need to relocate three houses. The DRD suggested that UNHCR request the four winning contractors to share the costs for land filling the pond in order to maintain the current site plan.

Action Point: **Once UNHCR signs contracts, the DRD and UNHCR will meet with the winning contractors to negotiate the land filling of the pond prior to construction.**

- Internal Access Roads and Drainage

The DRD accepted that the responsibility for the provision of this infrastructure was Sittwe municipality.

- Water Supply

The DRD accepted that the international community were unable to provide household connections and that responsibility for water supply rests with the municipality. DRD talked of the urgent need to upgrade the existing mainline pipe prior.

- Sanitation

The RSG/DRD explained that Sittwe municipality does not have the means to dispose of pit latrine waste. The RSG accepted that the provision of systems for the disposal of faecal waste from pit latrines is not the responsibility of the WaSH Cluster. However, relocated IDPs would be expected to arrange for the de-sludging and disposal of their latrines as is the case for all Sittwe urban residents

- Hygiene Promotion and Behaviour Change

The WaSH Cluster stressed that it *is* important that awareness raising activities occur before the construction of WaSH facilities on the household plots in order for IDPs to be responsible for the monitoring of the quality control of materials as well as the quality of workmanship.

Action Point: **UNHCR will inform Oxfam GB, the WaSH Cluster partner, of the projected timeframe for construction in order for WaSH implementation to occur in an integrated manner.**

- Land Tenure

UNHCR used examples from Set Yoe Kya where almost no maintenance of individual shelters has occurred since their occupation after the 2013 rainy season as residents' fear they will be asked to relocate by the RSG. UNHCR asked the Minister what security the RSG will provide to IDPs being relocated to Set Yone Su in the form of land tenure documentation.

The Minister forcefully explained that both Set Yoe Kya and Set Yone Su were temporary sites. Although the Minister did not state a minimum number of years, he assured Shelter Cluster partners that these IDPs would have as much security on their land as any other Sittwe resident in a similar position. He was adamant that no documentation would be provided by the RSG to IDPs regarding land tenure.

Action Point: **UNHCR to update Protection Working Group (PWG)**

Shelter Cluster work plan for 2015

- Cluster Lead reminded participants of a meeting held on Tuesday 20th January between the Minister, and the Shelter and WaSH Clusters which concluded with the RSG agreeing to develop the framework for a Shelter Plan for 2015 aligned to the Rakhine State Action Plan which covers all the humanitarian shelter needs for 2015 across the affected Townships of Rakhine State.
- The Minister explained that despite the best efforts of the RSG, the Shelter work plan for 2015 remains incomplete and unavailable for sharing. However, he was convinced that the plan would be available shortly.
- Donors and Shelter Cluster partners have articulated they are expecting strong and clear leadership as well as commitment in the form of joint plans for the implementation of shelter activities across Rakhine State. Such plans must therefore include the temporary shelter maintenance, repair and improvements for IDPs that will not be relocated in 2015 as well as other opportunities for individual shelter as proposed by the RSG in the last Shelter Cluster meeting (7th Jan 2015).
- Cluster Lead informed participants that a *Shelter Donor Briefing* will take place in Yangon in February 2015. This could be a vital opportunity to share the RSG vision for Shelter in 2015 and to gauge the interest of key donors to support these activities.
- The WaSH Cluster pointed out that any shelter work plans should be planned together with WaSH Cluster partners to ensure the timely and efficient implementation of WaSH activities.

Action Point: **Minister will ensure that the RSG Shelter Work Plan is completed and shared with Shelter and WaSH Clusters within a week to ensure it forms the framework for the donor briefing on shelter.**

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Annex 01: Responsibilities for Infrastructure in Set Yone Su Relocation Site (2015)